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It's tough to find a way to make money while you're going to college full-time.



But students often need to work to help cover their tuition and living expenses.

Many jobs require daytime hours, so it's hard for a student to get hired. But some jobs offer flexibility in when you do the work, while others are naturally organized around evening, weekend, and summer hours. It helps if you're a bit entrepreneurial, as many of the best flexible jobs will require you to hustle up gigs rather than having a single employer.

- Pizza delivery You'll need a car, and employers will favor over-21 students for insurance reasons. But most of the hours are at night, so this could fit into a student's schedule fairly easily. The hourly rate will be low, but tips can make it fairly lucrative.
- Babysitting Post notices on college and local community bulletin boards, or join local
  online forums to advertise your services. Rates for babysitting can vary from \$7-\$12 an
  hour depending on the situation, but in any case you'll only take the jobs that fit your
  schedule.
- Dog walking Don't laugh. If your college is in a busy, metropolitan area, this can be a
  good earning opportunity. Take dogs out early before classes, or in the afternoon when
  you're done. A sampling of recent rates on Indeed.com shows rates can range from \$12\$20 an hour.
- Camp counselor This is pretty much the dream job for students who don't want to work
  during the school year, and aren't hot on spending the summer back home with mom and
  dad. It offers steady work all summer long in the great outdoors -- perfect for those who
  don't want spend the summer months cooped up inside. If you enjoy working with children
  and have experience, apply early -- these jobs can be competitive. Be on the lookout for
  shorter camps that happen over winter and spring breaks, too.
- Tutoring Particularly if you excel in math, science, or a foreign language, tutoring can be
  a great way to earn money on your own terms. Hit the local high school and community
  bulletin boards to offer your services, then just schedule your tutoring hours when you've
  got free time. Rates vary, but with the right skill, tutoring can pay a lot better than
  babysitting.
- Graphic design/Webmaster/Freelance writing If you were a digital-design student in high school or have strong writing skills, hit the online freelance marketplaces such as 99designs and bid for assignments. Rates vary widely, as on many sites you'll bid against others to get the job.
- Waiter Fine-dining restaurants are often dinner-only, making them perfect for coordinating with student hours. Official pay may be minimum wage, but the tips can make this great-paying work.
- Lab assistant/teacher assistant Jobs on campus are always great, since you don't need a car and the job is usually a short stroll away. Be a standout student to snag one of these jobs -- teachers will pick high achievers to help them grade papers or supervise lab experiments.
- Retail Ordinarily, you'd think retail's daytime hours would put store-based jobs out of reach. But several big employers including Home Depot and Lowe's are on a hiring drive right now, and they're specifically looking for weekend help. Some stores will take you on just to cover their busiest times, and that could fit a student schedule just fine.
- Resident assistant If you're willing to live in the dorm, students in the upper grades
  might apply to be an RA. It's pretty easy work -- you act as a resource for a dorm-floor's
  worth of freshmen students, and help keep the peace if there are disagreements. Often,
  this job doesn't pay in cash, but RAs receive waivers or discounts on housing and tuition -a deal that can be as good as cash for a student.

What do you think is the best part-time job for a college student? Leave a comment and let us know.

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