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There are many benefits for students to choose community college first over university; therefore, many students who choose community college first have a better life and academic balance compared to university students. From personal experience the workload from a university is much more intense and laborious than community college. The benefits of a student going to community college first is affordable tuition, flexible schedule, smaller classes, low cost degrees along with most community colleges being local.

While a handful students have gotten accepted into university, many students still choose to go to community college because of the affordable tuition. University tuitions in California on average cost around three thousand dollars a semester, which totals to six thousand dollars a year. While tuition from community college in California cost close to two thousand dollars a year. An article written by CollegeCal states, “The average annual in-state four year college tuition in California was \$24,481 for the 2019-2020 academic year”. The yearly cost for attending university is triple the amount of community college. The first two years of university all students are required to complete their prerequisites, the same prerequisites that can be done at a local community college for less cost. Although Fasfa covers most of the tuition cost for the university, this only applies to full time students. A part time student that wants to attend a university will have to pay double the amount than a full time or part time student in community college. Community college allows part time and full time students to have the full experience of a university without the cost.

Another reason why many people choose community college over university is because community college allows students to have a flexible schedule. As stated before Fafsa requires students to be full time in order to cover the cost of their university tuition. Because of this requirement it does not allow students to have a flexible schedule. This requirement does not allow single mothers, part time workers, and full time workers to continue their education with a flexible schedule. While community college tuition is so affordable that it allows part time students to continue their education with a flexible schedule. In an article written by Tom Hanks, Hanks states, “Classmates included veterans back from Vietnam, women of every marital and maternal status returning to school, middle-aged men wanting to improve their employment prospects and paychecks.” Every person that Tom Hanks includes in this list either has a full time job or other responsibilities that take up most of their time. But due to community college having night classes and a lower tuition cost this allows students to continue their education without the stress of having to be full time.

Students who attend community college first will have a better life and academic balance throughout their experience. Those Students who are attending a community college will have a flexible school schedule than those attending university. An article written by theproductiveengineer states that university students study on average 14 to 18 hours per week, while students from community college average around 8 to 10 hours per week. For a Full time university student who wants to work a part time job, will find it difficult to obtain a healthy balance of school and work.

Personally, the workload that University gives is more demanding compared to community college. While jumping straight into a university isn’t bad, many students will have a hard time transitioning from their workload. This workload will put more pressure on students

and cause them to fail classes, especially if they have a part time job. An article by Laura W. Perna and Taylor K. states that many full students attending college and university are working more than twenty hours a week. Working twenty hours a week while having a laborious workload from school is one of the biggest reasons why most students should choose community college over university first. From personal experience entering university straight out of highschool does not prepare students for the workload ahead. Another advantage about attending community college is the accessibility of reaching out to a professor. There is a big percentage of community college students that are full time students and full time workers. The only reason this is more common is because community college allows students to have a flexible schedule. Many students from community college get better quality time with professors. Aside from the workload, another disadvantage that university students are facing is the lack of support from professors. Due to the huge volume of students that university professors face every day. While Community college classes are much smaller, university classes have 50 to 60 average. This will be a much more pleasant experience for students that need help. While jumping straight into a university is not bad, many students will have a hard time transitioning from their workload.