



First Year of College



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High School











VS.

College

35-40 Hours Class Time (per week)	15-ish Hours Class Time (per week)
Weekly/Frequent Assignments	Fewer Assignments, If any*
Grade Based on Assignments & Tests	Grade Based on Mid-Term & Final*
Time in Class to Work on Homework	No time in Class for Homework
Some Lecture Teaching	Mostly Lecture Teaching
Teacher Helps You in Class	Professor Helps You During Office Hours
Science Labs Part of Class Time	Science Labs are Separate Class
Less Material Covered for Test	Extensive Material Covered for Test
Class Size about 30	Class Size Could be 10-100 +/-*
Textbooks are Free	Textbooks Must Be Purchased (or rented)
Attendance Mandatory	Attendance Expected
Same Class Every Day (if not block schedule)	Same Class 2-3 Times Per Week (or less)
Instruction from Teacher	Instruction from Professor/Teaching Assistant

*Varies from college-to-college and/or type of class

General College Tips and Advice

-  Go meet with your professor during office hours.
-  Be aware of your college's policy and deadlines for Add/Drop.
-  Part of your bill for college will include a student activity fee.
-  The best way to start your freshman year off right: go to freshman orientation.
-  If you need assistance or clarification, it's up to you to ask.
-  Your Academic Advisor can help with scheduling classes, changing your schedule, changing your major, and picking electives.
-  Professors will give you a syllabus at the beginning of the semester which outlines test dates and assignment due dates. Be sure to keep up with it.
-  Do not get behind on lectures and/or assignments.
-  Know deadlines for a Withdrawal from a class (to get a "W" on your transcript as opposed to a letter grade so it doesn't impact your GPA).
-  Attend class regularly. Check the syllabus to confirm your professor's attendance policy.

Name: _____ High School: _____ Grade: _____

College Slanguage to Know

Match the word with the correct definition

Academic Advisor	Freshman Orientation	Job Placement Office	Retention	Withdrawal
Add/Drop	Freshman Seminar	Major	Student Activity Fee	Work-study
Attendance Policy	Grade Forgiveness Policy	Mid-Term/Final	Student Handbook	
Dead Week/Day	Health Center	Office Hours	Syllabus	
Electives	Intramurals	Resident Assistant	Teaching Assistant	

	A. Unique/fun classes not affiliated with your major
	B. The period after classes begin where you can still change your schedule; a refund may be possible
	C. A policy that allows you to retake previously failed courses to replace the grade on your transcript
	D. Where you go on campus in case of illness/injury to see a doctor
	E. The rate at which students continue to be enrolled at a particular college or university
	F. A list of assignments, test dates, contact info, & rules for class
	G. You no longer wish to attend the class past the date of refund, but before a grade is given
	H. Important comprehensive tests given at the end (and middle) of the semester
	I. A graduate students, with less experience and education than a professor, who may teach class
	J. A program designed to familiarize new students with a college; can include class registration
	K. A time to rest, prepare, and study before final exams at the end of the semester
	L. Consult this college publication for policies and campus rules, code of conduct, and procedures on campus
	M. A designated time where you can meet with your professor to discuss class concerns, etc.
	N. You take this class your first semester of college to become familiar with campus offerings and other important info
	O. A collection of core classes related to your career of interest; about 50% of your total coursework
	P. Sometimes called Career Center, this office can assist with selecting a major, creating a resume, or finding employment on/off campus
	Q. This person provides guidance on majors, course selection, registration, graduation requirements, etc.
	R. One of many extra charges added to your college bill, this one pays for entertainment on campus
	S. A job on campus; you qualify for this type of financial aid by completing the FAFSA application
	T. Policy established by individual professor regarding your presence in class
	U. A trained staff member responsible for helping students living in residence hall
	V. Sports teams on campus, not related to the school's teams, that are just for fun