

Question 1: What Is University?

A grade of D- is a pass for a course. Too many “D”s however, will create academic risk. Your academic standing is reviewed each year and decisions are made about whether you are allowed to continue at the university and in your program.

To continue at the university you are generally required to have a cumulative average of 3.5. Sometimes it will be decided that you may continue on academic probation if your average is between 3.0 and 3.4. If it is lower than that you may be asked to withdraw.

Universities honour outstanding students. Each year, in many universities, exceptional students with a minimum average of 9.5 on at least 30 units are named to the Dean’s Honour List. Students are usually assessed after the Fall/Winter or Summer sessions, when a minimum of 30 units has been completed.

If you go to university without a realistic view of what to expect, a lot of time (and possibly money) will be lost as you adjust to university realities. The following questionnaire lets you check to see if you have accurate ideas about university.

Circle *True* or *False* for the following questions.

1. University is a lot harder than high school. T or F
2. It is impossible to go to university if you or your parents have not saved a lot of money. T or F
3. University is always a better choice, if you can do it, than college or a trade. T or F
4. It is necessary to know what career you want before applying to university. T or F
5. You must know your Major in order to apply to university. T or F
6. There is no penalty for not attending classes since attendance is not taken. T or F
7. In university you are basically on your own. There is not a lot of help available because there are so many students. T or F
8. In first year all lectures have between 200 to 500 students. T or F
9. If you have the marks and the money you should definitely go to university. T or F
10. You must be careful choosing your university because some universities are known to be better than others and will allow you to get a better job when you graduate. T or F
11. University guarantees me that I will earn more money when I graduate. T or F
12. A Canadian university is not equivalent to big universities in the States or England. T or F
13. It is easy to get lecture notes online. You don’t have to go in person to the lecture. T or F
14. Since first year is a year of adjustment your marks in first year don’t matter. T or F
15. Arts and Humanities students don’t get jobs. T or F
16. You need really high marks (over 80%) to be accepted to university. T or F
17. All universities offer basically the same programs. T or F
18. If I play sports and have been really involved at my high school my marks don’t have to be as high to get in. T or F
19. Each university program automatically has a certain fixed cut-off average mark that is required. T or F
20. All my marks from Grade 11 and 12 are averaged together for the mark that the universities consider. T or F