

# I wish I had known...

The Index staff put together a list of things we wish we had known for our freshman year. This is our bucket list info we want to pass on before we kick the bucket and graduate.

1. It might take time to make close friends.
  - a. That being said, a lot of people make lifelong friends during college.
2. Networking with professors and university staff is important. Sometimes it's intimidating to ask for help but that's why those offices exist — to meet student needs.
3. You get out of college what you put in. Actively participating in extracurricular events makes the college experience more pleasant. It's also a great way to meet friends with similar interests.
4. Professors are going to expect you to be disciplined in your studies all by yourself. No more bringing in notes from Mom detailing why you couldn't finish that 25 page paper.
5. Professors are happy to work with students who show hard work and integrity. They want you to succeed in their class, not fail, which seems to be a stigma often associated with professors.
6. The nacho line at Sodexo is not going to do you any favors in the long run.
7. You will be expected to do a lot of reading. Sometimes, it will seem like more than what is realistically possible. Triage and stock up on coffee.
8. Not everyone is going to share your opinions and values. In college, people come from nearly every walk of life.
9. Your mother is not here to do your laundry for you.
10. The ambitious feelings you have while signing up for an 8 a.m. class do not last.
11. Your friendship/relationship with your roommate will profoundly affect your happiness and quality of life.
12. Failure is inevitable. At some point, you will get a bad grade or miss a due date. It's important to know the world won't end because of a few mistakes.
13. Do your homework on professors before you register for class.
14. Pulling an all-nighter is a realistic possibility. You will also regret it dearly.
15. The stereotype of college kids living on caffeine? It's true. Especially around finals.
16. Alone time will become extremely important.
17. Good grades do not equal a good job. Actively participate in things that will enrich your college experience and add to your résumé.
18. The "freshman fifteen" is totally preventable. Avoid spending Saturdays eating microwave pizza and watching Grey's Anatomy reruns.
19. You don't have to decide your career the second you step onto campus. Most students change their major.
20. Don't expect to enjoy all your classes. At least one of them will be the bane of your existence for a semester.
21. A warm, heavy coat and a pair of boots are a must in Kirksville. The winters get brutal, so enjoy the nice weather while it lasts.

# What did I get myself into?



*Rizwan Mahmood*

## Meet Truman State's "First Family"



Submitted photo Truman State president Troy Paino stands with his two daughters, Chloe, left, and Sophia, right, and his wife Kelly. Together, they are Truman's first family and they live East of campus.

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*I loved my years at Truman and I'm sure you'll love being a Bulldog too!*

*Rebecca McClanahan*

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