

## Top 10 College Movies (plus a bonus)

Deciding where to go to college, actually attending college, finding something meaningful to do with your degree... these are just a few of the things that can make college so stressful.

During those tense times, it can be comforting – and sometimes hilarious – to know that others have been where you are now. And choosing the right college movie can help keep you grounded and get that much-needed clear perspective. Here are some timeless classics, ideal for any situation:

**Feeling like the underdog?** When you find yourself feeling that the odds are stacked against you, that maybe you don't belong and you need some motivation to keep moving forward, **Rudy** is a great option. It's the inspiring story of a young football player who achieves his dream through grit and hard work (and even if you don't fancy yourself a football fanatic, you'll love the camaraderie among the characters). You'll find similar themes in **Revenge of the Nerds** and **Legally Blonde**, though the settings are vastly different.

**Looking for a laugh?** Sometimes the situation becomes so overwhelming, the only solution is to laugh. A couple flicks that are guaranteed to make you smile include the classic **Animal House** and the more recent favorite **Pitch Perfect**. Both are filled with college antics and great music.

**Just need a good cry?** You won't make it through **The Graduate** and **Love Story** without shedding a tear. Seriously, keep the tissues handy.

**Is it time to grow up?** Many people are transformed by their college experiences, either by the education, the social interaction, or simply the passage of time. **Good Will Hunting** and **Drumline** both show the value of humility in the process of personal growth without being too preachy.

**Ready to move on?** Some of the friendships we establish in college will last forever; others, just a few years. Knowing which are which, and knowing when to let go, are at the heart of two movies released decades apart: **The Social Network** (the story of Facebook) and **St. Elmo's Fire**, a coming-of-age classic from the 1980s.

No matter how busy you are this semester, it's worth your time to take a few hours off and regain your footing with these classic college-centric flicks.