

## **3 Ways Academic Work is Different in College**

### Logistics

In high school you're meeting every day at the same time for 50 minutes, and moving between classes in the same building.

In college, you'll meet

- Less often (1, 2, or 3 days a week), maybe for more than 50 minutes, and possibly at a much different time of day than high school
- Your classes could be held in different buildings with a brief time to physically move from one class to the next (no matter the weather)
- Midterms and finals may be in a completely different location, and time

You prepare for this change by:



### You and the "teacher"

- Each college class will be taught by a professor or grad student (TA, GS)
- High School teachers may have spent lots of time trying to engage students, giving extra credit, easing deadlines, rounding up scores to help keep a good GPA, often reminding students about deadlines.
- At college, you are responsible for showing up to your classes on time, prepared to participate, writing papers and taking tests. Professors will not try to engage you, give you extra credit, ease deadlines, round up scores, or regularly hand-hold you about deadlines.
- Professors are at college to teach classes, and hopefully students will do well in the classes because the class is much more interesting for everyone when they do.

You prepare for this change by:



### Let's get down to the work

Think about how you do school work in high school.

- Do you read as little as possible, or use a Cliff notes type of app?
- Do you read every entire assignment? Do you go into class with the memories of what you've read, or do you take notes where it seems important or interesting?

College isn't a harder version of high school.

You work hard to get into college. It's the way you're going to get to where you want to go. It's different, difficult, and challenges you to apply what you're learning.

Put together your team to help you succeed during college.

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