Financial Literacy

WVUE 191



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WHY IS FINANCIAL LITERACY IMPORTANT?

- It's easier to spend than to save
- It will help you to set short term and long term goals
- It's part of daily life
- It will allow you to build wealth

Managing your money is key to achieving academic and professional success!



EVERFI MODULE: BUDGET HACKS FOR COLLEGE

- https://wvu.everfi-next.net/
- Click on #2 Budgeting
- Choose the Budget Hacks for College Module (4 mins)



WHAT DIFFERENT COLLEGE MAJORS EARN: WHAT IS YOUR END GAME?

Choice of Major	Mean Annual Earnings (for all workers— regardless of experience) ^a
Chemical Engineering	\$87,903
Physics/Astronomy	\$80,963
Accounting	\$73,847
Financial Management	\$72,900
Marketing	\$66,611
Political Science	\$66,261
History	\$59,878
Nursing	\$59,292
Psychology	\$58,111
English	\$56,861
Secondary School Teacher	\$52,120
Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies	\$49,352
Dramatic Arts	\$48,360
Social Work	\$44,006

^a2011 dollars.

Source: National Science Foundation, 2003 National Survey of College Graduates, updated by Neeta Fogg, Paul Harrington, and Thomas Harrington, *College Majors Handbook*, 2nd ed. (St. Paul, MN: JIST Works, 2004) and Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Compensation Survey—2010, www.bls.gov/ ncs/ncswage2010.htm.



THE BIG QUESTION

- Where does all your money go?
 - Planning and budgeting requires control
 - Track your expenses and income
 - Develop a plan of action



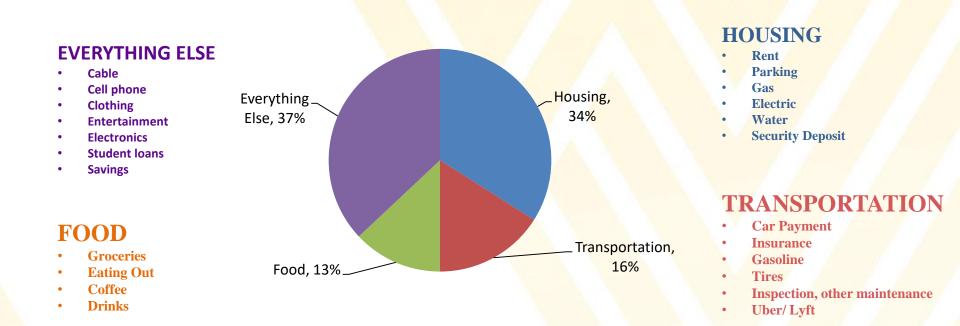
SOURCES OF INCOME IN COLLEGE

- Scholarships
- Loans
- Stipends
- Work
- Parents



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USES OF INCOME





PAYBACK

- Go to <u>www.timeforpayback.com</u> (20 minutes)
 - As you play the game keep track of your choices on the sheet provided
 - Remember to try to make choices that align with where you are right now
 - Pay attention to your debt levels, happiness, focus and connectivity...the goal is to have the least amount of debt, and be happy, focused and connected!



PAYBACK: SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Break into groups of 2-4 and answer the discussion questions (10 minutes)



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PAYBACK: LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

- What are some of the lessons that you learned from playing this game that you could apply in your own lives?
- How easy or difficult was it to balance happiness, focus, and connections? What were some of the strategies that helped or hurt you in these areas?
- What do you think will have the biggest impact on your debt levels?

