



## College Priorities Worksheet

It is important for you as a college prospect to understand what you are looking for in a college / university. Looking at schools because that is where your friends are going, it is the only schools you have heard of, etc. is not good enough. You need to know what you are looking for, what your priorities are, etc. This will ultimately help save you time (you will know you don't need to spend time looking at a school that does not meet your priorities) and assure you that you make a good choice in the end (choose a school that you will be happy with). This worksheet will help you sort out your priorities. ***IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF WHEN YOU DO THIS WORKSHEET.***

Here are some ideas you may want to consider. These are only some / samples – come up with your own list of priorities.

**Some items you may want to consider when making your list.**

Academic major / minor, schools reputation, location (*city, suburb, rural, distance from home, etc.*), size (small, medium, large), level of play (*D1, DII, DIII - note that if you remove the top 25 D1 schools from this list – the competition level between the top DII and DIII schools will be about the same as the other D1 schools*), financial aid (*what school can give you the best package – talk to them about it – every school is different . . . ie. if a D1 school is serious about you playing for them they will offer you \$\$ - if they don't be careful*), playing vs. riding the bench right away a factor for you?, how good are they at placing people in a job after graduation, what opportunities / assistance do they provide for internships, what opportunities do they offer for study abroad, etc.

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| <p>Create a list of 8 – 12 items that are a priority for you when choosing a college / university (no particular order – just write them down)</p>  | <p>Take the items on the left – and force yourself to rank them from most important to least. <b>BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF.</b></p>   |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> <li>10. _____</li> <li>11. _____</li> <li>12. _____</li> </ol> <p>Notes:</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rank order from most to least important</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> <li>5. _____</li> <li>6. _____</li> <li>7. _____</li> <li>8. _____</li> <li>9. _____</li> <li>10. _____</li> <li>11. _____</li> <li>12. _____</li> </ol> <p>Notes:</p> |

Once you have your priorities, then it is time to start searching for colleges / universities that match your priority list. Here are two sources you can use for searching (Jumpforward and there is a book called “The Sport Source” that offers a list of every college soccer program in the nation you may want to look at)