



College Comparison Chart

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Institution Name			
Type	Private, liberal arts		
Distance from home?			
Location: Urban / Suburb/ Rural; how far to closest city/resources?	Urban – Lexington, Ky., steps from city resources, outdoors minutes away		
Size: Enrollment, size of campus	Enrollment ~1,000 students; 65-acre campus		
Academic Quality and Reputation?	<i>High</i> academic quality – avg. class is ~26/27 ACT, 3.5 GPA; annually ranked as a Top 75 National Liberal Arts College		
What’s the academic calendar?	4-4-1 = Two 14-week terms, plus unique May Term		
Is my college major or pre-profession offered? Yes / No / Self-Design			
Personal Attention What is the student to faculty ratio? How many students are in an average freshman class?	11:1 Student/Faculty Ratio; Average class size of 15; 25% of classes have 10 or fewer students; Class seat capacity is ~30-35 students.		
Faculty Are you taught by professors? Graduate assistants? Teaching assistants?	<i>Only</i> qualified faculty teach - 95% have terminal degree; Transy does not use GAs or TAs		
Campus Housing What’s the quality of the dorms? Can I live on campus all 4 years?	Suite-style and apartment-style dorms for first-year residents; students can live on campus all 4 years.		
What extracurricular activities available?	60+ student clubs and organizations, Greek life, student government, etc.		
Athletic opportunities?	27 men’s and women’s DIII athletic teams + many intramural offerings		
Are there internship, shadowship, and job opportunities off-campus?	Yes! Many within walking distance, 8 hospitals in 3 miles, thousands of local alumni, 300+ on-campus jobs, and access to the 100 Doors mentorship program.		



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<p>What types of weekend entertainment is available? Is it a residential or commuter campus?</p>	<p>Residential campus with 25+ walkable restaurants, shopping (Fayette Mall, Hamburg, Fritz Farm), Rupp Arena, KY Theatre, Lyric Theatre, Farmer’s market, downtown festivals, Lexington Legends, Thursday Night Live, KY Opera House, and more!</p>											
<p>What’s the 4-year and 6-year graduation rate? Is there a 4-year graduation guarantee?</p>	<table border="1" data-bbox="532 638 802 718"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>4-yr</th> <th>6-yr</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Transy</td> <td>72%</td> <td>75%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Avg Public</td> <td>33.3%</td> <td>57.6%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Yes! The Pioneer Pledge offers a 4-year graduation guarantee. Average time to graduation: 3.98 years</p>		4-yr	6-yr	Transy	72%	75%	Avg Public	33.3%	57.6%		
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<p>How many students are in graduate school or in jobs after 6 months of graduation?</p>	<p>95% <i>Grad school: 38%</i> <i>Career: 57%</i> 100% of recommended students are accepted to law school; 90%+ of student recommended are accepted to medical school</p>											
<p>How many freshmen return for their sophomore year? [i.e. retention rate]</p>	<p>Freshman retention rate is 82.2% (National average is 68%; KY is 64%)</p>											
<p>How was the campus visit experience? [The atmosphere? Friendliness? Campus appearance?]</p>												
<p>Financial Aid Package Is it competitive with other similar institutions? What is your actual cost? Is the cost with the value?</p>												
<p>Financial Options? Are payment plans available – if so, how long? Can I lock-in tuition?</p>	<p>Yes! Transy has a 12-month payment plan <i>and</i> optional level payment plan to lock-in tuition for all 4-years.</p>											



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Additional information?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Best National Liberal Arts College (U.S. News & World Report)- Best College Values (Kiplinger’s)- Best Value Liberal Arts College (U.S. News & World Report)- Best Colleges in the South (Forbes)- #50 Top Performers on Social Mobility (U.S. News & World Report)- #10 Public Service College Ranking in U.S. (Washington Monthly)		
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