

## Pro's and Cons of 2 Year vs. 4 Year Schools

	2 Year Colleges	4 Year Colleges
<b>Advantages</b>	<p>Lowest college tuition available.</p> <p>Living at home saves college room and board money.</p> <p>Easier to get a part-time job because you know the community.</p> <p>Most community colleges are career-oriented. Therefore you can learn a saleable skill within two years.</p> <p>Most community colleges have transfer agreements with four-year colleges to accept their graduates as transfer students.</p> <p>Faculty concentrates on teaching and advising, not research, therefore they're more available. Some teachers are also working professionals in their fields and give hands-on advice and their experience.</p> <p>Equipment and facilities usually are just as good as in other colleges, as they are publicly funded.</p> <p>You can stay close to your friends and family.</p>	<p>You learn how to live independently.</p> <p>Living in a dorm forces you to learn to live with other people with different backgrounds and from distant places.</p> <p>Opportunity to make friends who have your interests.</p> <p>Broad and deeper selection of courses and faculty. More liberal arts courses than found in career-oriented institutions.</p> <p>Advanced students can start to take upper-level courses early.</p> <p>Faculty is often engaged in interesting research.</p> <p>Libraries are often larger and more in-depth.</p> <p>A 4-year degree is the only path to graduate school</p>
<b>Disadvantages</b>	<p>Commute time takes away from time you could be studying or working.</p> <p>Some community college students feel it is like "advanced high school," because many students from their school are also attending.</p> <p>No opportunity for advanced students to take upper-level courses.</p> <p>Some four-year colleges won't accept all of the credits earned at a community college for transfer toward graduation.</p>	<p>Higher cost than a two-year school.</p> <p>Commits you to four years. Half of a four-year program is not as complete as a full two-year program.</p> <p>More opportunities for distractions when living away from home.</p> <p>Many large colleges use graduate students for teaching in addition to fully-credentialed faculty.</p>