

COLLEGE VS. HIGH SCHOOL: 40 POTENTIAL DIFFERENCES

IN COLLEGE...

1. Your professor may not take attendance.
2. It's totally acceptable if your professor is late to class.
3. You can pick what time your classes start.
4. You can pick how many classes you want a day.
5. You can choose what classes you want to take.
6. If you don't like a class, you can drop it.
7. You can nap in the middle of the day.
8. You can work on campus.
9. Your papers are much longer.
10. You may not know anyone on campus or in class.
11. Your goals in class are to learn things and pass, not pass an AP test for credit later.
12. Classes can have less than 10 or more than 100 students.
13. Your professor might not know your name.
14. Group work is much more involved.
15. Campus-sponsored events happen much later at night.
16. You can borrow books and other research material from lots of schools.
17. You don't get an A just for doing the work. You now have to do it well.
18. You are expected to do 3-4 hours outside of class for each hour in class.
19. You can fail or pass a class depending on how you do on one exam.
20. There may be as few as one or two exams or papers the whole semester.
21. You're responsible for making sure you still have enough money in your account at the end of the semester.
22. You can study abroad with much less effort than you could in high school.
23. You have to acquire your own books -- and lots of them.
24. You have more freedom to choose the topics on things like research papers.
25. Plagiarism is taken much more seriously.
26. The library stays open 24 hours.

27. You can nearly always find someone on campus who knows more than you about a subject you're struggling with -- and who is willing to help you learn.
28. You can do research with your professors.
29. You can have class outside.
30. You're expected to keep up on current events -- and connect them to what you're discussing in class.
31. You're expected to know your own major and degree requirements.
32. You can take a class entirely online.
33. You may be assigned lots of reading without it ever being mentioned in class.
34. You really do need to do the reading.
35. Professors may never follow up with you if aren't completing your work.
36. Your class doesn't meet every day of the week, mostly just 2-3 times per week.
37. You will typically have 12-18 class hours a week. Total.
38. Classes can be as short as 3-5 weeks.
39. Your classmates may be much younger or older than you.
40. You'll attend classes with other students who *want*, instead of *have*, to be there.