

College Debt or Columbus State? (Easy Choice)

THE PROBLEM:

Student Loan Debt

A \$1.3 trillion national epidemic

70% of students borrow for college


\$37k: Average student loan debt


► **21 years:** Average time to pay off debt


Debt delays lives


More than 90% of graduates who borrowed say debt delays major life milestones. Most said they would reconsider college decisions.

What are students giving up?

 **Independence**
40% move in with family

 **Starting a family**
56% wait

 **Home ownership**
71% delay buying

 **Saving for retirement**
50% delay saving

THE SOLUTION:

Columbus State

One-third of college graduates with debt wish they would have attended community college for the first two years.

The smart way to do college

College Credit Plus: No-cost college classes taken in high school give students a time and money-saving headstart.

Preferred Pathway: Complete 2 years at Columbus State; transfer is guaranteed and students earn two degrees in four years.

3+1: Complete 3 years at Columbus State and 1 year at a partner university in select programs.

► **76% of Columbus State students take on zero student loan debt.**

Academic Quality

Here to teach

Our faculty are dedicated solely to teaching (not publishing or research)

Small, intimate classrooms

Personal attention is our way of life (the average class size is 19)

A comprehensive college experience

Student activities and organization, a rigorous Honors program, study abroad opportunities, athletics, and more

Our graduates are well prepared

Our grads who transfer to universities earn bachelor's degrees at a higher rate (73%) than do those starting at universities as freshmen (63%)

Earn two degrees in four years and save big

Students completing their first two years at Columbus State can save nearly half off the cost of a four-year degree.

