

# Night Classes

## Night Class – Is it for you?

Although most college classes are held during the day, there are many that are held in the evenings to accommodate non-traditional students. Although night classes may be appealing to some students, these later classes are not ideal for everyone. These later classes are designed so that working students and students with families can work toward degree completion without disrupting their normal routine. However night classes are not for everyone so before you run out to register for that 6pm class, you need to evaluate your options to see if its something that you can handle and if its something that would mesh with your lifestyle.

## QUALITY OF INSTRUCTION

You may be wondering if the professors at night are just as good as the daytime professors. Adjunct professors, those that teach at the college or university part-time, teach the evening classes. Adjunct professors usually have a full time job during the day so they understand your need for the later class times. They do have the same credentials as the full time professors so you can be assured that the quality of instruction is the same as if you were to attend the class in the daytime.

## LONGER CLASSES

Some night classes are only held once per week, unlike day classes that are usually held two or three times per week. Therefore, be prepared to sit in a class that could be two or three hours long. Since the classes are longer, you should also be sure not to miss any classes because more material is being covered and missing one class can set you back weeks. If you plan to pursue a night class be sure you can commit to the class schedule.

## OFF-SITE CLASSES

Depending on the school, some night classes may be held off site; meaning they are not actually held on the college campus. They may be held at local elementary schools, recreation centers or other venues convenient for the professor. You should make sure that you would be able to make it to these alternate locations for class. Make sure you account for traffic, weather and other miscellaneous factors.

## PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS

If you are a working student, make your employer aware of your intentions on taking a night class. This way they will be sure to keep your workload light and not make you stay late, which may interfere with your classes. If you have a family, especially if you have children, make sure you have lined up proper childcare while you are in class and maybe even another day per week so you can study.

If taking a night class will interfere with your lifestyle, then maybe consider weekend classes or even distance learning classes. Distance learning classes are becoming more and more popular for the student who used to frequent night classes.

Remember, night classes are no easier or no harder than day classes. They are offered to help make obtaining a degree easier for the non-traditional student. Make sure to evaluate your schedule and lifestyle before committing to the class.

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