One way I found college is different from high school is the way that I have more freedom. Nobody in college forces you to attend or study, they take your list in some subjects, but in reality nobody is going to be behind you to check if you are following the class or the instructions, different from high school, where as is explained in the website www.smu.edu, "You will usually be told what to do and corrected if your behavior is out of line". By not having anyone behind you, the responsibility to study and carry out the career falls exclusively on the student. This implies having a commitment to the goal you want to achieve, and to take it seriously for becoming an excellent professional. Also, teachers explain one topic after another, they do it clearly, but also fast. In a single class they can cover what high school sees in a week or two. This aspect is, perhaps, one that harms the most freshmans, since they do not finish assimilating one topic when they must already be understanding another. You will be able to access better job opportunities, and it will give you another vision of the world.

I completely agree with you, and I think a way to navigate these differences and have a successful college career is by studying with a friend, not only can be fun, but it is best to choose someone who is serious about studying and the responsibility of training with someone else. If it is a classmate you can share notes, ask questions and even explain things you do not understand. Also studying everyday will help, since if you dedicate yourself to study every day you will have a greater chance of acquiring the habit. In addition, your study times will be shorter this way and you will be able to refresh the concepts for the tests. Looking at the material on a daily basis will help you remember it more easily and improve your performance in class.

(http://www.smu.edu/alec/whyhighschool.html)