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American University*	4	4	18% 20%	Diverse and Politically Active	Liberal	Metro-polis	A strong school academically with a diverse, politically active student body. Not as hard to get into as some of the nearby schools. Professors are not always accessible because they often have outside commitments. Look for active leaders with a strong academic record. Right in DC which adds to experience of school. A large number of international students.
California, University of, Berkeley*	4	3	10% 10%	Very prestigious academic institution, with a substantial social scene	Liberal	Urban	Berkeley is the most select and esteemed of the typically stellar UC system. However, with cuts at the State level including mandatory furloughs and staff reductions, there has been a lot of protests at the school since 2009. Has excellent programs in the sciences, arts, and sciences. Also has a good design school. As most, UC schools, the population is diverse. The area directly next to the campus has a somewhat seedy, college town feel, however if you go two to three blocks over, the area is filled with upscale, Berkeley-like eateries, shops and clubs. It is a Bart ride away from San Francisco and the Northern California lifestyle is unique in its relaxed intensity. Not too far from Silicon Valley and as a result, it is one of the top research universities.

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Dartmouth College*	4	4	64% 66%	Fit, preppy, outgoing, work hard-play hard	Mixed	Town	The quality of the undergraduate experience is marked by close student-faculty interaction, opportunities for independent research, a broad range of off-campus programs, and a diverse student body. Strong sense of community, largely influenced by Greek life. The D plan is unique to Dartmouth and provides students with a lot of flexibility in how and when they learn. Students are attractive and tight-knit. Strong arts community along with several campus traditions like winter carnival and the fall bonfire.
George Washington University, The	3	3	23% 23%	Ambitious, political, pre-professional	Mixed	Urban	School of doers. Right in the downtown D.C; the campus covers a span of 4 blocks by 4 blocks, but they have done a good job of buying up all the property to make it all feel like it is part of GW. There are two very small “squares”, but no real green area. Extremely strong in pre-professional programs. Students do a lot of internships and also participate in politics given its DC location. Students wear jeans, sweatshirts, Abercrombie and Ugg Boots. Seem engaged in the learning and students that excel by doing rather than strictly intellectual. Many people smoke, perhaps due to large international contingency. There is a great urban feel to the school, but If you want a strong sense of a campus, look elsewhere. Also the third most expensive school in the US.

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