The knowledge and skills gained at Minnesota private colleges are exactly what employers seek. Students at private colleges are more likely to interact directly with faculty, with most classes having fewer than 20 students. That leads to a higher quality experience. Ask our graduates: 90% say they gained real-world experience and workforce preparation through internships, hands-on research and more. Employers want to hire problem solvers who are well-rounded and curious — traits cultivated by a liberal arts education offered by our colleges.
Comparing Your Overall Costs
Considering graduation rates and lost earnings

Why pay for extra semesters when you can finish in four years and start earning money or working on another degree sooner? When it comes to comparing college costs, remember that it is more complicated than just lining up listed prices. You’ll want to consider a variety of factors that can impact your costs before deciding which college is best for you.

ANALYSIS: Minnesota Private College Council, July 2017; IPEDS 2009 cohort data
NOTES: Estimated annual lost income of $33,523 based on graduate employment outcomes data from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; increases in tuition or earnings are not forecasted. Room and board costs are not included.

Minnesota Private College Council Members
4-year graduation rate: 66%

University of Minnesota
5-year graduation rate: 68%

Minnesota State Universities
6-year graduation rate: 47%

OCCUPY OPPORTUNITY
COST: Lost earnings
Average net tuition for additional years
Average net tuition for four years

$100,000
$80,000
$60,000
$40,000
$20,000

TOTAL: $51,097
TOTAL: $62,341
TOTAL: $85,165

Looking for more information?
Talk with admission and financial aid offices at any of our institutions; you’ll find their contact information and more information at www.mnprivatecolleges.org.

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