

## HOW IS COLLEGE DIFFERENT FROM HIGH SCHOOL?

<b>PERSONAL FREEDOM IN HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>PERSONAL FREEDOM IN COLLEGE</b>
High school is mandatory and free.	College is voluntary and expensive.
Your time is strictly structured by others.	You manage your own time.
You need permission to participate in extracurricular activities.	You must decide whether to participate in extracurricular activities.
You need money for special purchases and events.	You need money for basic necessities.
You can count on parents & teachers to remind you of your responsibilities and guide you in setting priorities.	You must face many moral & ethical decisions you have not had to face before; you must balance your responsibilities and set priorities.
You will usually be corrected if your behavior is inappropriate.	You're expected to take responsibility for your actions and to face the consequences of your decisions.
<b>HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES</b>	<b>COLLEGE CLASSES</b>
Daily you proceed from one class directly to another.	You often have hours between classes; class times vary throughout the day and evening.
You spend 6 hours daily (30 hours weekly) in class.	You spend 12-15 hours a week in class (if you're a full-time student).
The school year is 36 weeks long; some classes last two semesters; some do not.	The academic year is divided into two 16-week semesters, plus a week of exams at the end of each term.
Most of your classes are arranged for you.	You arrange your own schedule with help of academic advisor. Schedules may look lighter than they really are!!!
Teachers carefully monitor class attendance.	Professors may not formally take attendance, but they are aware of who attends.
Classes usually have no more than 35 students.	Classes may be much larger than 35 students.
You are provided textbooks at little or no cost.	You need to budget substantial funds for textbooks (possibly several hundred dollars per term).
You aren't responsible for knowing what it takes to graduate.	Graduation requirements are complex and differ for different majors. You need to know requirements that apply to you & monitor your progress towards meeting them.
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS</b>	<b>COLLEGE PROFESSORS</b>
Teachers check your completed homework.	Professors may not always check homework, but will assume you can perform the same tasks on tests.
Teachers remind you of your incomplete work.	Professors may not remind you of incomplete work.

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Teachers approach you if they think you need help.	Professors are usually helpful, but most expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance.
Teachers are often available for conversation before and after class.	Professors expect and want you to come to their offices during scheduled office hours.
Teachers have been trained in teaching methods to assist in imparting knowledge to students.	Professors have been trained as experts in their particular fields.
Teachers provide you with information you missed when you were absent.	Professors expect you to get information and notes you missed from classmates.
Teachers present material to help you understand the textbook.	Professors may not follow the textbook. Instead, they give illustrations and background information; they expect you to relate the class lectures to the textbook readings.
Teachers often write information on the board to be copied into notes.	Professors may lecture nonstop, expecting you to identify the important points in your notes. Good notes matter!
Teachers provide knowledge & facts, sometimes leading you through the thinking process.	Professors expect you to think about & synthesize seemingly unrelated topics.
Teachers often take time to remind you of assignments and due dates.	Professors expect you to read, save, and consult the course syllabus to see what is expected, when work is due, and how you will be graded.