

The background features a dark blue gradient with a starry space pattern. On the left side, there are several technical diagrams, including a large circular scale with numerical markings from 140 to 250, and various smaller circular and curved lines with arrows, suggesting a complex technical or scientific theme.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE

WHERE DO I START?

ACADEMIC
FIT

FINANCIAL
FIT

FEEL
FIT

ACADEMIC FIT

- Program of Study
- How You Like to Learn
- Level of Rigor
- Study Support
- Accreditation



APPLYING TO COLLEGES



Look For:

- Application Fee
- Secondary Application
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Common App
- Required Classes
- Deadlines

FINANCIAL FIT

- FAFSA
- Loans
- Scholarships
- Grants
- Work Study



FAFSA

- Opened October 1st!
- What do you need?
 - Current tax information
 - Social Security Number
 - Driver's license number
 - FSA ID



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it features the 'Federal Student Aid' logo, the text 'AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION', and the slogan 'PROUD SPONSOR of the AMERICAN MIND™'. To the right, it says 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid' and 'FAFSA™'. Below the header is a navigation bar with icons for Home, About Us, PIN Site, Student Aid on the Web, and Help. A search bar is located on the right side of the navigation bar. The main content area has a blue banner with the text 'Get help paying for college' and 'Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)'. Below the banner is a collage of photos of diverse college students. At the bottom, there are two columns: 'New to the FAFSA?' with a 'Start A New FAFSA' button, and 'Returning User?' with a list of options (Make a correction, Add a school, View your Student Aid Report (SAR), and more...) and a 'Login' button.



LOANS

The average Class of 2016 graduate has \$37,172 in student loan debt, up six percent from last year.

- Acumen Student Loans
- College Ave Student Loans
- Commerce Bank
- Credit Union Student Choice
- Discover Student Loans
- Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA)
- LendKey
- Parent PLUS
- PNC Education Lending
- Regions Bank
- Sallie Mae
- SoFi, Inc.
- Wells Fargo Collegiate Loan



SCHOLARSHIPS

College specific
and based on
anything from
GPA to extra
curricular



Institutional

Private



- Zinch.com
- Fastweb.com
- ScholarshipPoints.com
- Cappex.com
- Scholarships.com
- College Board
- NextStudent.com
- StudentScholarships.com
- ScholarshipExperts.com
- SuperCollege.com
- WeirdScholarships.net

PROGRAM LENGTH & CREDITS

120 Credits to Graduate with Bachelor's Degree

College A

4 Classes x 4 Credits =	16 Credits
	x2
	32 Credits
120 Credits/ 32 =	3.75 Years

College B

4 Classes x 3 Credits =	12 Credits
	x2
	24 Credits
120 Credits/ 24 =	4 Years

ASK LOTS OF QUESTIONS

A ALWAYS
S SEEK
K KNOWLEDGE



FEEL FIT

- Clubs (Academic & Social)
- Housing
- Campus Life
- Athletics
- Community
- Spiritual Life
- Class Size
- Academic Success
- Honors Program
- Teaching v. Research





VISITING A COLLEGE CAMPUS



Talk to colleges to see if they have opportunities to visit the campus or open houses

“Can I see myself...?”

Example: Discover GCU

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THANK
YOU!

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