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Upon analysis and review of the 29th Annual National College Survey, Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc. designates the following institutions as *America's 100 Best College Buys*[®], this 16th day of September, 2019.



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Procedures and Methodology

- To be considered for the designation *America's 100 Best College Buys*® an institution must:
- (1) be an accredited, four-year institution offering bachelor degrees.
 - (2) offer full residential facilities including residence halls and dining services.
 - (3) have had an entering freshman class in the fall of 2018 with a high school grade point average and/or SAT/ACT score equal to or above the national average for entering college freshmen.
 - (4) have an out-of-state cost of attendance in 2019-2020 for three quarters or two semesters below the national average cost of attendance or not exceeding the national average cost by more than ten percent.

Between April 1 and July 31, 2019, Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., conducted its 29th Annual National College Survey. The survey form was submitted to the offices of the directors of admissions of 1,431 accredited U.S. colleges and universities offering four-year undergraduate degree programs and which provide facilities for both room and board. Of the institutions surveyed 1,049 schools responded.

2019-2020 Cost of Attendance

Tuition - normal class load of 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours.
Tuition used for consideration as one of *America's 100 Best College Buys*® is out-of-state tuition at public institutions and the regular cost of tuition at private institutions.

Fees - charges required of all students not associated with classroom activities. Fees might include such items as identification cards, parking permits, cultural or entertainment or athletic events, etc.

Room - typically available room at double occupancy.

Board - eating in institutional dining facilities, the most common meal plan.

Survey results showed a national average cost of attendance based upon the regular cost at private institutions and the out-of-state cost at public institutions for 2019-2020 of \$45,406.

GPA - The high school grade point average based on a 4.0 scale and upon the average for all freshmen entering the institution in the fall of 2018. GPA results are reported to an accuracy of two decimal places. Institutions not using high school GPA's for purposes of admission are indicated by "N/A."

Survey results showed that the high school grade point average for entering college freshmen in the fall of 2018 was 3.46.

SAT - Scholastic Assessment Test score is the average reported score in critical reading and mathematics for all freshmen entering the institution in the fall of 2018. Institutions not using the SAT for purposes of admission are indicated by "N/A."

Survey results showed that the national average SAT score for entering college freshmen in the fall of 2018 was 1128.

ACT - American College Testing Program score is the average reported score for all freshmen entering the institution in the fall of 2018. ACT results are reported to an accuracy of one decimal place, and scores are rounded to the nearest whole number. Institutions not using the ACT for purposes of admission are indicated by "N/A."

Survey results showed that the national average ACT score for entering college freshmen in the fall of 2018 was 23.

Note: The facts presented herein were obtained from sources believed to be reliable.

Certain categories of institutions were excluded from the survey: proprietary (for profit) institutions, U.S. military service academies and specialized colleges including those for chiropractic and nursing, optometry, mortuary science and pharmacy.

Costs are subject to change and may vary within specific programs of study.

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	2019-2020 Cost		Entering Freshman High School		
	In-state	Out-state	GPA	SAT	ACT
Alabama					
Auburn University	\$25,092	\$44,724	3.89	1230	28
Samford University	\$43,830	\$43,830	3.80	1171	26
University of Alabama	\$20,882	\$39,332	3.71	1183	27
U of Alabama at Birmingham	\$21,620	\$36,410	3.73	N/A	25
U of Alabama in Huntsville	\$21,522	\$33,918	3.88	1195	28
University of Mobile	\$33,270	\$33,270	3.61	N/A	23
Arizona					
Arizona State University	\$24,848	\$42,938	3.53	1227	25
Northern Arizona University	\$22,430	\$37,050	3.61	1130	23
Arkansas					
Arkansas State University	\$18,452	\$24,872	3.72	1195	26
John Brown University	\$37,124	\$37,124	3.75	1234	26
University of Arkansas	\$20,714	\$37,202	3.72	N/A	26
University of Central Arkansas	\$17,348	\$24,158	3.55	N/A	24
California					
Cal Poly – San Luis Obispo	\$24,150	\$38,040	4.00	1335	29
San Diego State University	\$25,262	\$37,142	3.72	1210	25
Colorado					
Colorado State University	\$24,136	\$42,858	3.64	1124	26
Florida					
Florida State University	\$17,592	\$32,759	4.00	1275	28
University of Central Florida	\$15,964	\$30,990	3.92	1181	26
University of Florida	\$16,600	\$38,878	4.00	1360	30
University of North Florida	\$21,580	\$35,980	4.00	1274	27
University of South Florida	\$18,246	\$29,160	3.97	1250	27
Georgia					
Georgia College & State U	\$22,582	\$41,762	3.51	1196	25
Georgia Southern University	\$17,626	\$31,444	3.36	1139	23
Georgia Tech	\$24,772	\$45,884	4.00	1460	33
University of Georgia	\$22,394	\$41,461	4.00	1325	30
University of North Georgia	\$18,612	\$32,770	3.56	1190	24
Idaho					
University of Idaho	\$17,384	\$36,620	3.41	1115	23
Illinois					
McKendree University	\$41,560	\$41,560	3.50	1200	24

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Indiana					
Indiana University	\$21,778	\$47,342	3.72	1255	28
Indiana Wesleyan University	\$36,064	\$36,064	N/A	N/A	23
Iowa					
Iowa State University	\$18,469	\$33,657	3.46	1212	25
University of Iowa	\$21,230	\$43,193	3.71	1225	26
Kentucky					
University of Kentucky	\$25,570	\$43,890	3.51	1190	26
Louisiana					
Louisiana State University	\$23,524	\$40,211	3.43	1180	25
Louisiana Tech University	\$17,945	\$28,539	N/A	N/A	25
Maryland					
U of Maryland Baltimore County	\$24,378	\$40,012	3.86	1278	N/A
Massachusetts					
UMass – Amherst	\$29,987	\$49,308	3.90	1296	28
UMass – Lowell	\$28,708	\$46,634	3.60	1235	27
Michigan					
Grand Valley State University	\$21,485	\$26,977	3.60	N/A	24
Hillsdale College	\$39,758	\$39,758	3.89	N/A	31
Western Michigan University	\$23,584	\$26,607	3.40	N/A	23
Minnesota					
U of Minnesota – Duluth	\$22,054	\$27,254	N/A	N/A	24
U of Minnesota – Twin Cities	\$25,594	\$43,892	N/A	N/A	29
Winona State University	\$18,998	\$25,098	N/A	N/A	23
Mississippi					
Belhaven University	\$35,000	\$35,000	3.51	N/A	23
Mississippi State University	\$19,346	\$34,386	3.46	N/A	25
University of Mississippi	\$19,552	\$35,824	3.57	N/A	25
William Carey University	\$17,085	\$17,085	3.60	N/A	24
Missouri					
Missouri U of Science and Tech	\$22,812	\$40,496	3.67	N/A	28
Southwest Baptist University	\$32,330	\$32,330	3.55	N/A	23
Truman State University	\$17,612	\$24,806	3.79	N/A	27
University of Missouri	\$22,602	\$39,282	N/A	N/A	26

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Montana					
Montana State University	\$18,032	\$36,150	3.54	1233	25
Montana Tech	\$17,294	\$32,354	3.52	N/A	24
University of Montana	\$17,320	\$36,184	3.30	1170	24
Nebraska					
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	\$21,286	\$37,726	3.59	1255	26
New Hampshire					
U of New Hampshire	\$30,821	\$47,351	3.50	1185	26
New Jersey					
Rowan University	\$28,603	\$37,435	3.54	1115	24
Rutgers University	\$28,761	\$45,221	N/A	1300	28
New Mexico					
New Mexico Tech	\$16,782	\$32,150	3.78	1289	26
University of New Mexico	\$17,646	\$33,382	3.44	1145	N/A
New York					
SUNY - Binghamton	\$26,269	\$43,859	N/A	1375	30
SUNY - Geneseo	\$21,783	\$31,693	N/A	1230	26
SUNY - New Paltz	\$22,540	\$32,287	N/A	1180	25
SUNY - Oswego	\$23,320	\$33,230	N/A	1175	24
SUNY - Plattsburgh	\$22,884	\$32,794	N/A	1120	23
SUNY - Purchase College	\$23,501	\$33,411	N/A	1171	N/A
SUNY - Stony Brook	\$24,454	\$42,124	N/A	1325	29
SUNY - U at Albany	\$24,266	\$41,856	N/A	1230	25
SUNY - U at Buffalo	\$24,314	\$42,008	N/A	1245	26
North Carolina					
Appalachian State University	\$16,424	\$31,231	3.60	1185	25
North Carolina State U	\$20,459	\$40,579	3.76	1320	29
UNC School of the Arts	\$18,067	\$34,610	3.78	1185	25
Ohio					
Cedarville University	\$38,940	\$38,940	3.84	1240	26
Ohio University	\$24,784	\$34,578	3.54	1171	24
Oklahoma					
Oklahoma State University	\$22,440	\$37,960	3.57	1170	25
University of Oklahoma	\$24,007	\$39,388	3.63	1245	26
Oregon					
Oregon State University	\$24,021	\$43,521	3.60	1209	25

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Pennsylvania					
Grove City College	\$28,530	\$28,530	N/A	N/A	26
Temple University	\$28,996	\$41,092	3.59	1237	27
South Carolina					
Anderson University	\$39,510	\$39,510	3.52	N/A	23
Charleston Southern University	\$36,700	\$36,700	3.89	N/A	N/A
Coastal Carolina University	\$20,930	\$36,684	3.58	N/A	N/A
South Dakota					
SD School of Mines and Tech	\$18,108	\$22,418	3.59	1262	27
Tennessee					
Tennessee Tech University	\$17,750	\$35,550	3.63	1155	24
UT-Knoxville	\$24,746	\$43,166	3.95	N/A	28
UT at Martin	\$16,144	\$22,184	3.54	N/A	24
Texas					
Abilene Christian University	\$47,365	\$47,365	3.64	1136	24
Dallas Baptist University	\$38,546	\$38,546	3.52	1178	N/A
Texas A&M University	\$21,262	\$48,290	N/A	1275	28
Texas Tech University	\$21,092	\$33,542	3.57	1155	24
University of North Texas	\$23,726	\$36,176	N/A	1168	24
Utah					
Southern Utah University	\$19,101	\$33,124	3.56	1130	24
University of Utah	\$20,202	\$40,038	3.63	1240	26
Utah State University	\$13,429	\$27,967	3.64	1188	25
Virginia					
James Madison University	\$22,648	\$39,766	N/A	1205	26
Virginia Tech	\$23,480	\$42,290	4.00	1275	28
Washington					
Washington State University	\$22,962	\$37,540	3.39	1115	23
Western Washington University	\$20,659	\$37,006	3.56	1200	26
West Virginia					
West Virginia University	\$20,038	\$36,382	3.53	1142	24
Wyoming					
University of Wyoming	\$14,683	\$27,253	3.50	1156	25