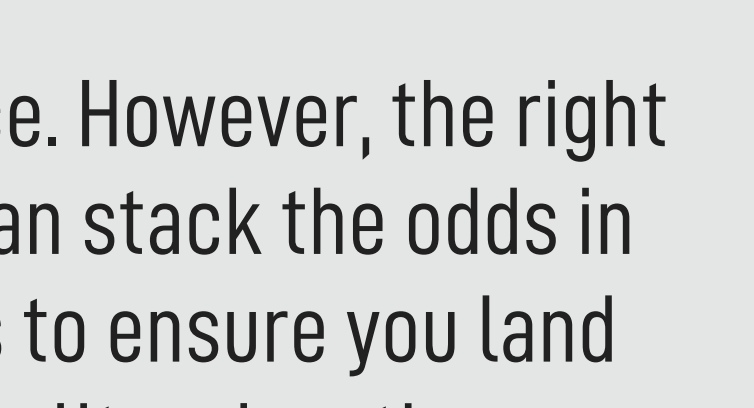
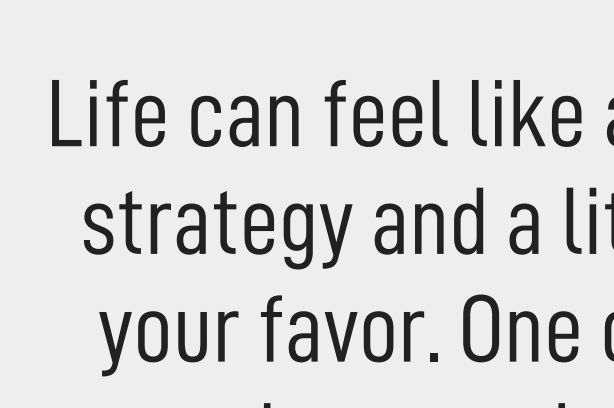


Choose Your Path

Online Education

vs.

On-Campus Education



Life can feel like a game of chance. However, the right strategy and a little reflection can stack the odds in your favor. One of the best ways to ensure you land where you hope is to get a quality education.



Americans increasingly **RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF COLLEGE**.

Collectively, we're more educated than ever before.

More than
1/3



of Americans over the age of 25 hold a college degree.

[Learn more](#)

In 1940, that figure was just **4.6%**

9 out of 10
NEW JOBS

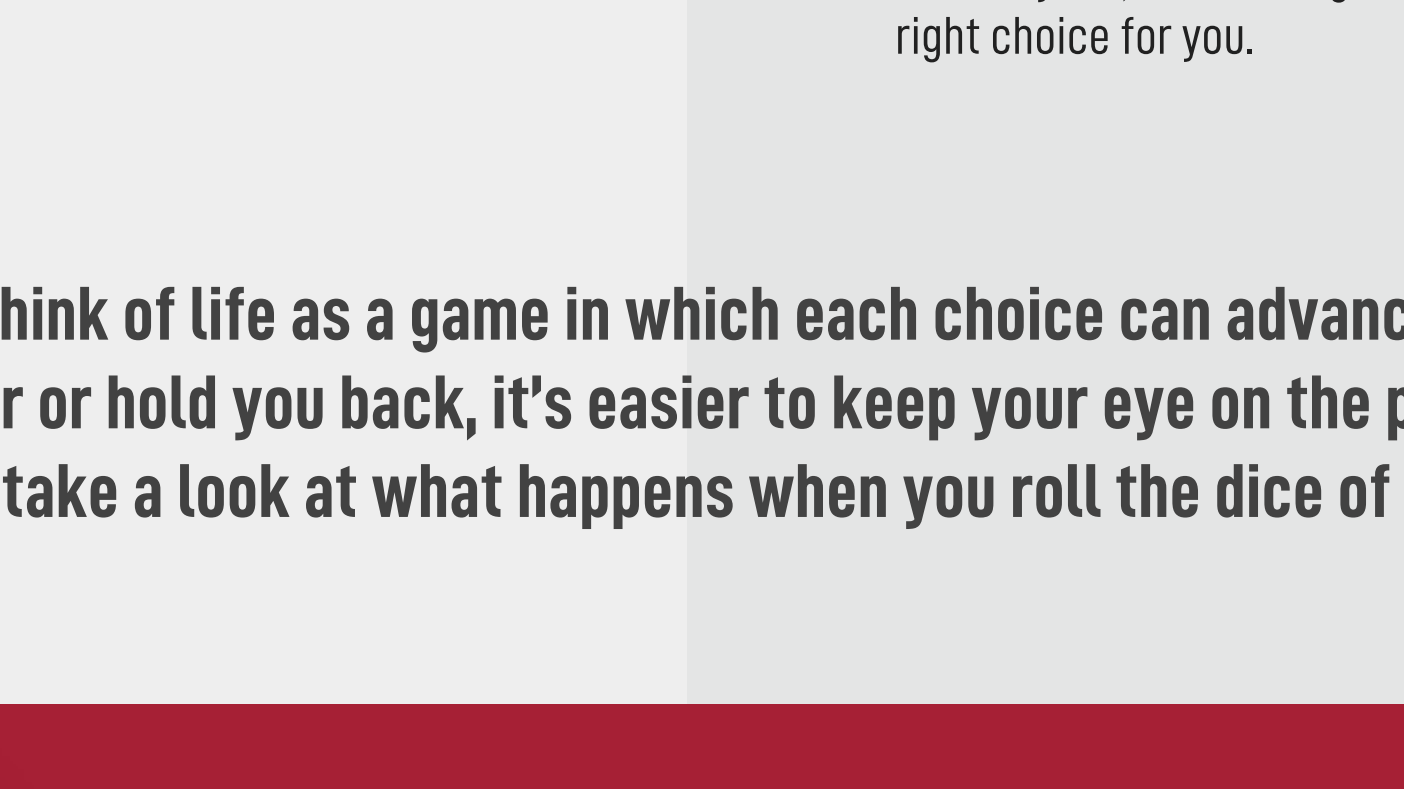


required a college degree in 2018. That means that college graduates, who are still a minority of the population, get to pick among the cream-of-the-crop careers.

[Learn more](#)

People with **LESS EDUCATION** are left to compete for an increasingly shrinking number of jobs.

Weighing your options for the future can feel exhausting, especially when you're bogged down by the concerns of the present: paying bills, managing parenthood, trying to sock away some money, identifying opportunities at work, and so much more.



Online Education

On-Campus Education

For many Americans, an online education is an ideal option that blends convenience and affordability with a quality education.

Others still prefer the interpersonal interaction and on-campus experience that comes with traditional college programs. Neither is the right choice for everyone, but one might be the right choice for you.

If you think of life as a game in which each choice can advance you further or hold you back, it's easier to keep your eye on the prize. Let's take a look at what happens when you roll the dice of life.

Roll the Dice

and Begin Your Journey

In 1940, less than 10 percent of Americans completed college. Even high school was relatively rare, with only about a quarter of the population graduating from four-year schools. Today, more and more careers demand a college education. In 2016, 69.7 percent of high school graduates enrolled in college. **Less than two-thirds** will graduate, and about a third will leave before the end of their first year. For many, that all-important college degree still feels out of reach.

School cultures are changing, with academic institutions increasingly prioritizing student needs. It's easier today to attend and graduate college than it was even just a few years ago.

Students have access to a wide range of financial aid opportunities, course structures are often more flexible, and many schools have offices dedicated to student retention.

Perhaps the biggest change has been the shift toward online courses. A 2017 survey found that 48 percent of students take at least one class online. Some love the convenience so much that they choose to take only distance classes. Thanks to increasing demand for more educated workers and similar economic forces, most new online students are not recent high school graduates. In the 2015-2016 year, just five percent of online enrollees were first-time students.

Of course, there are still many benefits to a traditional education, especially for students who relish in-person interaction. Envisioning your journey down each potential path may help you decide which is right for you.

Some factors you may wish to consider before investing in your education include:



JOURNEY ONE Online Education at SNU

JOURNEY TWO On-Campus Education at SNU

If you think your next game maneuver might be toward online education, the most important thing to consider is how the program fits into your life.

Face-to-face education is a familiar option that matches many students' expectations. If you think this format better suits your needs, here are some things you'll need to know.

Reasons to Consider Online Education

An online degree might be a great move if:

- You live in an area with a long commute or bad traffic.
- Local schools don't meet your needs.
- You prefer to work independently.
- You find traditional class settings intimidating or uncomfortable.
- You are uncomfortable in a group setting, making face-to-face attendance challenging.
- You have a very busy lifestyle and need more control over your schedule.
- You are working full-time while attending school.

What to Expect from Online Classes at SNU

Online education is still a novelty to many people, especially those who previously attended traditional courses. You might not know what to expect, or you might harbor some misconceptions about your classes. Here's an overview of the basics:

- Access to a wide variety of courses. A vast majority of SNU's programs can be taken in an online format. For an updated list of all of our programs, [click here](#).
- An interactive, multimedia approach. Your courses will likely include message boards, videos, video chat, online assessments, and more.
- A chance to quickly complete your degree. The flexibility of accelerated online courses means you may be able to graduate more quickly.
- Seamlessly fit school into your already busy schedule. An online format means you can complete coursework anytime, anywhere.

Benefits of Online Learning

The benefits of an online degree program include:

- Flexibility and control over when you sign on for class
- No commute
- Fewer time constraints
- The ability to study anywhere
- A chance to attend college despite a demanding schedule

Reasons to Consider On-Campus Education

An on-campus degree could be your best bet if:

- You prefer face-to-face interaction.
- You are uncomfortable with technology or do not have reliable internet access.
- You struggle with time management when you have too much control over your own schedule.
- The degree you want is unavailable online.

What to Expect from an On-Campus Education at SNU

Movies, television, and friends may have colored your expectations of in-person education. The truth is, there are many ways to attend college and many potential campus experiences. Here's what you need to know:

- There are three SNU locations in Oklahoma to choose from – Tulsa, Del City, or Bethany.
- You will have access to a wide variety of classes. View SNU's course offerings by location [here](#).
- You're only required to attend class one night per week, allowing you to more easily fit school into your already hectic schedule.
- Our on-campus printing and computer labs are perfect for studying without distractions or a great option for those who might not have access to reliable internet at home.
- You can study and connect with your peers in one of our common or study areas found around campus.
- There are a variety of dining options nearby if you're hungry or don't have time to grab a bite to eat before class.

Benefits of On-Campus Learning

Although an online education can offer an exceptional learning experience, an in-person program is still the best choice for students who:

- Struggle to remain on task when they have more flexibility
- Concentrate or learn better in a typical classroom setting
- Feel lonely or alienated when taking online classes
- Want a more traditional college experience
- Desire instant feedback to questions and comments
- Need to physically separate work, school, and home for better balance

What to Expect from Both Journeys at SNU

Whether you choose online or traditional classes, SNU is deeply committed to your success and well-being. All of our students have access to:

- A single group of peers who will become valuable resources, friends, and networking partners as they follow you through your program
- An accelerated learning format that enables you to graduate more quickly
- Flexible start dates so you don't have to wait months to get started
- A linear course structure that allows you to pace your education, remain focused on external commitments, and meaningfully engage with course material
- A dedicated student success advisor and/or program director from day one to graduation
- Professors who are leaders in their field and who commit to serving you holistically
- A chaplain who can lend support for the entirety of your program
- More job opportunities and a [chance at a higher salary](#)

Next Chapter and Beyond: Graduation

The day you don your cap and gown, you're not at the end of the game. Instead, a college degree opens access to new beginnings that were previously inaccessible: new jobs, better earnings, and more opportunities. No matter which path you choose, the end result is the same: a respected degree from an institution that cares about you. That's always a win in the game of life.

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