



Smells like college spirit: top 10 films

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For new students and returning students alike, watching a good movie about the college experience can make all the difference. Before you get too caught up in the stresses of the new term, pop in one of these films so you can laugh and cry along with characters who are going through the same things you are.

1. Pitch Perfect (2012)

This musical comedy follows college student Beca (Anna Kendrick) as she embarks on her journey with an all-girls choir group preparing to compete against their rivals, an all boys choir starring Adam DeVine and Skylar Astin.

2. The Social Network (2010)

The true-ish story of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) and co-founder Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield) at Harvard University.

3. Accepted (2006)

High school senior Bartleby Gaines (Justin Long) is rejected by every college he applies to. With the help of his best friend Sherman Schrader (Jonah Hill), he creates a fake university for himself and fellow rejects.

4. Mona Lisa Smile (2003)

A free-spirited 1950s professor (Julia Roberts) lands a job at Wellesley, where she teaches a group of exceptionally bright women to question their traditional ideals.

5. Legally Blonde (2001)

Bubbly blonde sorority girl Elle Woods (Reese Witherspoon) is miraculously accepted to Harvard Law after receiving her bachelor's in fashion merchandising.

6. Good Will Hunting (1997)

Will Hunting (Matt Damon), an unrecognized genius working as a janitor at M.I.T., bonds with a professor (Robin Williams) who helps him get his life on track.

7. St. Elmo's Fire (1985)

A tight-knit group of recent college graduates attempt to navigate the responsibilities, relationships, and struggles of adulthood. Featuring classic 80s stars like Demi Moore, Rob Lowe, Judd Nelson and Emilio Estevez.

8. Revenge of the Nerds (1984)

A tight-knit group of hotheaded jocks take over the freshman dorm, nerdy computer science students Lewis (Robert Carradine) and Gilbert (Anthony Edwards) seek revenge and become unlikely heroes.

9. Animal House (1978)

Filmed at the University of Oregon, this raunchy classic tells the tale of troublemaker frat boys on the verge of expulsion. Starring Tom Hulce and John Belushi.

10. The Graduate (1967)

Wayward college graduate Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) is seduced by the neglected wife of his father's business partner.

