

2020 “CLARITY VERSUS DECEPTION” WORKSHEET

For use in the "Clarity Versus Deception" exercise on the "Method" page of the American College Generosity website.

“APPLES-TO-APPLES” STABILIZED NET COST COMPARISON

The Apples to Apples system stabilizes Net Price Calculator results by converting four variables into constants (Books & Supplies, Personal Expenses, Travel Cost, and Student Work) and by never considering any loans as aid in Total Grants.

Use each college’s Net Price Calculator program to determine its Tuition & Fees, Room & Board, and Total Grants only. Use this website’s estimates of the annual amounts for Books & Supplies, Personal Expenses, Travel, and Student Work. Loans really aren’t financial aid, and some colleges are loan free, so keep your comparison valid by not listing any loans in Total Grants. If you need loans to pay the costs at a particular school, similar loan programs are available everywhere.

College or University	Tuition & Fees	Plus Room & Board	Plus Books & Supplies	Plus Personal Expenses	Plus Travel Costs	Equals Total Costs	Minus Total Grants (Include no loans.)	Equals Unmet Need	Minus Student Work	Equals Stabilized Net Cost
BERKELEY	\$47,558	\$19,422	\$1,150	\$1,350	\$1,000	\$70,480	\$1,845 Pell Estimate Inserted	\$68,635	\$5,000	\$63,635
UCLA	\$42,979	\$15,816	\$1,150	\$1,350	\$1,000	\$62,295	\$20,753	\$41,542	\$5,000	\$36,542
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