

College Advantage Advising Southeast Schools

Vanderbilt University (Private) Nashville, TN

> Undergraduate 7K;

Grads 4K

> Out of State Students

%: Most students from
FL, IL, TX, NY and CA

> A student would like
this school if they are
academically driven,
want strong (40%+)
Greek life, and Southern
flavor. The social life
and football team
(Commodores) are filled
with students dressed
for success wearing
preppy Vineyard Vines
and Southern Tide. This
school is a prestigious
southern Ivy League
school competing with
Emory, Rice and Tulane
for their freshman
class.



>Vanderbilt has a
physically compact urban campus with a large medical center tucked in the
main city center of Nashville.

>Expansive red brick buildings ranging from Gothic to modern architecture
circle a main quad. We were a little underwhelmed with the beauty of the
campus given the name of the school is "Vanderbilt." Hopefully just because it
was winter time?

>Strong engineering, medical, and law programs lead the Vanderbilt preferred
majors. Many liberal art students also study at the Peabody College alongside
business students taking economic with managerial studies for internships and
jobs right out of school.

> Cost is \$60K+



Belmont College (Private) Nashville, TN

- > Where is it? Belmont is a small liberal arts college adjacent to Vanderbilt
- > Undergrad: 5K
- > Urban setting
- > Why consider Belmont? For student interested in the music industry or nursing and want to live in Nashville to be close to C&W scene.
- > COA is \$40K+ all in

Rhodes College (Private) Memphis, TN

> Undergrads: 2K; Grad only in accounting, but partners with Ole Miss for programs in engineering and pre-med

> OOS Students %: 46 states and 7 countries

> While you might not have heard of Rhodes, you should get to know this school. We were blown away by the spectacular physical beauty of the campus.

Gothic buildings set in affluent neighborhood combines small liberal arts education with D3 athletics with a football team. Individualized academic attention with a southern flavor.

> Close to Memphis music scene with concerts and live bands, Riverwalk along the Mississippi, and Elvis's Graceland.

> Why go to this school? This a small private school with professors working closely with students in their majors to make sure they are accepted into their professional programs (medical, law, etc.)

> COA is \$52K with merit aid available



Ole Miss (Public) Oxford, MS

> Undergrad: 14K; Grad 3K

>OOS Students%: over 50% of students with big draws from Texas and neighboring southern states. Little diversity and strong Greek life with fraternity and sorority rows stretching along one side of campus in a pristine setting. Friendly, cute, preppy girls and athletic boys walked the campus as we toured. For better or worse, the girls are called "Hotty Todds" and the boys "Rebels." Freshmen are required to live on campus.

>Oxford has quaint darling town square with shops that mimic Sonoma/Carmel feel with college spin.

>Large campus with gorgeous grounds maintained like a country-club with new red brick building in a mix of architectural styles.

Blooming magnolias and azaleas in the winter only hinted at the beauty the campus will have in the spring and fall. Alumni donate funds to keep campus meticulously landscaped year round.

>Old money and southern politics are alive and well here with Trent Lott and Haley Barbour's names gracing buildings.

>Every major is represented on this campus: you can get into the business school, engineering was the only major that required a supplemental application.

>Obviously the Ole Miss spirit is embodied with the Jumbotron saying "Go Rebs!" over the state of the art football complex that dominates one end of campus.

>Affordable with, believe it or not, a private school approach where students meet with their advisor every semester or they won't get their class schedule. Students might get merit aid with a good GPA.

>COA for out of state is \$35K all in



Impressions of drive
through Mississippi,
Atlanta, Georgia

> We are driving along a 2
lane highway with
plantation style homes set
back from the road with
students waiting for the
bus. Then in the next mile,
a confederate cemetery
and abandoned barns and
homes litter the landscape.
It is a very rural drive.

University of Alabama
(Public) Tuscaloosa, AL

> Undergrad ~26K, Grad
9K

> OOS Students %: 42% with
draws from southern states

> Super size me is the
motto referring to the
football, class sizes and
campus in Alabama. Roll
Tide students were seen

across the sprawling campus of 1,000 acres with brand, new red brick building
and quadrangles as far as the eye can see. Clean cut students reflect the neat,
well maintained campus with homogenous look and little diversity.

> Greek life is strong with 30% of men and 40% women who can live in the
house after their freshman year. Beautiful rows of sororities and fraternities line
one section of campus. Housing is tight for upperclassmen and most live off
campus.

> Why would a student go here? Generous aid with 3.5 GPA and 28+ACT
without heavily impacted majors and graduate in 4 years. This is similar to a
UC in cost and size but you can get in and have D1 sports with a SEC
champion.

> Downside is getting there. You will drive 3+ hours from Memphis on rural
highways.

> Cost of attendance for OOS is \$40K all in





Emory University (Private) Atlanta, GA

- >Undergrad 7k; Grad 5K
- >OOS Students %: 90% draws South East, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast being biggest areas.
- >Think NYC in Atlanta, with unique concept of 2 different campuses: Oxford and Atlanta. Atlanta campus is like NYC Central Park with college set in the middle. Oxford program is a small liberal art campus (30 mins south of Atlanta) in a rural setting of 2K students with 2 year program with guaranteed admission to Atlanta campus (think lower GPA needed for admit).

- >Dense with pretty multi-story marble buildings in an affluent neighborhood, think smart

students from Northeast: Boston, NJ, NYC with no trace southern address. Students looked sophisticated, diverse and hard working. No Greek life, freshman live in dedicated housing. >Students work hard at small classes of 15-20 people listening to their professor. Whether they wore boarding school prep, designer duds, Soho bohemian or California relaxed, this a liberal campus.

- >Interdisciplinary program has engineers and science students take political science, writing, and history courses and vice versa.

- > Start with the fantastic pre-professional medical program, the medical facility construction spoke to the focus on the sciences including researchers who are at the forefront of medical treatment (Ebola) with the CDC nearby. Atlanta is the HQ of CocaCola with business undergraduates as well as grads looking for internships. Highly popular majors in English, Political Science, and History are strongly represented as well.

- >Why would a student go here? The student that wants feel of NYC without the weather and hassle that goes with that and ready to work hard. Students say, "I am the student formerly known as gifted." The reward is close research with professors that a student gets to know from small class sizes and mentorship.

- >Emory Atlanta COA is \$70K all in with merit aid available; Emory/Oxford COA is \$55K



Clemson University (Public)
Clemson, SC

>Undergrad 17K; Grad 4K

>OOS Student %: 40% of students with main draws from the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast. Clemson is limiting the amount of out of state students to 40%.

>Size of Ole Miss student population with a larger physical campus than Alabama, think of the acreage of the UC-Davis campus and then triple it. The buckle of the Bible Belt, this is a conservative school with Senator Strom Thurmond Drive to give you a feel.

>Orange tiger paws are painted on the street as you approach the main quad, with classic orange brick buildings ringing the quadrangle filled with roses and sculptures dedicated to the school in 1939.

>Football is the draw at Clemson and is much of the social life along with the Greek community. Huge school spirit in the surrounding town is shown by the tiger paw prints on every sign.

>Clemson is the #1 Engineering and #2 Agricultural draw for students with business a strong number 3. Harder to get into than Ole Miss or Alabama, an OOS student needs high GPA and test scores to get in.

>Out of state tuition is \$41K with merit aid for the brightest students.



Furman (Private) Greenville, South Carolina

> Undergrad 2,700

> OOS Students %: 30% out of state, the majority from South Carolina

> Never heard of Furman? Get ready to be wowed. The drive up looks like a southern country club, Furman is ranked the most beautiful campus in the Southeast with swans lining the pond with fountains and magnolia trees lining the drive.

> Known for music and sciences studies while also having a big draw in the business program. The last two years of studies, students have 4 blocks of business intensive classes dressed in a suit and tie. Education majors can get their teaching credential in 5th year, the only graduate program.

> Football and rugby are small southern conference D1 AAA with scholarships available for athletic students.

> Flying into Greenville is a bit of a hike and campus population is conservative.

> Tuition is \$54K with merit aid available.



Davidson College (Private)
Davidson, North Carolina
>Undergrad 1,700
>OOS Student %: 80% are from Southeast, Mid Atlantic and Northeast
>Bucolic setting 20 mins. from Charlotte with a large lake offering water sports and sailing nearby. White clapboard colonial buildings alongside classic red brick buildings ring a large, landscaped quad.
>Davidson's honor code underlies the school's academics. Professors hand out a test and go home for the day, with students expected to take

the test with integrity. Business leaders like Davidson graduates because their integrity underlies all of the students academics.

>Davidson looks for highly curious and academically oriented students. Think Occidental or Claremont McKenna, this school is a small "Dartmouth of the South" and all students are going onto graduate studies.

>International studies, politics, 3-2 engineering, natural sciences are all majors available with biology the most popular.

>Davidson fields several sports teams with basketball leading the way.(Stephen Curry alum) Sailing, tennis, lacrosse and cross country student athletes are proud to call themselves "Wildcats."

>COA is \$62K all in



Wake Forest (Private)
Winston/Salem, North
Carolina
>Undergrad: 4K; Grads:
3K
>OOS Students %: Draws
Southeast, Mid Atlantic
and Northeast students.
>Nicknamed "Work Forest"
students love this wooded,
expansive 340 acre
campus with Georgian
styled brick building lining
quads and lush gardens.
>Preppy, attractive
students are heavily
involved in Greek life and
athletics, with 1 out of 12
students an athlete. The
basketball team is

nationally known and a dominant force in the ACC conference.

>Steeped in tradition, the campus reflects the combined heritage of old tobacco (Reynolds) and new (Krispy Kreme Donuts).

>Competitive academics is the cornerstone of the university with majors in every area: science, business, communications and finance leading the way. The professors are involved with students and get high marks for their involvement in the classroom.

>Freshman are required to live on campus and 70% of upperclassmen do as well. For nightlife, most students attend Greek functions or nearby Winston-Salem.

>COA is \$62K+ all in



Elon University (Private) Elon, North Carolina

- > Undergrads: 5,600
- > OOS Student %: 80% from Southeast, Mid Atlantic, Northeast
- > Elon is a small university in rural North Carolina with teaching and business being the leading majors. Great school for a C student that doesn't need money and is looking for a chance to shine.
- > Elon has football in a D1AAA Conference and a brand new stadium on the 620 acre campus filled with new, red brick buildings.
- > Downsides? Lacks the historical and academic feel of Furman and Davidson.
- > COA is \$42K all in



Duke University (Private)
Durham, North Carolina
> Undergrad: 6,500; Grad 7K
> OOS Student %: Students hail from all over the world, with California having 145 students in the 1,700 freshman class, with North Carolina, New York, Florida and Texas represented in the same numbers.
> Duke is called the "Harvard of the South" for good reason. A spectacularly beautiful college founded through the Duke Endowment, this school's architectural beauty begins with the Gothic flagstone Duke Chapel and continues throughout campus buildings ending at the darling English Tudor styled cottage that houses Admissions.
> Freshmen live in the brand new East Campus in Harry Potter styled, Gothic

architecture residence halls with dining that is about a mile from the main campus. 85% of the students live on campus all four years.

> Set amidst a 9,300 acre forest, Duke's main campus has a medical center with research facilities dominating one area while the various academic departments are situated throughout the leafy campus.

> Academically challenging, the students pursue pre-med, engineering, politics, business and humanities with the rigor and enthusiasm that shows in their devotion to their winning basketball team—Coach K's Blue Devils.

> 80% of students go on to achieve masters and Phd's in their field of study with the famous Research Triangle located in the Raleigh/Chapel Hill/Durham area boasting more Phd's than any other place in the world.

> Greek life is big but not overwhelming as students say they don't feel pressured if they have to miss a social event for their studies. Basketball and other athletics provide other opportunities for the students' social life to thrive.

> Why choose Duke? With its beautiful forested setting, the students at Duke have the diversity, academics, and athletics that makes two students say to us, "There is nothing I would change about Duke!" For students looking for a Harvard education, Duke definitely has the feel of an Ivy with the benefits of Southern locale.

> COA is \$65K+ all in

