

Making the Transition from High School to College – lecture outline

Preparation:

Ask students to come prepared to answer the following question.

- What are some things that are different between high school and college? Come up with a list of at least 10.

Discussion:

Go around the room asking students for items from their list. Write them on the board. Add the following if students don't think of them:

the amount of homework to get an A or B? **more work required in college classes; your best effort =/ an A**

work done in class compared to work done at home? **more work has to be done at home (maybe shorter class periods, depending on HS)**

amount of your grade based on homework vs exams? **more of grade based on exams, fewer of them**

where you keep your books and papers? **no locker – backpack, car, etc**

having classes back to back? **can have gaps between classes (need to learn how to use them)**

attendance policies? **looser than HS, differ by class**

excused absences? **no parent excused; not for sports, plays, field trips, clubs, etc either**

behavior expectations? **teachers don't put up with teenage behavior (can kick you out)**

where to find your teachers? **they aren't in the classroom, they have an office, unless adjunct**

when to see a teacher outside of class? **they have office hours (not “after school”)**

the diversity of students (lots of different kinds)? **more diversity than HS**

where to find your grades? **not on the internet until after the class is over; you may have to keep track and calculate your own**

what happens if you get failing grades? **probation, to graduate you must have a C average**

choosing not to go? **you can do other things, legally you aren't forced to go**

paying for it? **you have to pay to go (or someone does)**

reminders about due dates? **teachers don't remind you as often, you are expected to keep track**

kind of thinking that will be required? **less memorizing, more deeper learning**

who has responsibility for your success? **you do, not teachers or parents**

size of campus? **bigger, more spread out (probably)**