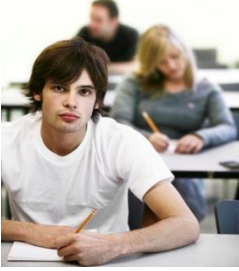


ATTEND CLASS!!



Among the student freedoms in college is the choice not to attend classes. It is in fact true that you do not have to attend every single class of every course to get a decent grade. However, thinking only in terms of grades and how much one can get away with is a dangerous attitude toward college education. The real issue is whether you are trying to get the most out of your education.

Here are some reasons why it is important to attend every class:

- Miss a class and you will miss *something*, even if you never know it. Even if a friend gives you notes for the class, they cannot contain *everything* said or shown by the instructor or written on the board for emphasis or questioned or commented on by other students. What you miss might affect your grade or your enthusiasm for the course. Why go to college at all if you're not going to *go* to college?
- While some students may say that you don't have to go to every class to do well on a test, that is very often a myth. Do you want to take that risk?
- Your final grade often reflects how you think about course concepts, and you will think more often and more clearly when engaged in class discussions and hearing the comments of other students. You cannot get this by borrowing class notes from a friend.
- Research shows there is a correlation between absences from class and lower grades. It may be that missing classes causes lower grades or that students with lower grades miss more classes. Either way, missing classes and lower grades can be intertwined in a downward spiral of achievement.
- Your instructor will note your absences—even in a large class. In addition to making a poor impression, you reduce your opportunities for future interactions. You might not ask a question the next class because of the potential embarrassment of the instructor saying that was covered in the last class, which you apparently missed. Nothing is more insulting to an instructor than when you skip a class and then show up to ask, "Did I miss anything important?"
- You might be tempted to skip a class because the instructor is "boring," but it's more likely that you found the class boring because you weren't very attentive or didn't appreciate how the instructor was teaching.
- You paid a lot of money for your tuition. **Get your money's worth!**

Attending the first day of class is especially critical. There you'll get the syllabus and other handouts, learn the instructor's policies and preferences for how the class will function, and often take notes in an opening lecture.

Let's do some basic attendance math:



Defiance College tuition (excluding room & board or any additional fees and excluding any tuition discount/scholarship or any other financial aid a student may receive)

= \$37,978.00

Per semester tuition cost

=\$18,989.00

Per Credit hour (based on tuition figures above for a full time student and based on a 15 credit hour load for a semester)

= \$1,265.93

So an average three credit hour course costs

= \$3,797.80

If this is a course that meets three times per week for a 15 week semester (excluding exam week), the total cost per class**

= \$87.40

*****If this is a course that meets twice a week, you wasted \$126.59 or if this is a course that meets only once each week, you wasted \$253.19*****

So when you blow-off class, you just threw away \$87.40 for a little extra sleep, one more game on your game system, one more episode on Netflix, or whatever you decided to waste your time doing.

If you work a minimum wage job (currently, \$10.10/hr in the state of Ohio), it would take a little over 8 hours of work to pay yourself back for one hour of missed class.

Do not waste your money...GO TO CLASS!

Additionally, go to class with a positive attitude and motivation to learn.

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