



50 Things You Can Do In College, Even If The School Isn't Famous.

1. Eat late night pizza in the dorms.
2. Take road trips.
3. Play intramural basketball games. At midnight.
4. Choose classes you want to take.
5. See how many straight nights you can eat spaghetti.
6. Be a resident advisor in the dorms.
7. Do research in physics with a professor.
8. Meet your future husband or wife.
9. Meet the person who will one day be your maid of honor or best man.
10. Paint your face in the school's colors for the big game.
11. Have a professor who tells you that she sees great potential in your work.
12. Enjoy late night conversations with your new friends in the dorm.
13. Create memories with your friends that will make you smile when you're fifty.
14. Write for the campus newspaper.
15. Sit with a professor during her office hours and realize you're chatting with the person who wrote the textbook you're using in class.
16. Play mud football games on Sundays.
17. Study abroad in Italy. Or Greece. Or Australia.
18. Pull an all nighter studying with your friends.
19. Go to parties. Good ones.
20. Participate in campus traditions.
21. Sing (obscene) songs to your college's rival at the homecoming game.
22. Work a part-time job at the campus coffee shop, or the library, or at the restaurant in town.
23. Discover your academic passions.
24. Play in the school's marching band.
25. Participate in the engineering Olympics.
26. Feel like you're getting a little smarter every day.
27. Realize that you are actually excited to attend your classes.
28. Leave everything you didn't like about high school behind.
29. Go on a camping trip with your new friends.
30. Find an internship in a career that looks interesting.
31. Meet mentors who will help you reach your potential.
32. Celebrate the end of finals week with your fellow students.
33. Take a class that has absolutely nothing to do with your major just because it looks interesting.

34. Go to the school's football games. Or the basketball games. Or the hockey games.
35. Spend Thanksgiving with a friend's family because they live closer to campus.
36. Camp out to get basketball tickets.
37. Eat Top Ramen, or cereal, or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for dinner.
38. Write a senior thesis on a subject you get to pick.
39. Spend your summer getting career experience in an area you find interesting.
40. Study in the park. In between Frisbee tossing.
41. Excel academically and enjoy what you're learning.
42. Make the kind of friends you know will be in your life for a very long time.
43. Do community service with your college friends.
44. Find your natural talents and interests.
45. Discover what you want to do with your life.
46. Do things that, one day, your kids won't be able to imagine mom or dad doing.
47. Join a fraternity or sorority.
48. Participate in an outdoor education program.
49. Graduate and marvel at how far you've come, how much you've grown, and how much you've learned over the last four years.
50. See how proud your parents are at your graduation.

How many of those are actually factored into the US News College rankings?

