

Preparing for College Admission

Session 3: Private and Out-of-state Public Universities



University of Wisconsin, Madison

Out-of-State Public Universities

Pros

- accessibility
- get in and get out
- experience a new place
- variety
- cost





A photograph taken from an airplane window, showing the wing and tail of the aircraft against a sunset sky. The word "Cons" is overlaid in white text.

Cons

- distance from home
- cost
- climate
- culture

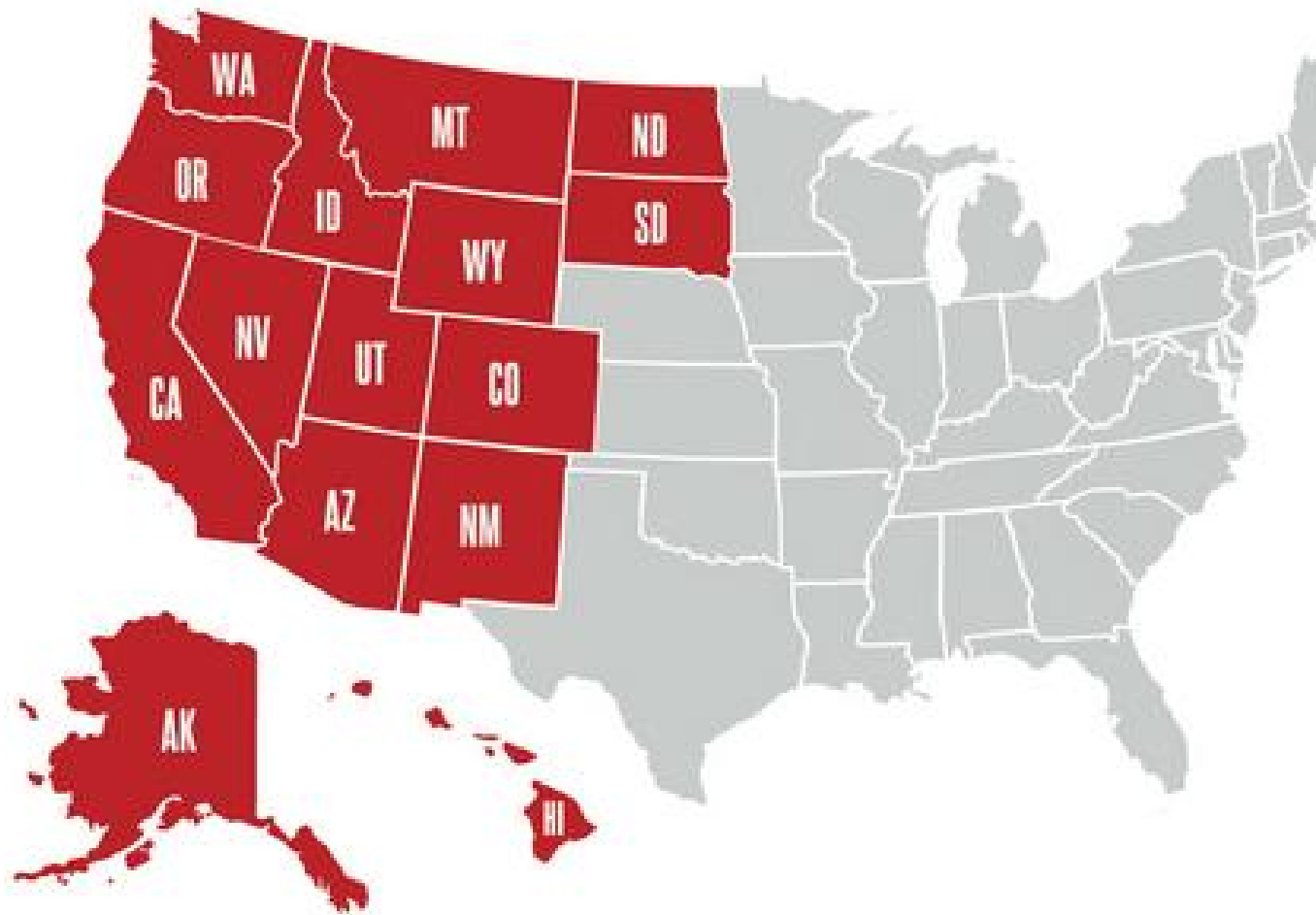
WUE

Google: WUE List

Significant savings on
out-of-state tuition

Check qualifications
carefully

Check financial aid
deadlines carefully



Other Aid and Scholarships



APPLY

NOW



Caution: Deadlines vary!



The Common Application

- Application platform used by 700+ universities.
- Holistic Review
- Requires personal essay, letters of recommendation and supplements

Private Schools



Liberal Arts



1. the medieval studies comprising the trivium (grammar, logic, rhetoric) and quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, music)
2. college or university studies (such as language, philosophy, literature, abstract science) intended to provide chiefly general knowledge and to develop general intellectual capacities (such as reason and judgment) as opposed to professional or vocational skills.

Liberal Arts

The *liberal* in liberal arts, a cornerstone of the education of so many has very little to do with political leanings; its roots can be traced to the Latin word *liber*, meaning “free, unrestricted.” Our language took the term from the Latin *liberales artes*, which described the education given to freeman and members of the upper classes, and involved training in the mind (grammar, logic, geometry, etc.). The lower classes were educated in the *servile* arts, which were mechanical or occupational in nature. The phrase liberal arts has been part of our language for a very long time with use dating back to the 14th century.



What Requirements?

Some liberal arts colleges have little or no general education requirements. Students at these schools are encouraged to explore area that interest them or pursue multiple majors or minors.



DIY Majors

Some liberal arts colleges encourage students to design their their own plan of study.

The background image is a photograph of a grand, multi-story library. The space is filled with tall wooden bookshelves reaching up to the ceiling, packed with books. A wide wooden staircase with a dark railing curves through the upper levels. In the foreground, there are wooden study tables and chairs. A person is seated at one of the tables, looking down at a book. The lighting is warm and ambient, with a hanging lantern-style light fixture visible in the upper center. The overall atmosphere is quiet and scholarly.

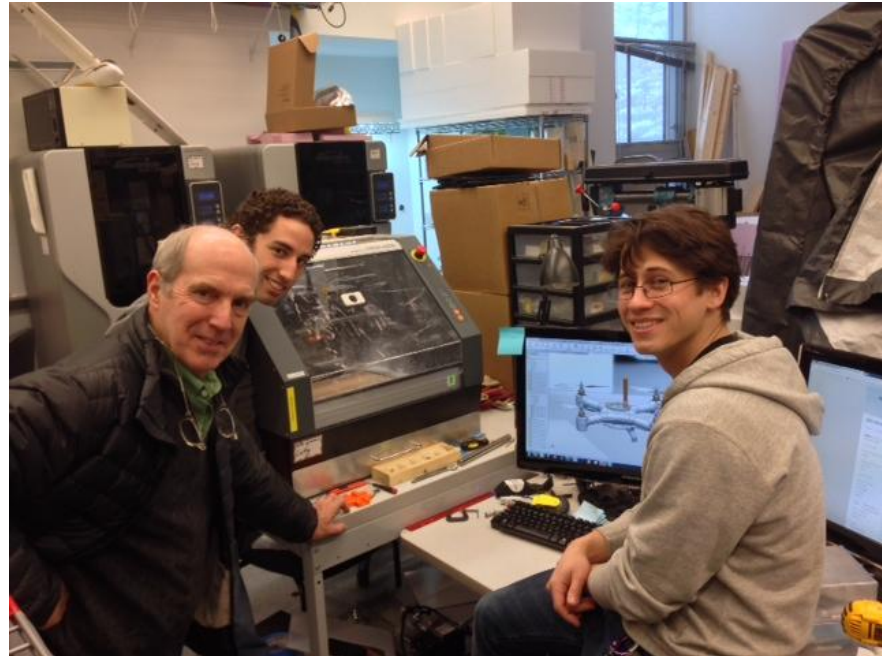
Grades

Some liberal arts colleges offer narrative evaluations rather than grades.

Hidden Gems and Unique Programs:

Olin College of Engineering

The curriculum is project-based, culminating in the senior capstone SCOPE program, in which companies essentially hire teams of Olin students as consultants. Previous SCOPE projects include a tractor that sprays orchards automatically and a solar-powered house.



Hidden Gems and Unique Programs

Middlebury College



Renowned for leadership in language instruction and international studies. Offers immersive summer language programs in 11 different languages

Hidden Gems and Unique Programs: ASU - Barrett and Aviation





Hidden Gems and Unique Programs:

Schools Abroad

Marist & American University of Paris

Hidden Gems and Unique Programs:

Emerson College - Journalism





Hidden Gems and Unique Programs:

Reed College - Nuclear Reactor
and PhD Factory

Hidden Gems and Unique Programs: Miami of Ohio - Varsity Gaming



Hidden Gems and Unique Programs: Seton Hall UN Summer Program



Hidden Gems and Unique Programs:

Alabama - Presidential Scholarship



Hidden Gems and Unique Programs: Grinnell Self-Governance



Hidden Gems and Unique Programs:

Villanova University
- Vatican Internship





Recap

- Private and out of state schools come in a huge variety
- Some may appear expensive but in reality have a lot of financial aid available and may in fact align with or even be less expensive than California public universities.
- There are some really unique programs and philosophies on education out there.
- Google is your friend, so are the admission reps. Come meet them when they visit.