

High School versus College

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Attending classes is mandatory.	While you should attend every class, professors will not run behind you to make sure you do.
Subjects are taught during an entire school year.	Subjects are taught in a 14 week semester or 7 week summer session.
From morning to afternoon, at least six continuous hours are spent in classes each day.	You will have lots of non-class time during the day.
Very little choice in what classes you take and when you take them.	More flexibility in which classes you take and when you can take them.
To be successful, attend classes and complete assignments.	In addition to attending classes and completing assignments, you should plan 2 hours of study for every hour you spend in class.
Teachers remind you of assignments; they remind you when the assignment is due and remind you to hand it in.	You are responsible for turning in assignments. Professors set due dates; they may not remind you when assignments are due and may not remind you to hand them in.
Teachers check homework and keep you up-to-date on your progress; they inform you if you are not doing well.	Professors may not check all assignments or provide regular feedback on your progress; they may not inform you if you are not meeting the standards of the course.
Teachers go over material and expect you to remember facts and information.	Professors share concepts and theories; they expect you to evaluate ideas and to synthesize the ideas with the other concepts you are learning.
Teachers usually ask whether you understand the topic and may try to help you understand before they move on to a new topic.	Professors often move on to new topics even if you do not fully understand the previous one; they expect you to come to their office hours if you have problems.
Teachers assume responsibility for helping you learn.	Professors expect you to be responsible for your own learning; they expect you to seek help from various sources if needed.
Teachers correct errors in spelling and grammar.	Professors may not correct errors in spelling and grammar but will subtract marks for them.
Teachers often provide you with other information and/or materials to help you understand the topic.	Professors may suggest other avenues, but it is mostly your responsibility to research useful information relevant to the topic.
When absent from class, you may not need to do the work assigned in class that day.	Professors will not accept this excuse. You are solely responsible for finding out about and completing work assigned in your absence.
When writing essays, teachers usually assign a specific topic, with a specific format and structure.	Professors may give you a specific structure to follow, but it is mostly up to you to create and develop your own topics and ideas.
Reports, letters and other types of information are addressed to your parents and are collected and dealt with by them. Teacher/Parent meetings are held.	It is your responsibility to find out your grades, download your transcript and deal with any other important details such as registration and deadlines. You must meet with your Professor to address any problems or concerns.