

# **You've read my manual. Now ask me questions.**

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The stakes are high. College tuition is high. The value of your time is high. If you make a needless mistake, this cost will be high. It could cost you thousands of dollars. It might even cost you your career.

If you want to reduce the likelihood of making a mistake, ask questions. Look before you leap.

If you have read *Affordable Accredited Colleges*, you have a lot of specific questions. What should you do next? Which program best fits your plans? What mix of the seven alternative tracks is best for you? How should you budget your time? Which courses should you take first?

Who can you ask about this? As your guidance counselor. Ask your teachers. Then ask me.

Problem: Because so many people have downloaded my manual, I could not possibly answer all of the questions everyone has. So, I have set up some hoops for readers to jump through. The main one is the requirement that a reader order my free study habits course. Only there do people learn about this offer.

If you have clicked through to read Lesson #1, you know that I have a web site. The lessons are posted on my site. Part of my site is open to the public. Part of it is closed: members-only.

My site was originally designed for investors. But I have added sections exclusively for college-bound students and enrolled college students who are trying to avoid the pitfalls. I have created a members-only department called **College Finances**. Here, you can monitor what is going on in the realm of college financing. Where is the money?

Site members can access several **question and answer forums**. There, they can ask me anything regarding their plans. I have created several forums for college-bound students:

**College – Which Approach?**

**College – Getting In**

**College – Part-Time Job**

**College – Which Major?**

I also have a forum on **Study Techniques**. (Note: I don't help with term papers. Sorry about that.)

On these forums, you can post questions on any aspect of getting into and through college. I will sometimes answer these questions if I know the answers. Other students may answer some of them. [My site is a mutual assistance community forum.](#)

When you join my site, you will be able to access all of the departments and the forums. Initially, you will probably be interested only in the college materials. But you may find that other parts of the site interest you: departments on career planning, goal-setting, budgeting, and starting a home business. You will have access to all of the departments, forums, and the free reports in the *Members' Free Manuals* section of **Special Reports**.

As free bonuses for those who join my site through this offer, I send two reports: *College Pitfalls* and *Surviving College*. They offer practical advice on how to select and then survive a conventional on-campus university strategy. I realize that some students will not adopt my four-year strategy. Here is what they cover. . . .

***College Pitfalls:***

- The Truth About University Teaching
- Lectures vs. Reading
- Flunking Out and Dropping Out
- The True Costs of a College Education
- The Financial Burden
- The Truth About College Scholarships
- Tuition Discrimination
- Debt for College
- Lost Time, Lost Money
- A Part-Time Job in College
- Preparing for the SAT/ACT Exam
- AP and CLEP Credits
- Self-Confidence and College Success
- Choosing a College
- How Large a School?
- Living Quarters
- The Campus Visit
- Making the Transition to College
- How Much Does the Major Matter?
- Getting Everything You Pay For
- The Faculty Advisor
- The Importance of Scuttlebutt
- Extracurricular Sink Holes

Phone Bills

***Surviving College:***

A College Degree: Costs and Benefits  
Surviving the First Term  
Study Habits and Course Selection  
Reading, Writing, and Exams  
Extracurricular Activities  
The Dating Business (It's No Game)  
Upper Division  
If You Flunk Out

These manuals can save you a lot of grief, especially the grief of flunking out. They are practical. They are included in the \$97 version of this manual. The full version is titled ***America's Lowest Cost Colleges***. You can buy it on my site. But you already have the manual on alternative tracks. So, you may choose to get both as free bonuses by joining the site.

There's more. . . .

There was an amazing educational tool that I used back in 1990 or so: a CD-ROM that had thousands of books, essays, and literature on it. The collection was indexed. You could search for any word or phrase – kind of like Google, but long before Google or the Web. It was a perfect tool for writing term papers, finding key quotes, making connections, etc.

Each year, more materials were added, until it had 5,000+ items. Then the product went off the market sometime around 2000.

Recently, an entrepreneur discovered it, bought the publishing rights, and now gives it away. That's right: gives! All you have to pay is postage and handling (under \$8). I will tell where you can order it after you join my site. You will receive a **Welcome aboard!** e-mail. In that e-mail are links to both of my bonus manuals and also a link to the site where you can get CD-ROM.

If you join, I strongly suggest that you do **not** use your full name as your Member ID. Use your first name, middle initial, and last initial. Or make up a name.

The members-only section of my site has a subscription fee: \$9.95 a month. This is billed to your debit card every 31 days. If you think this is a lot of money, consider the costs of attending college. What are the costs of making a major mistake? More than \$9.95 a month.

Think of it this way. You would spend at least this much to go out to one movie (alone)

and buy a box of popcorn. I hope hiring me as your personal “coach” to help get you into and through college is worth a movie and a box of popcorn each month. If not. . . ?

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