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 Derek Wyatt

YES, professors probably enjoy teaching and hearing themselves talk--why else would they become teachers? Of course, the large number of hours required for a professor getting educated and the minimum wage salary is hardly enough to entice many people to work these long hours. Why should students be allowed to use tax payers' money to attend class and pay these professors? They are wasting the professors time and the tax payers' money. Students have a choice to attend or not by not enrolling. How many movies do people pay to attend, but refuse to go?

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 Tired of Trolls · 4 days ago

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Obviously "Ramon" is a troll who is simply looking to elicit a reaction.

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I suppose the notion of skipping class because you "pay" for your tuition would be akin to this, Would you feel comfortable if medical school didn't require students to attend class? Is it really ok if all they have to do is pass a pencil and paper test? No clinical work on cadavers? There is no way anyone would accept that. In business school for instance, everything is group work. You work on group projects in class and out of class. You have to be there, it is part of the curriculum. For those of you who argue this nonsense about not having to attend class it reminds me of a famous educational quote, "Education is the one thing people are willing to pay for and not get."

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 SamtheProfessor · 5 days ago

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Many of the students posting here subscribe to the common fallacy that students are the customers of public universities. This is not true. Society is the customer, students (or rather graduates) are the *product*. Good universities turn out good product. No institution can ensure a good product by only utilizing scores on paper exams. Depth of knowledge is only gained through active engagement by participation in learning activities. Some students may be able to achieve reasonable exam scores through self-study but lack true understanding of the material. It is perfectly reasonable for professors to use attendance/participation to reflect this in students' grades as they are making themselves an inferior product of the system and should be designated as such. Yes, bad professors and bad classes lead to bad product as well, that's why you should select your institution carefully. However, once you are in the system, it is your responsibility to make as good a product of yourself as possible so that society reaps the maximum gain from its investment in you. If you choose not to do that please make room for someone more motivated that realizes that knowledge is more complex than what can be demonstrated by filling in the correct circles on a m/c exam.

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The argument that you "PAY" for college and therefore should be able to skip class if you want is simply not true. Most students attend school with some assistance from Federal Loans and Grants. This is not your money, it is tax payers money. Furthermore, tuition accounts for nearly nothing of a University's operating costs. The overwhelming majority of university operating expenses are paid through endowments (such as an endowed chair which is simply a position paid for by investments by the university) and for public institutions, tax funds. So no matter what the case, public or private, even if you pay your tuition in full without any assistance you still don't come remotely close to putting a dent in what it would cost if schools endowments and tax funds didn't pay for operating costs. Schools endowments pay for the primary part of what it costs to run the university, not your tuition. So you need to come off that argument because it is weak.

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 Jennifer · 6 days ago

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I'm shocked by the rebuttal; you seem very offended, but from your ratings, it seems like most love you! I'd have rated you as hot, anyway. Those eyes!

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 Adult Student22 · 1 week ago

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Sigh here i go. I'm just going to say that we as students are professor's dogs. Professors can go as far as they want as long as they are legally given the right to. You don't like it? Well change the policies, if you think the majority in your school are willing to protest. Majority rules.

Personally, yes. Teachers should grade through class content knowledge only other than one's attendance. College now, not high school; we are ADULTS.

But your the teacher and you make the syllabus. Go ahead. I just hope you know your material as professors and show care (other than attendance) for students' learning the course content.

Excuse my writing, it might not make sense since I am writing fast.

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James Farren · 1 week ago

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Alright, here is my soapbox moment.

Students who persistently and wantonly skip class because they merely want to, under the guise of paying for their classes are not only doing themselves and fellow classmates an injustice, but the entire academic institution. Think about this: you receive your degree in, let's say, psychology, from a distinguished institution; you decide that you are now going to go for your MA and Ph.D. however, while getting your BA the three classes you chose to slack in are now being built further upon. What do you do?

A teacher's responsibility is not just to stand there and talk. It is to educate, inform, advise, and engage; it is to teach you to think critically and to analyze. This is a major dichotomy in education in balancing the responsibility of the instructor and the student. In a college setting, the student bears much greater responsibility, and rightfully so. This is why there is an admissions process, to the best extent possible, to filter out those students who have less than favorable likelihood of success. Students today often forget, in their fallacious entitlement though processes, that postsecondary education is a right; it is NOT. Postsecondary education is a revocable privilege. Just like driving a car is, if you break the rules of the road, your driving PRIVILEGE may be revoked, so it should be in a college education: break the rules of the class or school and have the privilege of higher learning revoked.

I would not want someone performing a service for me, be it medical, technical, financial, etc., who could not be responsible enough in getting the best service of their education as that will show me that for them, "acceptable" is mediocrity.

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vito · 1 week ago

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i'd love to take his class, sounds like a kickass professor

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toodles · 3 weeks ago

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As an adult "nontraditional" student I believe that attendance is not necessary. I have paid for the course and it is my choice to attend. I have multiple responsibilities. Mommy and daddy are not funding my education. If a professor proves to be wasting my time (ex. incessantly talking about her grandchildren) then I reserve the right to not attend lecture. My time is valuable and do not appreciate when it is being wasted. I can prepare for the course at home and in a way that is tailored to my strengths and areas I am weak in. Sometimes I think people teach because they like to hear themselves talk.

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Marsha Dutton · 1 week ago

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Students who don't attend class often expect professors to meet with them individually to explain what they taught in class, or to respond to emails. Aside from such requests for private tutorials from the professors--forcing them to put aside preparing for class, grading papers, writing syllabi or letters of recommendation or course descriptions or book orders in order to help the student who decided to sleep in--such students are necessarily unprepared for the next class, requiring the professor to double back in explanation and instruction, thereby cheating the students who were present and already heard the instruction the first time. Students who skip class also deny their peers of the insights and questions they might offer in class--many university classes rely on discussion as a means of instruction (we call it active learning), and even lecture classes allow for some questions and comments. Students who fail to attend fail their part in the educational process and end up learning less, being less prepared, and getting less bang for the buck than those who regularly go to class. It's not only selfish to cut class, hurting other students and asking more of the professor, but injurious to the one who cuts.

Why in the world would any thoughtful, self-concerned person pay for (and get financial aid from the school and the government) being taught by experts in a field and then decide that he or she can do it just as well alone? There are on-line programs where you can buy a diploma, if that's what you want. If you want an education, why not take advantage of it? Would you pay for a doctor's care and then decide that you could do your own surgery?

Well, probably. It makes sense.

Smart people take advantage of the full range of educational opportunities that they or their parents or their university or their government--and probably all of the above--offer them instead of deciding they can do it themselves. If you WANT to do it yourself, then for heaven's sake do so and don't take up the time of the professors and students who are doing their best to provide you an education.

But boy, I hope you don't after skipping out on classes get a job as an engineer designing bridges or airplane engines, or as a doctor or lawyer, or as a high school teacher.

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kc99 · 2 weeks ago

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Also his comparison about 'deciding to not show up to work' as comparable to 'not going to class' is absurd. I get PAID to go to work. I PAY to go to school.

HUGE difference.

Yes, kids need to learn responsibility. If they miss class too frequently, they will probably do poorly on exams and assignments. If they can't learn from that, then marking them down even more due to attendance is silly.

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Sam · 1 week ago

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Do you want fries with that?

Most of these posts are clear: Professors = "service providers". "We pay for the service." The mind-set is "one size fits all. " Mostly I don't like to think of myself as a McEmployee, providing a McEducation with an unconditional A satisfaction guarantee. But I can tell you this: I will be thinking of this model when I design my next course. Thanks for the reality check. Expect a meal, but no nourishment.

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Melissa · 1 week ago

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-Really? All of this is silly.

-We all have different circumstances. Some of us work harder than others. Institutions decide how much we pay. This is how it goes. This crying is making me need to slam some coffee to stay awake.

-Next.

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marquis johnson · 2 weeks ago

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i am taking a course from mohammad sangledji from cal state northridge/ california lutheran university. i read a post from you and you said his exams are from the "gleim book" would you happen to still know this book?

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Soap box moment:

Our taxes go into a pool and get distributed, the better a school does (or rather the better the results) the more funding they get. I understand that my tuition doesn't cover the cost to set the class up, to use the facility, pay the professor, utilize the resources, or have the other support services allow me to be there.

But here's the kicker... we can learn anywhere from anyone, the trick is finding someone willing, and knowledgeable. Their credibility is left up to us to decide whether they are worth learning from. In my opinion I've learned more at work than I have my entire academic career and they will pay me for training and pay for the course, if I don't attend ALL THE TIME, but still have the results, then they still see it as not wasted. If funding should be an issue then they should pay more attention to results and student retention and not care so much how us students get there. I can't tell you how many cases I've seen that a school will take that government funding and use it to build a large ornate building as long as it still qualifies with the conditions of use. I can only imagine where else some of it goes to burn it up as well. Some of these buildings have tons of wasted or underutilized space with high utility costs, just so they wouldn't have to give that funding back. We all pay taxes and want to see our money go towards causes beneficial to society, our tuition contributes as well. All I see a School is a one-stop shop ensuring students with a facility to use, resources, support staff and credible teachers to give us that piece of paper at the end that tells us that we are credible to do work too. Less risky that way.

But the fact of the matter is we can be credible and qualified to do work just by learning in general and it doesn't have to be through an institution. I've seen people design tools and equipment for the oil industry with nothing more than an environmental engineering degree or no degree at all. Schools provide some form of quality control and a way to monitor results for funding. Professors just need to focus on results and retention, and I'll feel that my tax money isn't being wasted.

I'm both a full time student and an employee, I'm able to see ahead of time what I think will be beneficial to my career and credibility. Yes the road is longer and usually more stressful, but I get to learn from both worlds. Somehow I've managed that with a level that is acceptable to both company and school. I completely respect what professors have to offer and what they want to accomplish, but to me this sounds like they get insulted if you don't show up that you don't care to hear what they have to say. If I'm still providing results why should they care how often I'm there? If they want to see that desk filled with students just as passionate about the material as they are rather than those of us that are there as a requirement, then quit making me take classes that I won't need for my career. Give me an adjunct professor with applicable knowledge in the industry and have credibility any day. They typically understand where I'm coming from and still allow me the flexibility in my busy life to succeed in both worlds.

Alright I'll get off the box now.

Sincerely,

Fellow Student, Employee & Tax payer.

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 Briana · 2 weeks ago

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Wow. This is an intense little debate people have going.

Here's the thing for me. Yes, we pay to go to school. We pay for the service. But it is for our future, God willing. The education we are receiving is supposed to lead to our careers. So why not go?

Sure, stuff comes up. You're sick. Your kid is sick. You got your heart broken. You got in a wreck. Whatever. But just because you didn't feel like going? No, classes might not be a responsibility to the school, but they are a responsibility to yourself. If you don't want to go, fine. But it's on you when you're out there unable to keep a job because you never learned anything.

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