

# UARC Summer Email – Week 5

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This week we want to talk about starting your first semester of college **STRONG!** There is a lot to cover on this topic so we will continue it into next week.

First we want to share some differences that you might experience in college in regards to academic/classroom expectations. Overall, college is going to require more independent learning compared to high school and **DOING WORK OUTSIDE** of class time is going to be a **BIG KEY** to your success. Review the sample of differences below as you start to prepare for your first semester.

High School	College
20-30 students in class	15-150 students in class
Teacher reminds you what to do and when it's due	Syllabus is your guide for course, assignments, readings
Attendance may be flexible	Attendance expected
Study for a test tomorrow	Study 7-10 days before a test
Missed assignment can be made up	Missed assignment loses points for grade
Up to 8 hours of class + 1-2 hours of study/homework a day	Average 2-4 hours of class + 5-7 hours of study/homework a day

This can seem overwhelming and starting your first semester comes with a lot of emotions. One great way to help with this transition to college is by taking **ACADEMIC SKILLS 125 – Comprehensive Study Skills**. This course is designed to help students gain the skills and techniques to be academically successful, in areas like textbook study, taking lecture notes, time management,

memory & test taking and so much more! If you are interested in this 1 credit course for fall, you can [add it to your schedule in TitanWeb!](#)

Next week's topic = More strategies for starting strong!

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