

# Final 10-Day College Decision Checklist

A practical checklist for students and families making their final college choice.

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The final days before committing to a college can feel overwhelming. Use this checklist to stay organized, compare your options clearly, and make a confident decision.

## Academics

- ■ Compare majors, programs, and academic flexibility
- ■ Research internship and career placement opportunities
- ■ Review class sizes and advising support
- ■ Look into honors programs or special opportunities

## Financial Review

- ■ Compare total out-of-pocket costs — not just tuition
- ■ Review financial aid, scholarships, and loan amounts
- ■ Estimate travel, dorm, meal plan, and personal expenses
- ■ Understand deposit deadlines and payment schedules

## Campus Life

- ■ Research housing options and roommate matching
- ■ Explore clubs, organizations, and campus culture
- ■ Think about distance from home and support systems
- ■ Consider safety, transportation, and daily lifestyle

## Student Readiness

- ■ Discuss expectations with family
- ■ Think honestly about emotional readiness

- ■ Talk to current students if possible
- ■ Picture yourself living there day-to-day

## Final Decision Tasks

- ■ Make a pros and cons list
- ■ Review all deadlines one final time
- ■ Submit enrollment deposit before the deadline
- ■ Politely decline other offers after committing

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Remember: there is rarely one “perfect” college. The best decision is usually the one that fits your academic goals, financial reality, emotional needs, and future plans.