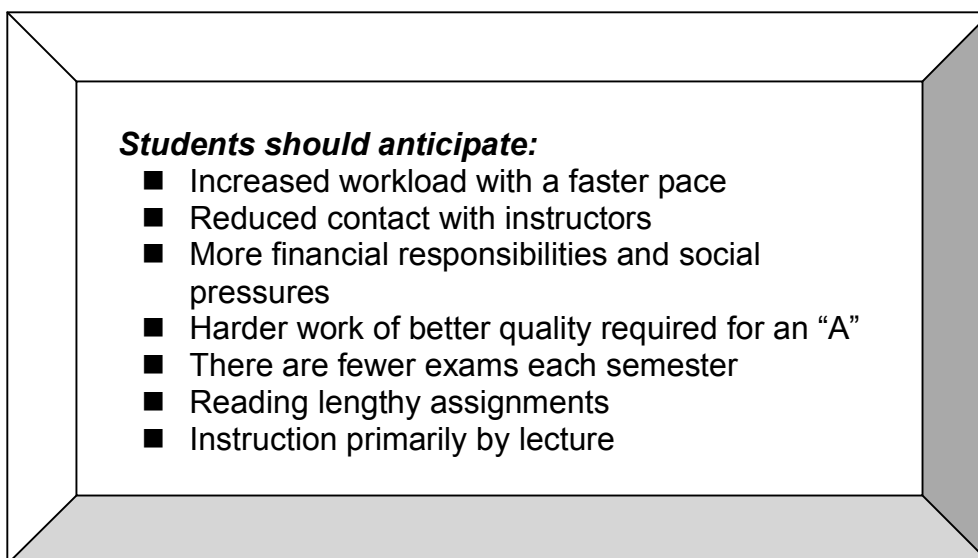
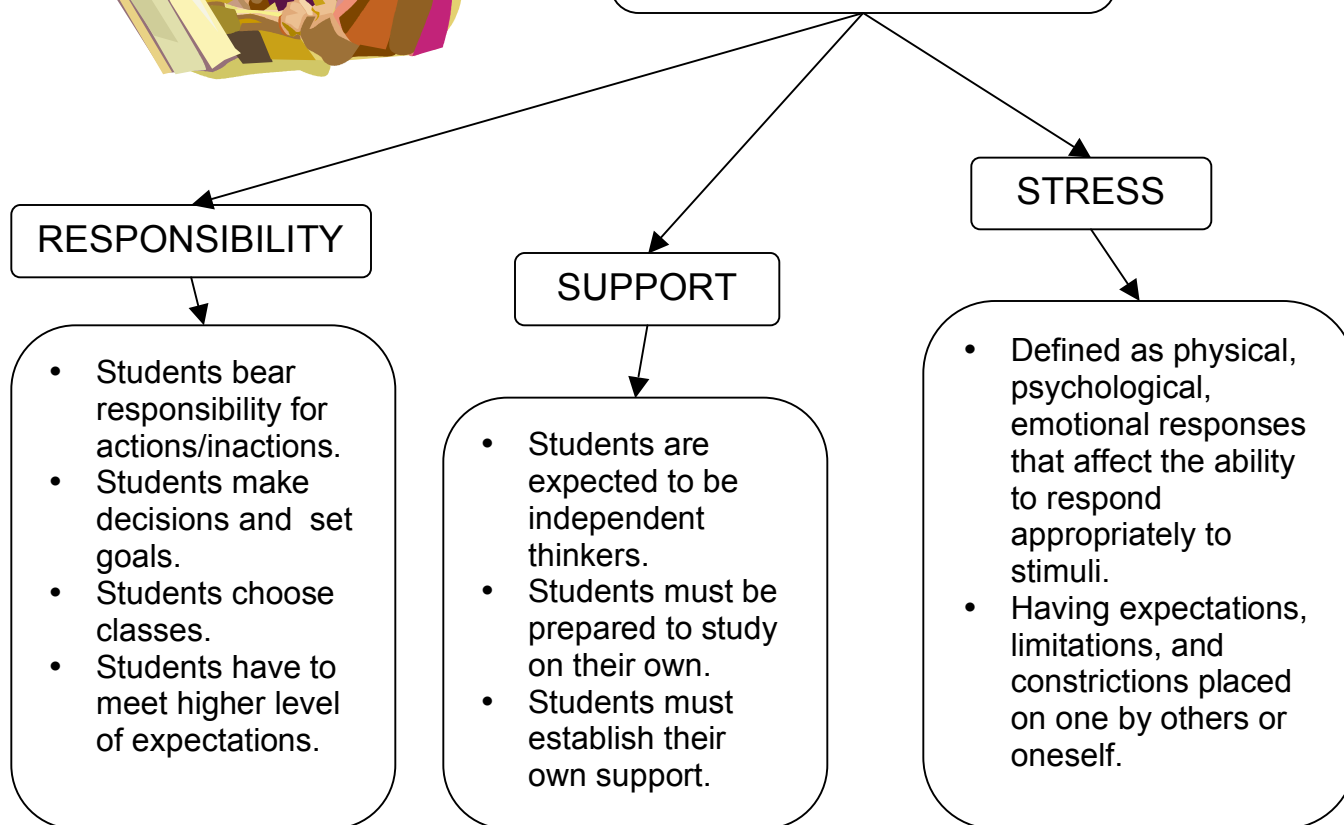


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IN COLLEGE, ALL STUDENTS FACE THREE PRIMARY TRANSITION ISSUES:



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Students with Disabilities

The Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ensure that no otherwise qualified person with a disability is denied access to, benefits of, or is subject to discrimination solely on the basis of disability. At the college level students with disabilities must self-declare and provide recent and adequate documentation of their disability to the Disability Services Office of the college in order to request reasonable accommodations. The student must take the first step of self-advocacy by making sure they go to the appropriate offices.

High School	College
IDEA applies.	ADA and Section 504 apply.
IEP developed and sufficient for documentation.	No IEP required. IEP not sufficient for documentation.
Testing done by school.	Testing may or may not be available at the school site; documentation must be provided in order to receive services.
Eligibility for services is driven by diagnosis.	Eligibility for services is driven by "severity of impact on a major life activity"
Classes meet daily.	Classes meet once/twice a week.
Attendance is legally mandated. School, community, and family accept consequences of non-attendance.	Attendance is the student's responsibility. Student accepts consequences of non-attendance.
Transportation provided.	Transportation must be determined by student and factored into class schedule.
Most work done in class.	Most work done outside of class.
Teachers, staff prompt students about grades.	Student must monitor own progress.
Class time devoted to answering questions and explaining material.	Class time devoted to presenting new material; questions expected to be asked during office hours.
School occurs during set hours.	Student can pick classes for morning, afternoon, or evening.
Often in same classes as peer groups. Sometimes students know same friends from elementary school through high school.	Different classes mean different peer groups in each class. Takes more effort to meet and make friends. Also, students may be away from home for the first time.
Classroom ratios limit the number of students/teacher, allowing a more personal connection. Students see the same teachers every day.	Classes can range from 40-400 students/teacher, depending on the college and the class. Students see faculty less.