

## 10 Ways College is Different than High School

- **You are treated as an adult, independent learner** who has chosen to be in your classes rather than an adolescent who is required to be at school and may require more outside assistance & encouragement.
- **Your classes usually only meet twice a week** instead of every day. Usually class days are Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday.
- **You may not have any daily homework or your homework may not be graded.** College instructors assign homework to help you practice and learn the content.
- **You must visit office hours for instructor assistance.** Class time is limited, so it's reserved for group teaching.
- **Your entire grade might be based on just a couple tests or projects.** You'll need to read the syllabus to understand your instructor's grading criteria and track your progress.
- **Attendance & participation may be optional, but they're crucial.** Sometimes they are very significant parts of your grade.
- **Many college courses have lecture formats** in which the instructor stands in front of the class and discusses the topic.
- **Study time is serious.** College requires a lot more preparation outside of the classroom, such as completing readings, projects, and papers outside of class than high school does.
- **You have to ask for help.** An instructor will probably not single you out to ask if you need help.
- **High school is free, but college costs a lot of money!** You're making an investment in your future. Don't take it for granted.