



*Disability Support Services*  
**How is PLU Different  
from High School ?**

**Personal Freedom in High School**

High School is mandatory and probably free  
Other people structure your time  
Parents and others guide moral decisions  
Others guide appropriate behavior  
You are a minor

**High School Classes**

You go from one class directly to another  
You spend 30 hours a weeks in class  
A class lasts for 5 to 10 months  
Your school day looks full  
Doing homework is the last part of your day  
Homework is highly structured  
Homework is collected and graded

**High School Teachers**

Carefully monitor attendance  
Remind you of incomplete work  
Approach you if you seem to need help  
Often available to talk before and after class  
Provide you with what you miss if absent  
Follow a textbook  
Write key info on board or give handouts  
Teach to the intellectual middle of the class

**Studying in High School**

Study an hour or so before a test  
Readings are thoroughly discussed in class  
You know what to expect on a test

**Tests in High School**

Testing is frequent and covers one section  
Makeup tests are easily available  
The teacher reminds you to make up a test  
Review sessions are routine  
Tests ask you to give back facts

**Grades in High School**

Everything you do contributes to your grade  
Good homework grades can save you  
Extra credit can help raise a grade  
If grades improve, you get the better grade  
You graduate if you pass required courses

**Personal Freedom at PLU**

College is voluntary and very expensive  
You structure your time  
You make your own moral decisions  
You determine your own behavior  
You are an adult

**PLU Classes**

You may have hours between classes  
You spend about 15 hours a week in class  
A class lasts 14 weeks (or in January, a month)  
Your day looks like you have lots of free time  
Class preparation is an all-day activity  
Study is both assigned and self-directed reading  
Assigned work is usually not collected or corrected, but discussed in class.

**PLU Faculty**

Regular class attendance is expected of all students  
Absence from class for any reason does not excuse the student from completing all course work  
You know what you need to do  
Wait for you to ask for help  
Are available during office hours  
Your responsibility to get what you missed  
Might follow a book. Lectures are equally important  
Expect you to figure out what is important  
Teach at a more challenging level

**Studying in College**

Study 2 or 3 hours per day for each hr. of class  
Readings may not be discussed in class  
Professors say "Know everything" on the material assigned

**Tests in College**

Tests occur every 4-6 weeks and cover a lot  
Makeup tests are seldom an option  
You must take initiative for possible makeup  
Review sessions are rare  
Exams require analysis and synthesis as well as facts

**Grades in College**

Papers and exams determine grades  
Homework carries little or no weight  
Extra credit seldom exists  
Your grades are an average of all exams/papers  
You graduate if your GPA meets requirement

EFFORT  
COUNTS

RESULTS  
COUNT