

Mistakes to avoid in College

Common mistakes made in College and how to avoid them:

- Don't take early morning classes if you're not a morning person. Odds are you will frequently miss this class by sleeping in and your grade will show it. 10am is a good start time for classes.

- Do not cram. It doesn't work, it never works. You will not remember any of the material you studied, especially for the long term. Isn't that the point of College, to learn?

- Don't double major

Unless you really want to for your own benefit, other than that it won't help that much when looking for jobs. Some Colleges will recommend a double major to give you an advantage over other students, just so they get more money from students taking more courses. Having a second major is fairly expensive when you add it up: tuition, books, etc. More required courses means more money for going over the credit limit each semester. Go for a double major only if you know for a fact you can truly handle it.

- Don't cheat. It is taken very serious in College and may even get you expelled or on probation.

- Relax. Give yourself free time. College is hard work. Too many students time at College breezes by because they had their nose stuck in a book too long. Go out, meet people. This is supposed to be the best times of your life! There needs to be a balance between work and fun.

- If you don't know what you want to major in, take a bunch of different courses, especially in courses that will interest you. Don't take random unrelated useless classes like the History of Pop Music.

- Take your time in College. Don't rush through in 3 years. Most people who have didn't have as much fun as they could have. You miss out on opportunities you get once in your life.

- Don't cite wikipedia as a source in your term papers. This has been a highly debatable topic as of late.

- Choose your teachers wisely. Use friends' recommendations or online professor rating sites.

- Don't spend too much time on social networks. Yes facebook and myspace may be necessities in College but limit your use and don't let it get in the way of your studying or your life in the physical world.

- Get along with your room mate. You may have squabbles now and then but you all need to get along.

- If you can survive without a car, don't bring one to College. Of course if you do you'll be the cool kid in the dorms with a car but not having a car saves you money, being bummed for rides, and all those annoying parking tickets campus security guards love to hand out.

- Don't procrastinate. You don't wait until the last few weeks of the semester to start working hard. Work your butt off at the start of the semester. Don't fall behind; it'll just make it harder to catch back up.

- Don't involve yourself in a long-term relationship with someone from back home. Only stay together if you two are really serious and close. This is a tough decision a couple has to make.

- Party in moderation. Save it for Thursday-Saturday.

- Learn how to say NO. Sometimes your homework is more important than that party going on. Have the courage to tell your friends no.

- Be careful to what you post publicly on your facebook or myspace profile. You never know who is watching.

- Start looking for a job BEFORE you get out of College. So many students graduate without having a clue of what they want to do after College.

- Take classes outside your major. This will open you up to new ideas, new people, different professors, new friends and will give you more of a well balanced academic education. Take useful classes that you will benefit you.