

...Survive Freshman Year At College

Of course, none of us have experienced the dreaded first few days of college, but there are some basic tips that every college freshman should know upon entering campus. That's why *The PawPrint* is here to help.

- 1) Get to know the campus, fast: You don't want to be the sole freshman who asks everyone where to find the dining hall every day, or worse, your dorm. Take a tour before moving in, and maybe carry around a map for the first few days. Or for embarrassment's sake, study it when you're alone in your dorm room.
- 2) Learn to do simple household chores: Your mom is no longer going to be around to do your laundry for you or cook your food. Just remember: separate your darks and lights when washing clothes, and when cooking, aluminum foil does not go in a microwave.
- 3) Stay in touch with friends and family: It's going to be crazy living away from home for the first time, whether it be a few miles away, or states away, but homesickness is normal. Skype, Facebook, and cell phones are here to help.
- 4) Don't make enemies with your roommate: This will be the one person you will probably be spending most of your time with all year long, so play nice. Maybe you'll even make a life-long friend.
- 5) Start saving money: College is expensive, and jobs are hard to find. Now that you'll be off on your own, you'll need money if you plan on surviving.
- 6) Bring more appropriate clothes: No, I do not mean follow the same dress code policy you have had for the past 13 years. Be glad to be rid of it. Just remember that if you are going out-of-state, specifically to the great white north, you may freeze if all you bring is short shorts and tank tops.
- 7) Get involved: College has so much to offer, so please, do not pass up opportunities to enjoy your time more while you have it. Who knows? The yo-yo club may hold many opportunities for you at the collegiate level.

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