

col-lege town defined

The definition of “college town” varies from community to community across the country. The street definition has a lot to do with “look and feel” and depends upon whether you are a student, faculty member, resident, retiree or tourist. Components of the definition include:

... when the university has a dominant impact on all aspects of life within the community.



... a town that caters to students by supporting the university's sports teams and art & cultural events, and develops fun, creative places for students to explore.



... great college towns have a spark that comes not only from young blood, but from jazz clubs, literary events, book stores and cafes. They are intellectual, cultural and economic hubs balancing tradition with new business growth. They mix urban amenities and small town charm.



... college towns have a vibrant arts scene, a commitment to intellectual growth and strong economies. They are places where alumni want to live and employers want to locate.