

College Prep Vocabulary

Liberal Arts College: A four year college that has a variety of majors you can study and is typically smaller than a university and has smaller classes. You graduate with a *bachelor's degree*.

Community College: A two year college that can give you an *associate's degree* or prepare you for a four year college. These schools are usually in your hometown.

University: A four year college that has many subjects to study and is typically bigger than other schools. Universities can have a *liberal arts college* and *graduate schools* as part of them.

Trade School: A school that helps train you and gives you necessary skills to start a career. A lot of classes involve hands-on learning.

Graduate School: School beyond a four year college. These include medical school, law school, or engineering. You can graduate with a *masters or doctorate degree*.

Financial Aid: This is money to help you pay for college that can either come from the college, the government, or businesses. These can be scholarships, loans, or jobs that pay.

Grade Point Average: This is your grade in high school and/or college. Schools use this to help them see how you are doing in class.

SAT: This is a test you take in high school that measures your math, reading, and writing skills. A lot of schools colleges and universities require you to take this.

Common Application: This is one application you fill out that lets you apply to hundreds of colleges in the country.

GED: This stands for General Equivalency Diploma, and this is an option for people who take time off from high school.

Study Abroad: If you study abroad in college, you can travel around the world, learn another language, and meet different people while learning.

Community Service: Helping people in your community can help you get into college.

Major: A major is a subject you choose to study in college. You can go into college knowing your major, or you can go into college not knowing what you want to study. Some examples are business, computers, biology, history, or arts.