

Association for Institutional Research

## Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System:

### College Navigator

National Center for Education Statistics  
and  
Association for Institutional Research

U.S. Department of Education  
**ies** NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

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## What is College Navigator?

- A free consumer information tool
- Designed to help students, parents, high school counselors, and others get information about approximately 7,000 postsecondary institutions in the US and other jurisdictions
- Located at:  
<http://collegenavigator.ed.gov>

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## College Navigator

- Offers institutional information such as:
  - Programs offered, degrees awarded
  - Retention and graduation rates
  - Price of attendance
  - Aid available
  - Campus safety
  - Accreditation

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## IPEDS

- **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS)**
  - The core postsecondary education data collection program for NCES
  - Designed to collect data from ALL institutions whose primary purpose is to provide postsecondary education and are eligible to receive Title IV funds
  - Comprehensive system of interrelated surveys that collects institution-level data

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## Who Reports IPEDS Data

- Approximately 6,800 Title IV institutions
  - Institutions with Program Participation Agreement (PPA) with the U.S. Department of Education to participate in federal student financial aid programs
  - Reporting to IPEDS is mandatory
- Approximately 200 non-Title IV institutions
  - Report voluntarily

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## IPEDS

- **Nine survey components are collected through three annual data cycles**
  - Institutional Characteristics
  - Fall Enrollment
  - 12-Month Enrollment
  - Completions
  - Graduation Rates
  - Student Financial Aid
  - Spring Supplement (new 2009, data not yet available in Navigator)
  - Finance
  - Human Resources

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## IPEDS – Data Elements in Navigator

- **Institutional Characteristics (IC)**
  - Institution name and address information
  - Institutional control
    - Student services
  - Levels of awards
    - Estimated student expenses (before aid)
      - from Cost of Attendance Report
      - Full-time, first-time degree/certificate-seeking undergraduates
      - Tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, other expenses
  - Admissions
    - Applied, accepted, enrolled
    - Test scores
    - Admissions considerations

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## IPEDS – Data Elements in Navigator

- **Fall Enrollment**
  - Summary of undergraduate enrollment
    - By race/ethnicity and gender
    - By full-time/part-time
  - Retention Rates
    - For full-time and part-time students
    - The percentage of first-time entering students who continue their studies the following fall

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## IPEDS – Data Elements in Navigator

- **Completions**
  - Awards/degrees conferred by program and award level
  - Institutions are searchable by program

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## IPEDS – Data Elements in Navigator

- **Graduation Rates**
  - Of the full-time, first-time degree/certificate seeking undergraduate levels students entering the institution in a particular fall:
    - Rate of students completing their program within 150% of normal time to completion
    - Rate of those who transferred out in the same time period
    - By gender and race/ethnicity
    - For 4-yr institutions
      - 4-yr, 5-yr, 6-yr bachelor rate
      - 6-yr rate by gender, race/ethnicity

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## IPEDS – Data Elements in Navigator

- **Graduation Rates – data limitations**
  - Student Right-to-Know rates
    - Defined in legislation
  - Limited cohort of students tracked
  - No part-time, no transfers in
  - Transfers out not deducted from cohort

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## IPEDS – Data Elements

- **Student Financial Aid**
  - Percent of full time, first time degree/certificate seeking undergraduate students
    - Total percent of students receiving financial aid
  - By type of aid:
    - Percent of those receiving student financial aid
    - Average amount of aid received

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## Other Data Sources in Navigator

- **US Department of Education**
  - Varsity athletic teams
  - Accreditation
  - Campus security

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## New Features in College Navigator

- **Search**
  - On every page
  - Guided
  - Use name or AKA
  - New search options
- **Compare**
  - Up to 4 institutions
- **Favorites**
  - Save up to 15 institutions from different searches




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## New Features in College Navigator

- **Save**
  - Email link sent to user
- **Export**
  - Search results can be exported to other formats such as Excel
- **Spanish Version**




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## College Navigator: Name Search

Search: Institution name (could also use 'Ole Miss')

Choose: Show Results

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## College Navigator: Name Search

Placing the cursor on the information button  displays general information about the institution.

Printing, exporting, saving and adding to favorites are all available from this page.

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## College Navigator: Name Search

General information is displayed along with a Google map.

Additional details are available by clicking on the plus sign.

You can return to your search results by clicking on "Back to Results".

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## College Navigator: Guide Me

Level of Award and Institution Type are also search options.

**COLLEGE Navigator**

Name of School  
Type name of school here

States (Use map for more than 1 state)  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island

ZIP Code [ ] Miles from [ ]

Programs Majors 2 items [ Select ]

Level of Award [ ]  
 Certificate  
 Bachelor's  
 Bachelor's  
 Bachelor's

Institution Type [ ]  
 Public  
 Private  
 4-year  
 2-year or less

**NEW!** Enrollment, Financial Aid, & Grad Retention stats have been updated. **Move to BEGIN SEARCH** your source for college info.

**FIND THE RIGHT COLLEGE**

**GOING STEP 4**  
To search for specific award offerings you are interested in, check all applicable boxes.

**GOING STEP 5**  
To search for specific institution types you are interested in, check all applicable boxes.

**MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**

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## College Navigator: Guide Me

Tuition and Fees, Enrollment, Housing, and other options are available in the "More Search Options" are to narrow the search.

Choosing Tuition and Fees and the state of residence will return in-state tuition for the state chosen and out-of-state tuition for all others.

**COLLEGE Navigator**

**MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**

Undergraduate Student Population  
 Undergraduate  
 Graduate

Research? [ ]  
 Yes  
 No

Language Spoken [ ]  
 English  
 Spanish  
 Other

U.S. of Applicant Nationality [ ]  
 American  
 International

First Semester - Fall, Incoming [ ]  
 SAT Critical Reading  
 SAT Math  
 ACT Composite

Varsity Athletic Teams [ ]  
 Yes  
 No

Advanced Learning Opportunities [ ]  
 Online Learning  
 Internship/Coaching  
 Credit for the Experience

Religious Affiliation [ ]  
 Protestant  
 Catholic  
 Other

Specialized Mission [ ]  
 Yes  
 No

**MORE SEARCH OPTIONS**

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## College Navigator: Guide Me

Choose Show Results to return all the institutions that meet the criteria of the search.

Click the Add to Favorites button to include the institution in a favorite list.

**COLLEGE Navigator**

Showing 1 of 1 results

1. **University of Southern California**  
 Los Angeles, CA  
 Public  
 4-year  
 Bachelor's  
 10,000+ students  
 100+ majors  
 100+ minors  
 100+ certificates  
 100+ degrees  
 100+ diplomas  
 100+ licenses  
 100+ certificates  
 100+ degrees  
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**Add to Favorites**

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## College Navigator: Guide Me

Search results may be:

- Printed:** Click the printer icon
- Saved:** An email address will be needed to save the search. A link to the search will be sent to the email address provided.
- Exported:** An excel format or comma separated value (CSV) format may be chosen
- Results may also be added to favorites.

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## College Navigator: Comparisons

Choosing search options can be done with simple clicks of the mouse.

Here we search by region, level of award, institution type, tuition, enrollment, ACT score and Athletic team information with religious affiliation set to not applicable.

Institutional comparisons will be made using the resulting institutions.

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## College Navigator: Comparisons

Add institutions to "My Favorites" for comparison

Note the "Add to Favorites" button disappears once the institution has been added to My Favorites.

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## College Navigator: Comparisons

Choose institutions for comparison.

Comparisons of up to 4 institutions are allowed.

Compare, Delete or Export institutional data are options.

Click on Compare

**MY FAVORITES (4)**

Compare Delete

Check items to Compare or Delete

[Check All](#) [Uncheck All](#)

[Coe College](#)

[Southern Virginia University](#)

[University of Memphis](#)

[University of Mississippi Main Campus](#)

Export

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## College Navigator: Comparisons

Institutional Information is returned in a side by side format.

Basic profile information is automatically displayed.

Clicking on Expand All will allow side by side comparisons of the search criteria data.

Individual institution data can be seen by clicking on the highlighted institution name.

	COLETTORVILLE UNIVERSITY	SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS	UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MAIN CAMPUS
City, State	Atlanta, Georgia	Shenandoah, Virginia	Memphis, Tennessee	University, Mississippi
Type	4-year, Private not-for-profit	4-year, Private not-for-profit	4-year, Public	4-year, Public
Campus setting	Suburb, Large	Town, District	City, Large	Rural, Fringe
<b>Expand All - College All</b>				
<b>ESTIMATED STUDENT EXPENSE (2017-18, \$K)</b>				
	Colettorville University	Southern Virginia University	University of Memphis	University of Mississippi Main Campus
<b>Total fee</b>				
On-Campus		\$24,300		
Off-Campus	\$37,287		\$38,100	
Off-Campus with Fields			\$10,000	
<b>Books</b>				
On-Campus			\$17,200	\$16,800
Off-Campus			\$16,200	
Off-Campus with Fields			\$10,775	
<b>Out-of-state</b>				
On-Campus			\$20,000	\$22,000
Off-Campus			\$27,200	
Off-Campus with Fields			\$27,000	

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## Institutional Implications

- Given the use of College Navigator by various constituencies it is important to understand the implications for institutions
  - Review your IPEDS data appearing in Navigator
  - Check out your web link
  - General information page
  - Mission statement

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## Data Limitations

- **Focus on traditional students**
  - Large portion of data presented based on full-time, first-time, degree/certificate-seeking undergraduate students
    - Admissions
    - Estimated student expenses
    - Financial aid
    - Graduation, transfer out rates

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## Data Limitations

- **No Net tuition**
  - Instead:
    - Estimated student expenses (before aid)
    - Average amounts of aid received
      - Federal grants
      - State and local grants
      - Institutional grants
      - Loans

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## Visit

<http://collegenavigator.ed.gov>

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