

A Guide to Selecting College Experiences

Participating in college experiences can help you prepare for your career and life after high school. Colleges offer so many options to help students learn new skills, have fun, and explore new interests. Examine the examples of college experiences listed below and complete the chart based on your interests. You may include your own ideas that are not listed as options here.

Examples of College Experiences:

- **Elective Courses**

- General education electives – Biology, English, Math, or Foreign Language
- Area of study electives – Art History, Modern Art, or Photography
- Free electives – Bowling, Hip-hop Dance Class, or Floral Design

- **Working or Volunteering on Campus**

- Work locations:
 - Campus offices
 - Dining hall
 - Recreation and fitness center
- Volunteer opportunities:
 - Campus events
 - Holiday events
 - Food or clothing drives

- **Student Clubs**

- Academic clubs – Spanish, Business, or Astronomy
- Political or cultural clubs – Debate, Political Science, or Cultural Student Associations
- Media/Production clubs – Campus Newspaper or College Radio
- Community service clubs – Volunteer or Youth Mentoring Program
- Interest clubs – Soccer, Theater, Board Game, or Book

- **Student Organizations**

- Student Government
- Student Ambassadors
- Residential Council
- Student Activities Board
- Greek Organizations

Recreational Opportunities

- Intramural sports
- Recreation and fitness center exercise classes
- Sporting events
- Art and theater events
- Family weekend special events

Example Chart:

Experience	What Specific Options Interest You?	What Can You Learn or Gain From Participating in This Experience?	Select Your Level of Interest
Student clubs	Photography club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I think joining the photography club will be a lot of fun • I can add participating in the photography club to my resume 	Very Interested Kind of Interested Not Interested

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