



# Finding Your Fit – Options to Consider

## Academic Fit

- Describes how a university matches your personal ability, needs, majors, minors and includes GPA, and Test Scores
- Reach – May not be accepted
- Good Match School - Should be accepted
- Safety – Are only truly safe if you apply on time and they are within your family's budget AND you really want to go there!!!!

## Course of Study Fit

- An area of study that supports your career goal
- Diverse interests, internships, placements, and research opportunities
- Collaborative vs. competitive

## Accessibility Fit

- Think about areas of the country where you would be comfortable.
- Do you want to be able to drive to school, fly, or take a train?
- Do you care about a direct flight home?

## School Size Fit

- Big or small, public, or private, class sizes, faculty/ student ratio
- Classes taught by professors

## Community Fit

- What are important aspects of my identity?
- What do I need to feel a sense of belonging?
- What helps me be the best version of myself? Clubs, study abroad. Could relate to faith, cultural background, etc.
- How will my identity and community mesh?

## Social Fit

- How will you get your social needs met?
- Examples include Greek life, student affairs, music ensembles, sports team, etc.

## Financial Fit

- Your financial future is tied to your postsecondary choices
- Understanding your budget
- Honestly assessing the impact of student debt and family conversations