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[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)

An EFL lesson created from the web site

**High-intermediate**

**3 class periods**

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*[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com) offers profiles of all American four-year universities and colleges. Students can cruise through college profiles, information about scholarships and other college-related topics, and can even apply to a university admissions office electronically.*

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### **What should I do?**

1. Go to [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com); click on **College Search**. And on the next page, **Custom Search**. On the next page, choose **4-year or more**. Then choose the following exactly as below:

School

**Name:**  
Enter a word in the name of the institution.

**Undergraduate Enrollment**  
from:  to:

**In-State Tuition**  
from:  to:

**Majors Offered:**  
Enter a word in the name of the major.

**Type of Institution:**  
 Public  Private  
 Private w/ religious affiliation

**Intercollegiate Sports Offered:**  
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Now, below the small maps, type in the following and press “GO.”

About Me

Search for institutions   miles from  (eg. "Portland, OR" or zip code)

**Average High School GPA:**  
Average High School GPA of freshman class is less than or equal to:

**College Transfer GPA:**  
Institutions that require a minimum transfer GPA of:

COLLEGE SEARCH

Reset

GO

2. List the colleges and universities that your search results in. Be sure to see if there is more than one page of listings. The first one has been listed for you.

1. Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	

Look at these definitions:

**In-state tuition** = This has to do with STATE universities and colleges, not private ones. It refers to the university fees paid by students who are residents of the state where the college is located (e.g., California, Texas, etc.) An example of a state university is the University of Wisconsin. (An example of a private university is Harvard University. At private universities, there is NO difference in tuition fees for in-state and out-of-state students.)

**Out-of-state tuition** = The university fees paid at state universities by students who are NOT residents of that state.

3. Now, back on the home page, click on College Search again, then KEYWORD SEARCH. You are going to find out the tuitions, enrollment and male/female ratios of the colleges and universities in the table below. You can get this information just by typing the name of the college/university in the search box.

KEYWORD  GO

The first one has been done for you.

Institution	Enrollment	In-state tuition	Out-of-state tuit.	Women	Men
University of Scranton	3,687	\$20,200	\$20,200	58%	42%
University of Idaho					
Morgan State University					
The College of William and Mary					
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania					
San Francisco State University					
The College of New Jersey					
University of South Florida					
University of Houston					
University of Minnesota					
Fitchfield State College					

4. Next, using the CUSTOM SEARCH, find ten universities that are public, with an enrollment between 2,000 and 10,000, where in-state tuition is between \$2,000 and \$10,000 per year, a degree program is offered in computer science and women can participate in basketball. The universities have a proximity from New York, NY that is less than 200 miles. (make sure you type “New York, NY” in the box.) Then click on “Search.”


- 5. Find **four** private colleges that offer the history major, have an enrollment of between 500 and 1,000, a tuition rate of between \$10,000 and \$12,000, and where men can participate in football. Proximity: **greater than** 50 miles from New York, NY.


- 6. Now choose the type of college or university *you* would attend if you went overseas to study. Write in your preferences about enrollment, tuition costs, etc. below. Then click on Four Year U.S. Colleges again and enter that information and click on “Search.”

Enrollment you prefer \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition cost (at least \$1,000 to 2,000) \_\_\_\_\_

Public or private? \_\_\_\_\_

Which major (field of study)? \_\_\_\_\_

Which sport would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_

You should now have a list of college/universities that fit the criteria you yourself have selected. If there are “No Matches,” change your information a little bit (first try changing the sport to something common such as “football for men,” since most colleges offer that.) From the list of choices you receive, **choose one and write it below. Include the city and state.**

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**If you have no idea how to choose, here are some ideas to think about:**

- a) How much is the tuition cost?
- b) How many students go there?
- c) What is the location? (For example, some students prefer a large city with many activities such as Chicago. Others prefer a quiet countryside location).
- d) NOTE: clicking on the names of the college choices will take you to that college’s own website, where you can find more information to help you decide.

7. **Writing:** Now write a paragraph (at least 50 words) explaining why you chose the university or college you entered in #5 above. See note d) above.

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*End of lesson. All answers change frequently due to web site revisions and variables. Teacher should do this lesson him/herself first.*