**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.

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**College Slanguage to Know**

**Match the word with the correct definition**

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| 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 |  |

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|  | **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 |