

# AGENDA

- University vs Community College
- Major & Minor
- Applications
- FAFSA

THE CHOICE IS YOURS



## **University vs College**

#### University

- A university is a four-year educational institution offering both undergraduate and graduate degrees and can be private or public. Universities have more students enrolled than colleges, often in the tens of thousands; however, private universities tend to have smaller enrollment figures. Many universities are known for their research and advanced degree programs such as law or dental schools.
  - Larger Class Size
  - Normally complete within 4 years







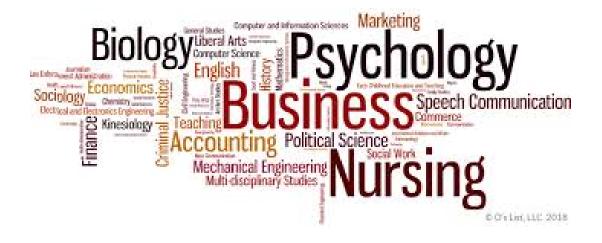
#### College

- College is a two-year or four-year educational institution.
  Typically, smaller than universities, colleges can be public or
  private and tailored towards populations such as religious
  groups, genders or ethnicities. Regarding their educational
  paths, colleges offer certificates, associate's degrees or
  bachelor's degrees.
  - Smaller Class Size
  - Normally complete within 2 years





## **Majors & Minors**



- A major and a minor are both groups of related courses that are part of a degree program, and they allow students to customize their bachelor's degree:
- Major The focus of a student's studies, usually consisting of 25% or more of the total hours required for a degree. Students should choose a major that aligns with their career goals.
- Minor A secondary specialization that complements a student's major, usually consisting of 15% or more of the total hours required for a degree. Minors can be related or unrelated to a student's major and can be used to explore a hobby or interest. Minors are optional.

\*\*Majors and minors are often used interchangeably with the term "program.

## **Applications**



• First Year Student Common App Application Guidelines

• Financial Aid Application

## **What Do You Need?**

### **College Apps**

- Official High School Transcripts
- Test Scores From College Entrance Exams (SAT, ACT, etc)
- Parent/Legal Guardian Information
- Academic Honors & Achievements
- A list of your activities, work, and family responsibilities

### Financial Aid (FAFSA)

- Create an Account
- Gather information
  - Your parents' SSNs if they have SSNs and you're a <u>dependent student</u>
  - Tax returns
  - Records of child support received
  - Current balances of cash, savings, and checking accounts
  - Net worth of investments, businesses, and farms
- School Code (Located on schools website)

## Questions?



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