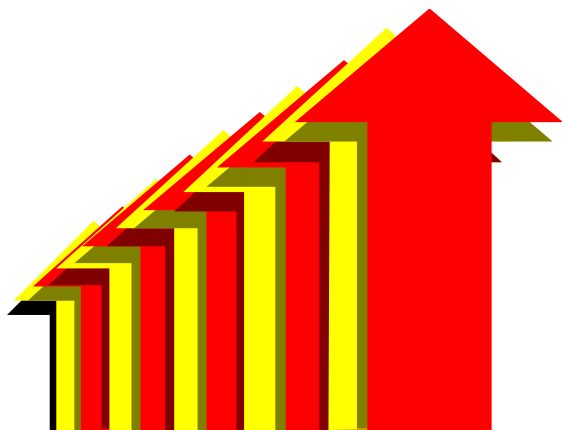


CHOOSING YOUR COLLEGE



AIM HIGH !

Wondering which colleges are ranked the best in a given field or are highly rated overall? Worried about how to write your college application essay or getting ready for an admission interview? Then look at the titles listed below which are available in the **College and Career Information Center**, the area at the top of the steps on the upper level of the Library. Some titles check out, others are for use in the library only and are so indicated.

GUIDES TO BEST COLLEGES

America's Best Colleges by U.S. News and World Report

LB 2331.63 .A46 (Annual) (Check-out and Library Use Only copy)

Use **America's Best Graduate Schools** for rankings of liberal arts programs CCIC LB 2332.63 .U7)

Barron's Best Buys in College Education

L 901 .B239 (Latest ed.) (Library Use Only copy. Previous ed. circulates)

Barron's Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges **L901.B2656(Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)**

The Best 3xx Colleges by the Princeton Review

L 901 .S836 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

CollegeMatch: a Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You

LB 2350.5 .C6 (Latest ed.) (Check-out copy)

Educational Rankings Annual by Gale Research

LB 2331.63 .E34 (Latest ed.) (Library Use Only copy. Previous ed. circulates)

Finding the College That's Right for You by John Palladino

L 2350.5 .P36 2004 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Rugg's Recommendations on the Colleges by Frederick E. Rugg
L 2331.63 .R8 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

The Hidden Ivies: Thirty Colleges of Excellence by the Greenes
LB 2369.5 .G74 2000 (Check-out copy)

Peterson's Competitive Colleges by Peterson's Guides
L901 .C666 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Peterson's Honors Programs and Colleges by Joan Digby
LB 2364 .P4 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Unofficial, Unbiased, Guide to the Most Interesting Colleges
L 901 .U564 2005 (Check-out copy)

GENERAL COLLEGE GUIDES

Barron's Profiles of American Colleges **compiled by the College Division of Barron's**
L901.P72 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

The College Handbook **by The College Entrance Examination Board**
L 901 .C655 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

The College Handbook. Foreign Student Supplement **by The College Entrance Examination Board**
LB 2376.4 .C65 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

The Complete Book of Colleges **by the Princeton Review**
L 901 .C824 (Latest ed.) (Library Use Only copy)

The Fiske Guide to Colleges **by Edward B. Fiske**
L 901 .N48 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Insider's Guide to the Colleges **compiled and edited by the Staff of the Yale Daily News**
L 901 .I54 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Narrative Descriptions. The College Blue Book. V.1
L 901 .C62 (Latest ed.) (Library Use Only copy)

Peterson's 4 Year Colleges.
L 901 .P447 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

COLLEGE MAJORS

Degrees Offered by College and Subject. The College Blue Book. V.3
L 901 .C62 (Latest ed.) (Library Use Only copy)

How to Choose a College Major by **Linda Landis Andrews**
LB 2361.5 .A45 1998 (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Index of Majors and Graduate Degrees by **The College Entrance Examination Board**
L 901 .C774 (Latest ed.) (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

College Majors Handbook: the Actual Jobs, Earnings, and Trends for Graduates of 60 College Majors by
Neeta P. Fegg et al.
HF 5382.5 .U5 F6 1999 (Library Use Only copy)

College Majors and Careers: a Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning
by **Paul Phifer**
LB 2361.5 .P445 2003 (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Quick Guide to College Majors and Careers
by **Laurence Shatkin**
HF 5382.5 .U5 S53 2002 (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Also, two fine series called
Great Jobs for Majors (English, History, Biology, Psychology etc. Majors)
Top Careers for... Graduates (Art, Business, History, etc.)

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS and CAMPUS VISITS

100 Successful College Application Essays by the Staff of the Harvard Independent
LB 2351.52 .U6 A17 2002 (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Acing the College Application by Michele Hernandez.
LB 2351.52 .U6 H47 2002 (Check-out copy)

Best College Admission Essays by Mark Alan Stewart and Cynthia C. Muchnick
LB 2351.52 .U6 S744 2002 (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Campus Visits & College Interviews: a Complete Guide for College-bound Students and Their Families by Zola Schneider
LB 2350.5 .S345 2002 (Check-out and Library Use Only copies)

Cash for College's Write it Right: How to Write the Essay They'll Love and Get the Cash You Need by Cynthia Ruiz McKee and Phillip C. McKee, Jr.
LB 2351.52 .U6 M36 2000 (Check-out copy)

College Application Essay by Sarah McGinty.
LB 2351.52 .U6 M277 2004 (Check-out copy)

Cracking College Admissions by Princeton Review.
LB 2351.2 .C73 2004 (Check-out copy)

Do-It-Right: How to Prepare a Great College Application

LB 2351.52 .U6 D6 (Check-out and Room Use Only copies)

Essays That Will Get You Into College by Daniel Kaufman, Chris and Adrienne Dowhan

LB 2351.52 .U6 B87 2003 (Check-out copy)

Peterson's Best College Admission Essays by Mark. Stewart.

LB 2350.3 .U6 S749 2004 Latest editions (Current edition Library Use only. Previous edition checks out)

Peterson's Guide to College Visits by Catherine Cohen

LB 2350.3 .G85 Latest editions (Check-out copy)

Presenting Yourself Successfully to Colleges: How to Market Your Strengths and Make Your Application Stand Out by Howard Greene

LB 2351.52 .U6 G74 2001 (Check-out copies)

Ten steps to College with the Greenes (Videorecording--DVD)

LB 2350.5 .T46 2003 (Check-out copy)

The Truth About Getting In: a Top College Advisor Tells You Everything You Need to Know by Catherine Cohen

LB 2351.2 .C64 2002 (Check-out copy)

What It Really Takes to Get into the Ivy League and Other Highly Selective Colleges by Chuck Hughes

LB 2351.2 .H85 2003 (Check-out copy)

Winning the Heart of the College Admissions Dean by Joyce Mitchell

LB 2351.5 .E37 2000 (Check-out copy)

Writing a Successful College Application Essay: the Key to College Admission by George Ehrenraft

LB 2351.5 .E37 2000 (Check-out copy)

THE DISCOVER PROGRAM

The Discover Program is an on-line computerized college and career exploration program. It contains several modules. The Inventories module asks the user to answer questions about skills, interests and values and prints out a list of careers that fit the user's profile. Another module allows the user to specify criteria (region, size, cost, sports, majors offered, etc.) for a desired college and will print out information on schools that fit the profile. A popular module explores the specifics of a particular career (nature of the work, predicted demand, salary ranges, education requirements). Discover is available on every terminal in the Library under "Article Databases"; scroll down from "General" to choose "Careers". DISCOVER is also available from home at: <http://webapps01.act.org/eDISCOVER/login.jsp>
You will be provided with an individual login at today's session.

HORIZONS Internet CIS

This computer database, from the Illinois Occupational Information Coordinating Committee, is available through the library's home page and from home for users with Internet access (<http://www.ilworkinfo.com>). If requested, enter ID: Illinois and password: careers

Click on Career Resources, then CIC Career Information Center..

This database provides useful information on hundreds of careers and allows students to search for colleges nationwide based on desired characteristics and also for financial aid.

COLLEGE CATALOGS

The College and Career Information Center has a large collection of printed college catalogs arranged by state, then by college name. Catalogs from major midwestern colleges and universities are readily available. CCIC also has an even larger collection of 30,000 digitized college catalogs available through the library's home page under Article Databases: Reference: Careers: CollegeSource Online.

TEST PREPARATION

CCIC has a good circulating collection of test preparation books for college entrance examinations such as the SAT and ACT. This collection has recently been updated to help prepare students for newer versions of these examinations. The room also has preparation books for such pre-professional school examinations as the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT). Be sure to use the Learning Express Database for on-line practice for College Entrance Exams (ACT/SAT), Graduate and Professional School Exams (GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT) and other career exams.

FINANCIAL AID

There are several shelves of books in CCIC to assist student in applying for financial aid and locating sources of government aid and private scholarships.

COLLEGE INFORMATION SOURCES ON THE INTERNET

USE THESE "GATEWAYS":

YAHOO HIGHER EDUCATION

http://dir.yahoo.com/Education/Higher_Education

Links to useful websites for college choice, admission, financial aid and more Try the "College and University Entrance" and "Colleges and Universities" categories.

INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

<http://www.ipl.org/ref>

Choose Education, then Higher Education. Will lead you to choices ranging from College & University Guides to Financial Aid, Scholarships & Fellowships to Student Life.

GOOGLE ADVANCED SEARCH: COLLEGES

http://www.google.com/advanced_search

Type in name of college on top line, then go to bottom of page and choose Topic-Specific Search for Universities

Go to the guide on the Library Home Page to Job, Career and College Information for good web links on the College Search Process and Financial Aid.

<http://www.cod.edu/library/services/jobscollege.htm>