

College Comparison Chart

A DECISION-MAKING CHEAT SHEET

Comparing universities can be a daunting task. We hope this sheet makes The Big Decision feel a little less, well, big. We filled out some things for Drake to get you started, but some only you can answer. (We did take the liberty of giving Griff II the best mascot category win, can ya' blame us?).





MY TOP PRIORITIES	CATEGORY	Drake UNIVERSITY	COLLEGE 2:	COLLEGE 3:	COLLEGE 4:
	STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO	11:1			
	LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION <i>(Opportunities, things to do, cool city to live in)</i>	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT
	ACCOMPLISHMENT RATE <i>(Employed or pursuing graduate school within six months of graduation)</i>	98.2%			
	ABILITY TO ADVANCE IN MY MAJOR MY FIRST YEAR	YES!	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
	FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATE <i>(Students who start and end at Drake)</i>	91.1%			
	PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE WITH INTERNSHIP OR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	92.6%			
	CAMPUS ENERGY	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH
	STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS	150+ AND THE CHANCE TO MAKE YOUR OWN!			
	EASY CAMPUS TO NAVIGATE	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT	TOO BIG TOO SMALL JUST RIGHT
	BEST MASCOT				
	GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP	YES!	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
	EASY TO DOUBLE MAJOR IN 4 YEARS	YES!	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
	CAMPUS COFFEE				
	TUITION GUARANTEE	YES! <i>(See other side)</i>	YES NO	YES NO	YES NO
	ATHLETICS	DIVISION I SPORTS!			
	RESIDENCE HALLS	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH
	FINE ARTS SCENE	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH	LOVE LIKE MEH

Drake Tuition Guarantee

WORRIED ABOUT TUITION HIKES? DON'T BE. YOU WON'T HAVE ANY AT DRAKE.

Drake Tuition Guarantee means the price of tuition when you walk in the door for your first semester will be the same as when you stride across the graduation stage four years later.

		SAMPLE ANNUAL 3.5% TUITION INCREASE	USE THESE COLUMNS TO CALCULATE TUITION INCREASES AT OTHER SCHOOLS	
Year 1 Tuition Costs	\$51,444	\$51,444	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tuition Increase	0%	3.5%	_____ %	_____ %
Year 2 Increase (over year 1)	\$ —	+ \$1,800.54	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
Year 2 Tuition Costs	\$51,444	\$53,244.54	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tuition Increase	0%	3.5%	_____ %	_____ %
Year 3 Increase (over year 1)	\$ —	+ \$3,664.10	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
Year 3 Tuition Costs	\$51,444	\$55,108.10	\$ _____	\$ _____
Tuition Increase	0%	3.5%	_____ %	_____ %
Year 4 Increase (over year 1)	\$ —	+ \$5,592.88	+ \$ _____	+ \$ _____
Year 4 Tuition Costs	\$51,444	\$57,036.88	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Incremental Cost (over year 1)		\$11,057.52	\$ _____	\$ _____

Comparing Education Value?

While crunching numbers and comparing value, here are a few categories to keep in mind:

100%

Guaranteed Scholarship Cuts Tuition in Half

100% of Drake students receive a Presidential Scholarship which covers about half the cost of tuition. Add to this the other scholarship opportunities and need-based grants that are available, and the typical Drake student pays only a fraction of the sticker cost of tuition.

#1 in Iowa

Median Salary

Drake ranks #1 in the state of Iowa for median salary 10 years after enrollment, with a salary of \$63,500. That number is \$4,000 higher than the next-highest median salary reported for Iowa institutions.

(Department of Education Scorecard)

The national median salary for Drake has gone up to over \$73,400, which is over \$23,000 more than the national salary average.

\$1.5 Million

A \$1.5 Million Return on Investment

Drake ranks in the top 3% nationally for return on investment—the lifetime return on investment of enrollment at Drake is about \$1.5 million.

(Bipartisan Policy Center)

NOTE: The Tuition Guarantee is available to undergraduate first-year/transfer students entering in Fall 2023, as well as undergraduate transfer students entering in spring 2024. The Guarantee does not apply to part-time students or those in graduate and professional programs.