



DISABILITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES

TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

FOLLOWING THE RULES IN HIGH SCHOOL	CHOOSING RESPONSIBLY IN COLLEGE
High school is mandatory and free.	College is voluntary and can be expensive.
Your time is structured by others.	You manage your own time.
Your parents and teachers to remind you of your responsibilities and guide you in setting priorities.	You must balance your responsibilities and set priorities.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE: You will usually be told what to do to and be corrected if your behavior is out of line.	GUIDING PRINCIPLE: You are expected to take responsibility for what you do and don't do. You are subject to the college's Code of Conduct policy that applies to all students.
GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES	SUCCEEDING IN COLLEGE CLASSES
You may study outside class as little as 0-2 hours a week and this may be mostly last minute test preparation.	You need to study at least 2- 3 hours outside of class for each hour in class.
You seldom need to read anything more than once, and sometimes listening in class is enough.	You need to review class notes and textbook material regularly.
You are expected to read short assignment that are then discussed, and often re-taught, in class.	You are assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing which may not be directly addressed in class.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE: You will usually be told in class what you need to learn from assigned readings.	GUIDING PRINCIPLE: It's up to you to read and understand the assigned material; lectures and assignments proceed from the assumption that you have already done so.
Teachers check your completed homework.	Professors may not always check completed homework, but they will assume you can perform the same tasks on tests.
Teachers remind you of your incomplete work.	Professors may not remind you of incomplete work.
Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance.	Professors expect you to ask questions if you need help.
Teachers allow you to continue to take a class, even if you have had multiple absences.	Professors can drop you from a class if you miss classes.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE: High school is a teaching environment in which you acquire fact and skills.	GUIDING PRINCIPLE: College is a learning environment in which you take responsibility for applying what you have learned.
Make-up tests are often available.	Make-up tests are seldom an option. If they are, you need to request them.
GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL	GRADES IN COLLEGE
Grades are given for most assigned work.	Grades may not be provided for all assigned work.
Consistently good homework grades may raise your overall grade when test grades are low.	Grades on tests and major papers usually provide most of the course grade.
Extra credit projects are often available to help you raise your grade.	Extra credit projects cannot, generally speaking, be used to raise a grade in a college course.
GUIDING PRINCIPLE: <i>Effort counts.</i> Courses are usually structured to reward a "good-faith" effort.	GUIDING PRINCIPLE: <i>Results count.</i> Though "good-faith" effort is important in regard to the professor's willingness to help you achieve results, it will not substitute for results in the grading process.