

In-depth: Pros and cons of private universities

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One of the things to think about when applying to college is whether you would want to attend a public college or a private college. There are several pros and cons to choosing a private college such as FPU.

A private college or university generally has small class sizes. The average class size at FPU is 17 students. A smaller class size will make it easier for the professor to give a student one on one attention.

"I like the small size because it allows the teachers to get to know you better," says freshman Courtney Grzesiuk. Although Grzesiuk allows believes this makes it easier to create a bias between a professor and their students.



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The smaller campus size allows students to get more involved and have a close knit community feeling.

Sophomore Lexi DaSilva is involved in SGA and fire department on

campus. “I love that it’s a small campus. You get to know everyone and there’s so many opportunities to join different clubs,” said DaSilva.

However a smaller campus population can be a bad thing depending on what you’re looking for.

According to [AcademicInfo](#), private colleges tend to have less diversity on campus and they can sometimes be harder to get into. The lack of diversity holds true for FPU, we have a [74 percent](#) population of white students. However, FPU has an acceptance rate of [84.3 percent](#).

The biggest stigma private colleges are faced with is their higher tuition costs. State colleges or universities receive their funding from the state whereas private colleges rely on student’s tuition and donations for funding.

This stigma can be deceiving. Students at private colleges rarely pay the full price. Every student at FPU is awarded some type of financial aid. The average financial aid package for [2014-2015 was \\$37,600](#).

Overall the private vs. public college debate is all about personal preference.