

Choosing Your University

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Examine the philosophical basis of an institution through its calendar, then verify what you read through a visit with current students and faculty. Where you receive your university education is vitally important because that is where your thinking will be altered and brought into line with the values and philosophy of the institution and its view of the world.

In choosing your educational path you should be asking the following questions of yourself and every institution:

- From what philosophical and value system do they teach and from which do I want to learn? How important is it to me that it be Christ centered?
- What is the mission and what are the goals of the institution? Is this what God is calling me to be a part of as I prepare to serve in this world?
- Will this path strengthen or weaken my faith and beliefs?
- What are the qualifications of the faculty and are they primarily committed to my learning or to their research? Will I be taught by professors or graduate students?
- Is it a community of active scholars? Is it an accredited university?
- Is the environment conducive to learning? Consider class sizes, library resources, codes of conduct, friendliness, residence life, student activities, etc. Remember that bigger is not necessarily better for learning or personal growth. What is the spiritual climate of the campus? All institutions have a spiritual climate, but it may not be Christian.
- What financial assistance do I need and where can it be obtained? Remember that you are making an investment for life through your education. Focus on the long term benefits rather than the short term campus peripherals.
- How well do their graduates do in graduate schools and in finding employment?
- What is the institution known for? Does its focus match my interests?

Having answered the above questions, you are now able to answer the final one:

Where would God have me prepare for serving Him?

