

Hints for College

(Things you don't want to learn the hard way.)

College is expensive and will take at least four years of your life. If you are serious about it, here are some things to think about before you go and while you are there.

1. Attend all classes.
2. Do homework when assigned.
3. Start projects early.
4. Sit in the first or second row.
5. Take notes in class.
6. Keep your notes organized. Use notebooks, not folders.
7. Go over your notes after class and again within 24 hours.
8. Buy the lecture notes if available.
9. If the teacher assigns a book to read, read it even if it isn't mentioned in the class. (It will be on the test.)
10. Find someplace quiet to study, away from distractions (like the library.)
11. Study for tests.
12. Go to bed on time.
13. Find help for hard classes.
14. Get to know your teachers. (If they have office hours, stop by and introduce yourself.)
15. Listen to your teachers and anticipate what will be on tests and quizzes.
16. Talk to someone who has taken the class before.
17. Spelling always counts. Get a 20,000 word book and use it. Use a spell-checker when it is available.
18. Write reports in the style requested by the professor.
19. Practice moderation and party only on weekends.
20. If there is a student professional organization on campus, join it and participate. It is a good place to make contacts with professors, other students in your major, and future employers.
21. Try to find summer jobs or internships related to your field.
22. Visit your school's placement center for information on internships and summer jobs as well as career opportunities.
23. If you are going to a community college and planning to transfer to a university, get a copy of the university catalog to make sure you are taking the correct classes. Better yet, talk to a counselor from the university or the chairman of the department that you want to transfer to.
24. Get to know at least one professor each semester.
25. Stay off of (and out from under) balconies at parties. (Be safe!)
26. Write to your parents occasionally (or e-mail) - Don't just telephone for money.

Good luck wherever your life takes you!

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