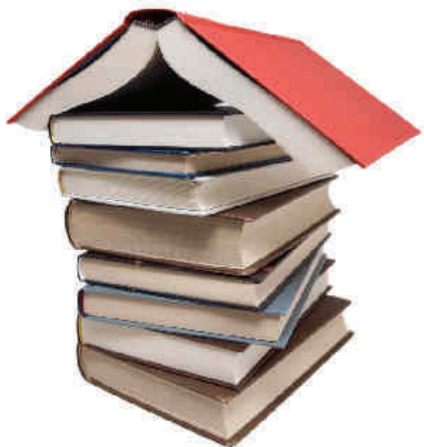


Typical Question First Year Students Ask

- Will I be able to handle all this freedom? Or will I just waste my time?
- Is the enormous investment of time and money that is involved with getting a college degree worth it?
- What if I don't pick the right major? What if I don't know what major is right for me?
- Can I afford this? Can my parents afford this? I wouldn't want them to spend this much and then have me fail.
- Is college for me? Should I just work instead of paying all this tuition?
- Will I have time to manage school, working, and hanging out with friends?
- Will I lose my friends if I focus more of my time on school?



The Advantages of a College Education

- A well rounded college education will expand life's possibilities.
- You will understand how to accumulate knowledge.
- You will encounter and learn more and gain an appreciation for the dimensions of life.
- You will be able to make better decisions.
- You will grow intellectually through interaction with diverse aspects of life.

How to Set Your Own Goals For Success

- Set three types of goals– short, intermediate, and long term.
- Be realistic and set achievable goals.
- Examine your values and be sure you really want a certain goal.
- Overcome obstacles, be ready for difficulties you might encounter.
- Make a well thought out plan.
- Set a date and take your deadlines seriously.
- Reassess after a deadline passes and ask yourself: Did I meet this goal on time? What change has it made in my life? If I did not meet it, what am I planning to do about it?

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The Impact of College on Your Future Earnings

- Graduating from college will give you a better chance at getting a better job.
- College can teach you how to become more responsible.
- College can show you how to become more organized and responsible.
- It can impact your career by giving you a better knowledge than someone with no college education.
- It will offer you a better chance to earn more money and be responsible enough to live on your own.

Money is an ever growing concern in the world today.



The Difference Between High School and College

For first year students, the major differences between high school and college are:

- More diversity.
- Loss of individuality.
- Managing your time wisely and efficiently.
- Choosing the right friends.
- Larger classes with longer time periods.
- Differently styled lesson plans.
- More writing.
- A teacher will rarely monitor you or your progress.
- More electives and freedom of opinions.
- Sometimes living far from home.
- Less textbook learning and more lecture based learning.

Returning students also face big changes:

- They may feel liberated by the idea of a new challenge.
- Can feel stress from working, school, and possibly caring for a family.
- Returning students tend to work more efficiently.
- Most returning students take college more seriously than younger students.

How to Make Sensible Choices For College Success

- Plan ahead– it's a good idea to show up to class on time or earlier.
- Always have your work done on time, it makes your teacher's job easier and you look better as a student.
- Set up weekly schedules– meaning planning things ahead of time and give yourself the right amount of time to do it.
- If you want to work and are a full time student, limit your time to how much you can work. Find out about jobs on campus as well.
- Participate in class– you will learn and remember more.
- Discover the best way of learning for you. Don't be afraid to find new ways.
- Study with a group– learning with others is a great way to meet new people and get some work done in the process.
- Take your health seriously– a healthy body is a healthy

Most students find time management to be the hardest thing about college.

