

How to Prepare for College

Going to College for your first time can be an enlightening but challenging task. Students need to be focused and take college seriously when it comes to school work, as it does not compare to high school. A tough work load, a busy schedule and moving away from the parents house are just some of the stresses of going off to college.

In order to help you through this adjustment process, here are some steps to take when preparing for your first year in college:

- Stay productive over Summer. This way you will be mentally prepared and you won't lag behind when dealing with the faced paced college workload.
- Get as many Scholarships as you can to help pay for college. College is expensive and you need all the help you can get. Check out College Scholarships and see what you qualify for.
- Visit the College in person with friends and/or family before starting school, and before even applying for that matter. This will help you get a feel for the college and the surrounding area.
- Follow College Admission Tips to ensure you will get in the college of your choice.
- Study the dorms, selecting the one that best fits you. This is where you will be eating, sleeping, studying and meeting lifelong friends, so make it a good one.
- Contact your roommates ahead of time. Make an effort to get to know them before going off to college.
- Start networking with other students on facebook.
- Be ready to adjust as life as a college freshman.
- Sign up for the College Tips Newsletter for help and advice throughout the year.
- Budget accordingly for College.
- Visit RateMyProfessors.com and check out prospective teachers.
- Learn how to be organized, and stay organized. This is one of the keys to succeeding in college.
- Get yourself a nice Laptop. Having a good quality Laptop will greatly increase your productivity in college and you will find it very useful and convenient. It is important to stay up to date on technology, especially while in college.
- Look at the requirements for your college major of choice, and start planning out your school year.

- If you haven't decided on a major, take classes that will benefit you and be useful in your future.