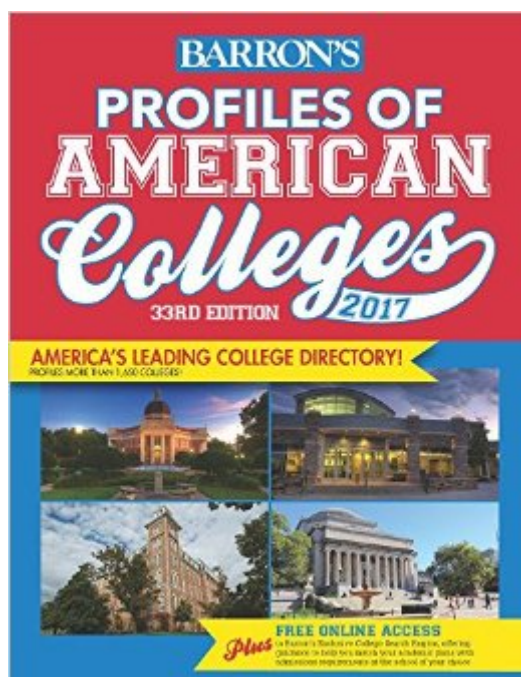


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# Profiles Of American Colleges 2017 (Barron's Profiles Of American Colleges)



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America's leading college directory and a perennial favorite among high school guidance counselors is a recognized authority in comparative college ratings. The book comes with FREE access to Barron's exclusive College Search Engine. It gives college-bound students online information and guidance to help them match their academic plans and aptitudes with the admission requirements and academic programs of every accredited four-year college in the country. The brand-new 33rd edition of Barron's Profiles of American Colleges describes more than 1,650 colleges, with up-to-date facts and figures covering:

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- Library, computer, and athletic facilities
- Campus safety and security
- Thumbnail descriptions of faculty
- Degree requirements and extracurricular activities
- Web sites, e-mail addresses, and admissions contacts.

The book contains an Index of College Majors, an extended chart that lists all available major study programs at every school. Also profiled are many of the finest colleges in Canada, as well as brief profiles of religious colleges and American colleges based in foreign countries. All colleges in the directory are rated according to Barron's competitiveness scale, which ranges from "Noncompetitive" to "Most Competitive."

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"Barron's Profiles of American Colleges 2017" (1598 pages) brings profiles of about 1650 four year colleges in the US. The first 250 or so pages of the book provide an "index of college majors", which is pretty handy actually, more so if your daughter or son is looking at some potential "off-center"

majors. Wanna major in "wine and viticulture"? Hello Cal Polytechnic State, the only college in the country to offer this major! The rest of the book gives a state-by-state overview of colleges and universities. Given that my oldest stayed in Ohio and my youngest went to DC (where I also went), I read up carefully on those two chapters as I am most familiar with them. Each college gets less than a page and the information is very basic, but seems on point. As to the numbers for tuition and room/board: the numbers for the colleges of my kids were correct, as in: the correct data for the 2015-16 school year (it lists American University's tuition at \$43,100) Of course, if your son or daughter is an incoming HS senior, these numbers will be 2 years old by the time (s)he starts college (and 3 years if (s)he is an incoming HS junior). You'll want to update those numbers on-line (there are multiple sources for that, including of course the colleges' websites--AU's 2016-17 tuition is \$46,800, room and board are on top of that, and not listed in this guide). Does this book offer value for your money? It all depends what you are looking for in a college search book. There are a number of very basic ones, including this one and "Peterson's Four Year Colleges", which intend to provide "just the facts, 'mam", without any further subjective evaluation or assessment of the colleges.

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