



# Understanding the Difference Between High School and College Classes

*Here are a variety of ways in which high school and college differ. Understanding some of the important differences and preparing for them will help you achieve a smoother transition.*

## High School

Follow a school-directed schedule and proceed from one class to another.

Class attendance is mandatory and monitored carefully.

Students may be reminded of incomplete assignments.

Extra help may be available before or after class.

Frequent assessments covering small amounts of material.

Extra credit options may be available.

## College

Individuals students must manage their own time and schedule.

Attendance policies may vary with each instructor. (Lack of attendance may impact performance.)

Students may not be reminded of incomplete assignments.

Students are encouraged to attend scheduled office hours.

Infrequent assessments may be cumulative and cover large amounts of material. Some classes may require papers and/or projects instead of tests.

Generally speaking, extra credit options are not available to improve a grade.