

HOW IS COLLEGE DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL

PERSONAL FREEDOM IN HIGH SCHOOL

- High school is mandatory and free
- Your time is structured by others
- You need permission to participate in extracurricular activities
- You need money for special purchases or events.
- You can count on parents and teachers to remind you of deadlines, and to guide you in setting priorities.
- Guiding principle: You will usually be told what your responsibilities are and corrected if your behavior is out of line.

CLASSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

- You spend six hours each day, or about 30 hours per week, in back-to-back classes.
- Most of your classes are arranged for you.
- Teachers monitor your attendance.
- Classes generally have less than 35 students.
- You are given textbooks at little or no expense.
- Your counselor guides your course selection and monitors credits.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

- Remind you of incomplete work, assignments and due dates.
- Approach you if they believe you need extra help and are often available for conversation before, during or after class.
- Provide you with information missed when absent.
- You need money for special purchases or events.
- You can count on parents and teachers to remind you of deadlines, and to guide you in setting priorities.
- Often write information on the board for your note-taking.

STUDYING IN HIGH SCHOOL

- You may study outside of class as little two hours per week.
- You are expected to read assignments that are then discussed, and often re-taught, in class.
- Guiding principle: You will usually be told in class what you need to learn from assigned readings.

PERSONAL FREEDOM IN COLLEGE

- College is *voluntary* and *expensive*.
- You manage your own time.
- You decide whether to participate in extracurricular activities.
- You need money to meet basic necessities.
- You must balance your responsibilities and set priorities.
- Guiding principle: You will take responsibility for what you do, as well as for the consequences of your decisions.

CLASSES IN COLLEGE

- You will spend 12 to 16 hours per week in class, with hours in between classes and class time varying throughout the day and evening.
- You arrange your own schedule in consultation with your academic advisor.
- Professors may not formally take attendance.
- Classes may number as few as 5 or as many as 100 students.
- You need to budget funds for textbooks, which can cost \$100 per class.
- Graduation requirements are complex, can differ between majors, and you are expected to know those that apply to you.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS

- May not remind you of incomplete work, but expect you to consult the course syllabus as a reminder of expectations and due dates.
- Expect you to initiate contact if you need extra help and are available only during set office hours.
- Expect you to get from classmates any notes or information you missed when absent.
- May not follow the textbook, providing only supplemental material that they also expect you to retain.
- May lecture nonstop expecting you to identify important points for note-taking.

STUDYING IN COLLEGE

- You need to study two to three hours outside of class for each hour in class and review class notes and text material regularly.
- You are assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing, which may not be directly addressed in class.
- Guiding principle: It is your responsibility to read and understand the assigned material.