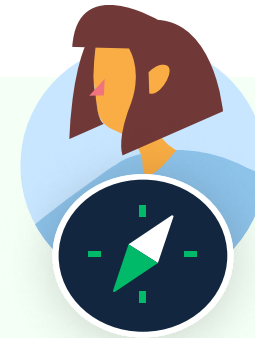


The Explorer

The explorer is looking for a flexible college experience that is tailored around their specific needs. They value smaller colleges that offer a close-knit community, or a smaller community within a larger university with similar properties. Explorers need the freedom to investigate several different academic and career paths before making concrete choices about their major and career and prize flexibility in switching majors and managing prerequisites. While on campus, they want to build strong relationships with professors and advisors and get value out of smaller, discussion based courses with those faculty members. Outside of the classroom, explorers also look to investigate different academic and career tracks via accessible clubs and extracurricular opportunities. They also tend to lean on college-provided resources for emotional and mental support. While explorers do have loosely-defined aspirations for their career, they plan to use college to identify the right path for their future.



IMPORTANT DECISION FACTORS

- **Faculty involvement**
Lower student to faculty ratios and day-to-day professorial involvement in courses
- **Campus community**
A safe and welcoming campus community and culture
- **Mental health and support resources**
The support and mental health resources that are available for students on campus
- **Flexibility**
Ease of switching majors and dealing with prerequisite courses
- **Counseling Resources:**
Academic and career counseling resources that are available for students on campus