

# Higher Education Basics Custom@uide **Cheat Sheet**

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#### The Basics of Higher Education

Higher education is post-secondary schooling at colleges and universities, aiming for degrees like bachelor's, master's, and doctorates, indicating levels of expertise.

#### **Types of Higher Education Institutions**

#### **Community Colleges:** Universities: Accessible, two-year Large, diverse degrees. advanced degrees. Technical and Vocational Colleges: Schools: Smaller, Career-specific undergraduatetraining. **Liberal Arts Colleges:** Holistic, critical thinking

### How to Write a College Essay

Here is how to write a college essay that is compelling, unique, and highlights your personality, experiences, and aspirations.

- Create an Engaging Introduction.
- Get a Clear Structure.
- Show Your Voice and Revise.



#### Costs and Funding

**Tuition** is the primary college cost, covering instruction, faculty salaries, and academic resources. Additional fees include:

- Mandatory Fees
- Course Fees Solution Solution

**Scholarships and Financial Aids** are fantastic ways to offset tuition and fees. They come in various forms, from:



#### Scholarships:

Financial awards given to students on various criteria.



#### **Grants:**

Need-based and don't require repayment



#### Work-Study **Programs:**

Provide part time jobs on campus to help cover educational costs.

#### The Application Process

#### What is a College Admissions Test?

College admissions tests help colleges assess their readiness for higher education. This includes:

**SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test):** A standardized test with Reading,

Writing, Math sections, & optional Essay, scored from 400 to 1600.



**ACT (American College Testing):** 

Consists of four sections (English, Math, Reading, Science) and an optional Writing part, scored from 1 to 36 with a composite score option.



#### Importance of Picking a Major

Your **choice of major** is not just about selecting a subject to study; it is about shaping your educational path and future career. Here is why it matters:



Your major leads to specialized knowledge.



Majors affect career paths and provide broad industry skills.

education.



Passionate study enhances college motivation.



A major fosters intellectual growth.



#### Student Housing Options



#### **On-Campus Housing:**

Live conveniently close to classes and campus activities.



#### **Off-Campus Housing:**

Experience independence and explore the surrounding community.



#### **Commuting from Home:**

Save on housing costs while staying in a familiar environment.



#### **Temporary Housing:**

Short-term options for transitional or emergency needs.

Your housing choice can significantly impact your college experience, so take the time to consider your:

- Housing options
- Budget
- House preferences

#### Campus Resources

Colleges provide resources to support your college journey. Here is a quick look at key campus resources to enhance your academic experience.

- Academic Support
- Career Services
- Health and Wellness
- Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Campus Life and Activities



#### Study Tips for College

With the right strategies, you can make the most of your academic experience. Here are effective study tips for college to help you grow and succeed:



- 1. Use a planner and prioritize task.
- 2. Create a productive study space.
- 3. Take notes during lecture.
- 4. Stay organize.
- 5. Take breaks.
- 6. Seek help when needed.
- 7. Practice self-care.
- 8. Stay motivated.

#### Post College Steps

#### Internships:

These are temporary, skill-based work, with pay or academic credit. credit.



#### **Co-op Programs:**

These are the extended paid workstudy cycles with immersive learning.

Short-term • Time Multiple work work terms Temporary work • **Structure** Long-term experience partnerships May include • Credit Often for academic credit academic credits Work could be • Compensation • Often paid paid

Tip: Find internships and co-ops by using college career services, searching on job boards like LinkedIn, and networking with professors and Alumni.

#### **Job Search Strategies**

Whether you are a recent graduate a professional looking to switch careers, here are some proven methods to help you simplify your search.

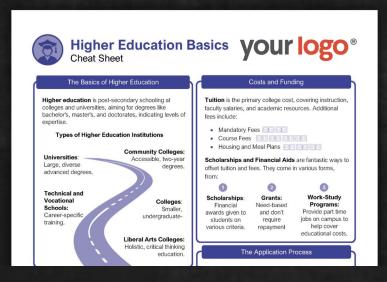
- 1. Explore internships and co-ops programs.
- 2. Leverage Career Services.
- 3. Build your professional network.
- 4. Develop an online portfolio or website.
- 5. Engage in volunteer work or part-time jobs.
- Tailor your resume and cover letter.
- 7. Set job alerts on search engines.
- Practice interviews with mentors. 8.
- Attend networking events in your field.



#### **Job Search Engines**

- LinkedIn
- Indeed
- Glassdoor
- Internships.com
- CareerBuilder







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## Career Development

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**Higher Education** 

Job Hunting

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**Active Shooter** 

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Safety

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# **G** Google

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Drive

Gmail

Sheets

Slides

# **Microsoft**

Access

Copilot

Excel

OneDrive

Outlook

PowerPoint

Teams

Windows

Word

# Leadership

Leadership

Management

Project Management

# Technology

A.I.

**Digital Literacy** 

Software Applications

### Wellness

Mental Health

Personal Growth

Well-Beina

Work/Life Balance

# Diversity & Citizenship

Bias

Diversity

U.S. Citizenship

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