Collegewise

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?