



INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

6 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE



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HOW IS THE QUALITY OF THE ACADEMICS, CAMPUS LIFE AND RESOURCES?

What do you think attracts most students to a college? Location? Programs? Reputation? Whatever your priority is in a school, remember that the right institution should have more than just academics. Your school of choice needs to help you become a whole person – mind, body, and spirit.

Every college that you consider should have a satisfying and enriching campus community and practical and useful resources for you and your career, alongside quality academics and programs. If a school is lacking even one of these, you'll be missing out. This is one of the largest investments of your life, and you must access the highest quality in studies, campus, and community life. Look for a college that offers valuable avenues for your future, such as career counseling and opportunities to study abroad.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Deciding on the right college can be overwhelming and frustrating. After all, it's the school that will be helping to shape your future, and it's an extremely important decision. But the process doesn't have to be stressful. Keep in mind these six steps to choosing a college to help you along your way.



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WILL I FEEL SUPPORTED BY THIS COLLEGE COMMUNITY?

As a Christian student whose life is ahead of you, nothing is more important than being guided and prepared for the world by a faculty who puts God first. At IWU, we believe that spiritual transformation involves not only an inward experience of God's grace in our lives, but also an outward expression of love and compassion for others. In a Christian campus environment, you'll be able to clearly seek God's direction for your life around other Christians who have been in your shoes. You'll be able to put into practice your beliefs among others, and you'll have significant opportunities to make an impact. Seek out schools that have an encouraging faculty who are not just teachers, but who are also mentors and friends. Choose an atmosphere that helps you achieve your goals so that you can pursue your unique path.

Indiana Wesleyan University graduates students known for their character, scholarship and leadership. At IWU, you can study with over 3,000 students on our Marion, Indiana residential campus, and without taking a step, become part of an even larger student community. IWU has over 10,000 students enrolled online, at education centers in three states and at Wesley Seminary.

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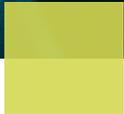
IWU has spent years helping students make decisions about their life calling. Life Calling and Integrative Learning is internationally recognized for its innovation and expertise.

The department offers life coaching, mentoring, resumé building, pre-declared student advising, transfer student advising and career counseling. And, best of all, the services are completely free of charge.

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WILL I RECEIVE PRACTICAL GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION FOR MY CAREER?

Are you undecided on what to study? Maybe you simply need confirmation in your choice. It's not that uncommon. In fact, an estimated 20-50 percent of entering freshman haven't yet settled on their major. This is why it's crucial to decide on a college that provides different options to pursue. Also very important are professors who are truly engaged with their students in a tight-knit class, as opposed to teachers' assistants taking over in a sea of faces. With a smaller class setting and a very student-focused faculty, you'll receive more attention from your teachers and will experience more in your preferred field of study. Students from liberal arts schools are very attractive to employers, since such schools typically require students to write papers, give class presentations, learn the value of collaboration and gain real-world experience. Go with a school where teachers dedicate themselves to your success. That's what they're there for.



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ARE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS CAMPUS?

In today's world, it's more important than ever that students of faith choose a supportive environment. At a Christ-centered college or university, your beliefs will be nurtured and strengthened. In a hectic public college atmosphere, it can be difficult to connect with other believers, and you may even find professors and classmates openly challenging your beliefs. At IWU, Life Calling and Integrative Learning provides undergraduates with learning experiences and services that foster faith, integrative learning, virtue, and the discernment of life calling. Life Calling and Integrative Learning enables students to find a higher purpose in their life that equips them to make faith-based decisions and to become Godly leaders.



Chapel services three times weekly bring the IWU community together to worship and pray. Other regular occurrences include campus-wide prayer walks, student-led worship events and concerts with major artists like Lauren Daigle, Lecrae and NEEDTOBREATHE.

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IWU graduates earn their diplomas knowing they are uniquely created with calling and purpose.

ELLEN KUJAWSKI '14

Elementary Teacher, opening a Christian school in the Dominican Republic.

TYANNE BREWER '14

Telemetry Nurse, helping people when they need it most.

GABRIEL MELIAN '12

Pastor, planting a church, Overflow, in Tampa, Fla.



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DOES THIS SCHOOL HAVE PROVEN OUTCOMES?

Sure, the college you choose may be empowering, fun and educational – but then what? After graduation, how difficult will it be to get a job in your chosen field? Be sure to ask this very important question to the admissions team of any school you're considering. Have them tell you about student success stories. Inquire about stats and percentages. How have graduates been impacted by the college? What are their lives like now? What is their situation like with any outstanding student loan debt instead of financial aid? If you need answers, the admissions team has them!



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WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

It's an absolute must to visit each college you're interested in. Don't be intimidated if it seems out of your price range – most of the time, financial aid can reduce the price. Visit every school you're considering and begin a dialogue with the admissions team. Ask questions. Don't be shy. Remember, you're not committing, you're simply having a conversation. Keep in mind that admissions offices will often arrange for a "test drive", which usually means an overnight stay, meetings with professors and the opportunity to sit in on classes that may interest you. Discern your next steps and seek direction through prayer. Ask others who have gone to the schools you're interested in about their experiences with academics, faculty, the campus, and community life. Why not start now with IWU? Simply fill out our form, sign up for a visit and begin the next chapter of your life today. We want to help you identify your unique life calling. The world and IWU are waiting.

**Explore your possibilities.
At Indiana Wesleyan
University, we can help you
unlock your potential and
find your life calling.**

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