

WORST-CASE SCENARIO®

HOW TO TAKE ON A NEW IDENTITY

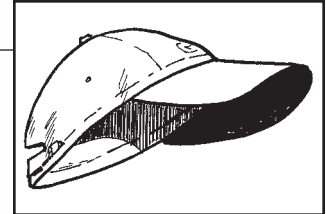
College matriculation is the start of a new academic career and, if you so choose, the beginning of your new persona.

JOCK

ATTIRE

Wear:

- Baseball cap with school logo
- Sweatpants
- Shorts (if temperature above 50°F)
- Fleece (if temperature under 50°F)
- T-shirt with arms cut off
- Elastic ankle or wrist brace
- Expensive new running shoes or expensive, worn cross-training shoes



Do Not Wear:

- Tweed or plaid
- Nail polish
- Lace or bows
- Leather pants
- Stilettos

PARAPHERNALIA TO CARRY

- Gym membership card
- Topical pain reliever

- Weight-lifting gloves or belt
- Sports drink, energy bars
- Keys on shoelace around neck
- Large duffel bag with team name

WHERE TO HANG OUT

- Field house
- Greek parties
- Gym
- Jock dorm
- Sports bar

WHERE TO SIT IN CLASS

In the back, if you show up

BUZZWORDS TO USE

- Lats
- Quads
- Carbo-loading
- Strength training
- Stats
- Reps
- Scouts

CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Mold the brim of your baseball cap into a half circle before wearing it. Wash new hats with bleach and rub a few spots with sandpaper for added authenticity.
- Sprinkle creatine powder on your cereal at breakfast.

HIPPIE

ATTIRE

Wear:

- Homemade clothes
- Bell bottoms
- Sandals
- Wool socks
- Hemp jewelry
- Tie-dyed T-shirts
- Flowers in hair

Do Not Wear:

- Necktie
- Spandex
- Three-piece suit
- Shoes

PARAPHERNALIA TO CARRY

- Bootleg cassettes
- Rolling papers
- Frisbee
- Hackey-sack
- Dog

WHERE TO HANG OUT

- Park or nature preserve
- Food co-op
- Jam band concert
- Vegetarian café
- Protest



WHERE TO SIT IN CLASS

Indian-style on the desk or floor

BUZZWORDS TO USE

- 420
- Resin, carb
- Set list
- Spun-out
- Bummer

CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE

- How to roll your own cigarettes.
- The location of nearest campground to every major stadium and concert venue in North America.
- Jerry Garcia's birthday.

INTELLECTUAL

ATTIRE

Wear:

- Glasses
- Rumpled tweed jacket with elbow patches
- Khaki pants or wrinkled long skirt
- Mussed hair
- Bow tie
- Sweater vest

Do Not Wear:

- Sunglasses
- Low-rider jeans



- Thong underwear
- Hair products
- Sweat bands

PARAPHERNALIA TO CARRY

- Pipe
- Umbrella
- Cane or walking stick
- Hefty tome
- Battered leather briefcase

WHERE TO HANG OUT

- Library
- Dorm lounge
- On-campus snack bar
- Professors' offices

WHERE TO SIT IN CLASS

In front row

BUZZWORDS TO USE

- Dissertation
- Orals
- Academic armamentarium
- MCATs, LSATs, GREs
- Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude, summa cum laude

CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE

- See "How to Sound Intelligent," page 162.

FOREIGN STUDENT

ATTIRE

Wear:

- Shirt with obscure logo
- Foreign flag patch on your backpack
- Cologne or perfume
- High-style shoes not sold in this country
- Leather clutch purse (men), large leather shoulder bag (women)

Do Not Wear:

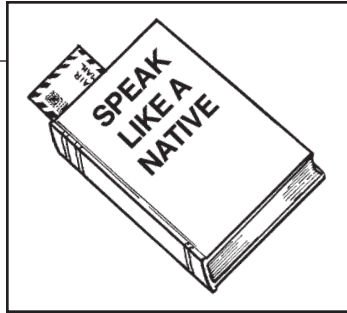
- White socks
- Baseball cap
- American flag pin
- Deodorant

PARAPHERNALIA TO CARRY

- Translation dictionary
- Map of foreign country
- Electrical adapter
- Adult contemporary CDs
- Airmail envelopes

WHERE TO HANG OUT

- The international dorm
- Library
- With other foreign students
- At foreign films



WHERE TO SIT IN CLASS

In the middle, trying (unsuccessfully) to blend in

BUZZWORDS TO USE

- Student visa
- “In your country . . .”
- “How do you say . . . ?”

CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Names of the leaders, major landmarks, and holidays in the country you’re pretending to be from.
- Key curse words and phrases in “your language.”