

Biggest College

The fall 2007 college enrollment numbers are out, and here are the largest colleges:

- Ohio State University (52,568 students)
- University of Florida (51,913 students)
- Arizona State University (51,481 students)
- University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (50,880 students)
- University of Texas at Austin (50,201 students)

Ohio State University is ranked the largest university with its combined enrollment of 52,568 at the Columbus campus. Enrollment numbers include all undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Ohio State reached record highs in student retention (92.4%) and increases in transfer students, which contribute to the population of the biggest campus in the nation.

It can be easy to feel lost in a college of this size.

Your best bet is to take an equal share of large classes and small classes. Those lectures with over 200+ students and those intimate smaller classroom setting sessions, each have their own benefit. While a more of a one-on-one teacher time may be beneficial to the student, so can collaboration with the minds of many intelligent students in a large lecture hall.

In large classes, take advantage of TA's (teacher assistants) who have a direct connection with the professor and can help you with any problem(s) you are facing or any upcoming tests.

Sometimes you can lose a sense of belonging on such a large campus. Your best bet here is to join a frat, sorority, club or intramural squad. Some type of a sense of belonging, or being a part of a group can give you enough of a boost of confidence to go on and become a leader at your school. Leaders are want recruiters want coming out of college. It's a good way to lead to getting a job after college.

The question is though, will Colleges limit enrollment in the future? Will admission standards get stricter?

A college campus does have its limits and most are at their full capacity. A prime aspect that is looked at in colleges is the student-teacher ratio, especially when it comes to College rankings. While campuses may have their limits building and expansion wise, and with enrollment numbers increasing, will the idea of keeping a low student-teacher ratio be diminished? Will lecture halls, even for top level classes, be fit to hold hundreds of students? Colleges may lose their appeal and intimate setting, or may be forced to offer more online courses.

Some colleges are a little stricter on admissions. Take UCLA for example, which is located in the already overcrowded city of Los Angeles. They are the most popular college based on the number of applications they receive each year, but never made this list of biggest colleges. While they are near the top, it's clear they may not be able to handle a campus of this size if their admission policies were more forgiving.