

The Rules of College

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Main Characters:

Charlie Jackson
Matt Taylor
Axle Minch
Terrance Brown
Samantha Harris

Guest Characters:

Chris Jackson
Grace
Adam
Tyler
Jimmy

Four friends go off to college and navigate through studying, partying, and responsibility. While learning to live on their own, they encounter lots of firsts and even more laughs.

American Pie meets Big Bang Theory

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COLD OPENING / A

FADE IN:

INT. ENTERING THE APARTMENT - DAY

(Charlie, Matt, and Chris)

Charlie and Matt walk into their college apartment for the first time. Both are freshman moving in. Charlie's dad, Chris is helping them.

Charlie is an 18-year old male with short light brown hair. He is a mild-mannered kid who spends too much time worrying about not screwing up.

Matt is an 18-year old male with short blonde hair. He is outgoing and confident. He is the jock of the group.

Chris is 40-years old and likes helping his son. He's not afraid to poke fun at him and his group of friends.

Charlie

Well we are finally here.

Matt

Hopefully the key works

Charlie

I'll hit you if it doesn't. Looks bigger than the pictures.

Matt

That's cause there was furniture in the pictures

Charlie

That's true

Matt

Where's your dad, I thought he was following us?

Charlie

He said he had to stop at the store and grab something

Matt

Hopefully some food, I'm starving.

Charlie

He said he'd probably get a pizza for all of us once the other two get here.

Matt

Oh who knows when that could be with those two, he could at least grab some snacks.

Charlie

You'll be fine, so what are we thinking, couch here, tv there and beer pong table there.

Matt

Works for me.

Chris Jackson - Charlie's dad - walks through the door. He sets a box down on the kitchen counter.

Chris

Hey boys, man this looks even bigger than in the pictures.

Charlie

Hey dad, we're trying to figure out where the couch and beer pong table should go.

Chris

Ahh yes, the important stuff in college. Well I picked you guys up a little something.

Matt

What the hell is that?

Chris

Wine coolers, we use to drink them when I was in college.

Charlie

Dad, no one drinks those anymore.

Chris

That's not true, your mom gets these sometimes. Alright well throw them in the fridge. Late night and the beers gone, someone will be desperate and drink them.

Matt

You didn't happen to grab any chips or something to eat did you?

Chris

Oh you guys didn't smoke already did you? I was hoping to get some solid work out of you guys before the munchies started kickin it.

Charlie

No we didn't, Matt just forgot to grab food on our way out like I told him.

Chris

Well I'll get the pizza as soon as the other two get here, where they at?

Charlie

They should be here soon, I'll text them.

Chris

Alright well get your guy's stuff out of the car and at least get it into your rooms and then we'll get the furniture out for the living room.

COLD OPENING / B

INT: LIVING ROOM –

Chris is in the kitchen unpacking. Samantha, who lives next door, comes to the door.

Samantha is an 18-year old female with long blonde hair. She looks like a cheerleader but is mature for her age.

A girl knocks on the door and enters.

Samantha

Hey, I'm sorry to bother you. Do you happen to have a pair of scissors I can borrow for a minute. I have one box I can't get open.

Chris

Yeah no problem, you live in the building?

Samantha

Yeah I'm just next door. I'm Samantha.

Chris

Chris Jackson, nice to meet you. I'm helping my son and his friends move in.

Samantha

Oh cool, my dad was supposed to come help but my grandma had an accident.

Chris

Oh I'm sorry to hear that is she ok?

Samantha

Oh yeah. She is just senile and went walking in her neighborhood naked so someone called the cops on her.

Chris gives Samantha a surprising look

Chris

Well here are the scissors.

Samantha

Thanks I'll bring them back in a minute

Chris

No problem

Samantha exits the apartment while Charlie and Matt come out from the hallway leading to their rooms.

Charlie
Who was that?

Chris
Your neighbor, she needed to borrow scissors.

Matt
Wait, a girl lives next door?

Chris
Yes a girl lives next door.

Charlie
Well what did she look like, was she hot?

Chris
Son. she's like 18, if I said she was hot that would be creepy. But she has blonde hair, a little shorter than you two.

Matt
Oh yeah, she's hot.

Chris
How did you get she's hot from blonde hair and her height.

Samantha walks in to return the scissors.

Samantha
Thanks for letting me borrow the scissors

Chris
Oh no problem, do you need any help over there?

Samantha
No I should be good, my roommate will be here soon.

Chris
Okay cool. This is my son Charlie and his friend Matt.

Samantha
Hey nice to meet you guys.

Charlie and Matt together
Hi

Chris
I still don't know how these two got into college

Samantha

Well anyways, I should keep unpacking. Nice to meet you guys.

Charlie and Matt together

Nice to meet you too.

Samantha leaves the apartment

Chris

Well I think you guys made a good first impression

Charlie and Matt together

Really?

Chris

No. You guys looked weird. Where the hell are the other two?

Charlie

They'll be here in a few minutes they just texted me.

Chris

Ok I'll go get the pizza, you two keep unpacking, if you're done before I get back start unpacking the kitchen boxes.

ACT ONE

INT: APARTMENT – LIVING ROOM.

Charlie and Matt are unpacking when their roommates Axle and Terrance enter the apartment.

Axle (nickname: Axe) is an 18-year old male. He has longer blonde hair and is the adventurous one of the group. He barley made it into college. He has a girlfriend back home.

Terrance (nickname: T) is an 18-year old male with short black hair. He is the smart one of the group. He helps keep the group grounded.

Terrance
What's up fellas

Charlie
Hey, bout time you two showed up. What took you soon long?

Terrance
Well we got a half hour away from town and Axe forgot the most important thing.

Matt
You forgot the Xbox?

Axle
No I forgot to pack the fake IDs.

Charlie

But the Xbox is a close second.

Terrance
So we had to go all the way back and get them.

Charlie
Well better than getting all the way here and forgetting them.

Chris walks in with the pizza

Chris
Hey there they are, what the hell took you guys so long?

Matt
They got a half hour down the road and forgot something important so they had to go back.

Chris
Condoms?

Charlie
Yupp! (looks at the others with wide eyes)

Chris
So on this all important list of college things, where does books, grades and studying fall on the list? So far I've heard beer pong and condoms.

Matt
It's a long list Mr. Jackson.

Charlie
Thanks for getting us food dad.

Chris
Oh no problem, if your college experience is anything like mine this might be the best meal you'll have all semester.

Axle
I don't know Mr. Jackson I'm a pretty solid cook.

Chris
I'm not worried about your cooking skills. Do any of your have jobs lined up?

All four guys look at each other and then nod their heads no.

Chris
I'm worried about your guy's financial skills. You guys are about to find out just how hard it is to have to support yourselves. That means buying food, cleaning supplies, and yes the almighty beer. You guys are gonna have to clean up after yourselves. Keep the apartment organized. All while getting good grades so you guys can stay in college and graduate.

Terrance
What did you do for money in college?

Chris
I got a job working at the cafeteria. But that was minimum wage. And balancing fun stuff like beer and taking girls out on dates, with important stuff like food and toilet paper. I couldn't afford steak or chicken. There were a lot of nights where PB&J was dinner.

Matt
You mean the sandwich?

Chris
Yes the sandwich, and if I was lucky maybe some chips. Now I'm not saying this to scare you guys. I'm just trying to be real and make sure you guys are aware of what's about to happen. I would spend this week looking for jobs and coming up with a budget for your money. If you guys can all find an income and budget your money, you'll be ahead of the game.

INT: SAMANTHA'S APARTMENT – LIVING ROOM.
(Samantha, Grace)

Her roommate Grace walks in for the first time.

Grace is a 17-year-old with long brown hair. She is a diva and keeps her boyfriend in check.

Samantha
Hey how are you? I'm Samantha nice to finally meet you.

Grace
Hey nice to meet you. Have you been here long?

Samantha
Uhh just a few hours. I've got most of my room set up and I was just taking a little break.

Grace
Nice, thanks for bringing an extra tv for the living room.

Samantha
Oh no problem, did you need any help bringing your stuff in?

Grace
No my boyfriend's got it.

Samantha
You sure? I don't mind helping.

Grace

No trust me, he forgot to text me when he got home from work last night so paybacks a bitch.

Samantha

Ok then... how was your drive here?

Grace

Don't even get me started. The A/C in my boyfriends car doesn't work so I had to have the window down the entire time.

Samantha

Really? How hot is it out there?

Grace

Only like 74 degrees.

Samantha gives a curious look while Grace is looking down at her phone

Samantha

Well that sounds awful. I put some waters in the fridge if you want one.

Grace

Is it spring water?

Samantha

No it's purified.

Grace

Oh I only drink spring water.

Samantha

Ok... wow.

INT: THE GUY'S APARTMENT – DAY
(Chris, Charlie, Matt, Axle, Terrance)

Everyone is eating in the living room.

Chris
So when do you guys sign up for classes?

Charlie
Tomorrow at 8AM.

Chris
8 in the morning? Are you all going to be up that early?

Axle
Can't be asleep if you don't go to bed Mr. J.

Chris
You guys are going to party all night and schedule your classes on no-sleep?

Matt
Yeah what's wrong with that?

Chris
Nothing, that sounds like good idea. Did any of you talk to a counselor to figure out what classes to take?

Charlie, Axle and Matt
Nope

Terrance
I did.

Chris
Now that's a smart man.

Matt
Your first year you're just taking basic pre-reqs anyways.

Chris
That may be true, but it still doesn't hurt to get a trained professional's opinion. Well guys I better be hitting the road. You guys got it from here?

Charlie
Yeah dad I think we got it, thanks again for all the help.

Chris
Not a problem, if you guys need any help, try YouTubing it first. If that doesn't work, ask a neighbor. And if you've exhausted all other options then call me.

Matt
Will do Mr. J.

Chris exits the apartment. Charlie shuts the door for him and comes back standing in the living room.

Charlie
So I think it'd be a good idea for us to go walk around campus and see if anyone is hiring.

Terrance
That's a good idea, any ideas where we should start.

Matt
Well Charlie's dad said he worked in the cafeteria so we can start there.

Terrance
That works, we should probably split up though, cover more ground.

Axle
That's a good idea T. I don't know if anyone will hire all four of us.

Charlie
I don't know if anyone will hire you.

Axle stands up and chugs his beer.

Axle

What are you talking about who wouldn't hire this.

Terrance

I'll go with Axe, that way I can translate intelligence to him.

Charlie

Sounds good. Matt and I will head to the Library.

INT. SAMANTHA'S APARTMENT.

Grace and her boyfriend Adam walk out of her room arguing while Samantha is on the couch.

Adam is a 19-year old male. Tall with short brown hair. Good looking guy but not the brightest.

Grace

I told you it was a bad idea to go away to college.

Adam

No it's not you're going to have a great time here.

Grace

Yeah while I'm constantly wondering who you're cheating on me with.

Adam

Oh my god for the thousandth time I've never cheated on you. I have pictures that are time stamped of me with my parents last weekend.

Grace

Oh yeah like you couldn't have just changed the time the picture was taken on your phone.

Adam

That's not even possible how would I have done that?

Grace

Put my bags back in the car we're going home.

Adam grunts and heads back into Grace's room.

Samantha
Uhh is everything ok?

Grace
Absolutely, do you see him? I have that kid wrapped around my finger. Look I'm sorry to do this but I can't be this far away from my family so I'm heading home.

Samantha
Ok but what about the rent?

Grace
Oh my parents already paid my half of the rent for the year, they're loaded they won't care.

Samantha
Ok then.

Grace
If they do get a refund and you notice the rent go back up text me and I can Venmo you some money.

Samantha
Thanks I appreciate that.

Adam enters the room with the bags

Grace
Let's go, I don't want to get stuck in traffic.

Grace exits the room.

Samantha
Hey, are you OK? She seems a little controlling.

Adam
Absolutely, do you see how hot she is? I would never get another girl that looks like that.

Adam exits the room.

ACT TWO

Fade In:

INT. THE CAFETERIA – LATER THAT DAY (DAY 1)
(Terrance, Axle, Cafeteria manager)

Terrance and Axle walk through the cafeteria towards a table where Craig, the manager, is sitting.

Axle

Alright the sign on the door said job openings, I don't think it should be very hard to lock dock a couple jobs in the cafeteria.

Axle and Terrance reach the table

Terrance

Hi, we were looking for person in charge of hiring. We saw the sign outside for job openings.

Craig

That's me, I'm Craig the manager of the cafeteria. Are you both looking for jobs?

Axle

Yes sir.

Craig

Well unfortunately I only have one opening left so if you're both interested we can do the interview right now.

Axle and Terrance sit down.

Craig

So the job is cleaning up the cafeteria, picking up trays and trash around the tables, taking them back to the dishwasher and changing trash bins. Do either of you have experience working in a restaurant?

Terrance

Yes I worked at a banquet center last summer.

Axle

Nope

Craig

Ok do either of you have experience washing dishes?

Terrance

Yup I was a bus boy there and had to help out washing dishes.

Axle

Nope

Craig

Do you have experience in customer service?

Terrance

Yeah I worked during a lot of weddings and graduations so I dealt with customers a lot.

Axle

Uhh no.

Both Craig and Terrance stare at Axle

Axle

I'm not getting the job am I?

Terrance

No you are not.

Craig

I'll keep you in mind though in case someone drops out.

INT. APARTMENT LIVING ROOM
(Charlie, Matt, Axle, Terrance)

Charlie and Matt are setting up the TV while Axle and Terrance return from the cafeteria.

Charlie is hanging up the TV on the wall while Matt tells Charlie which way to turn it.

Matt
Ok maybe turn it slightly to the right

Charlie
Is that good?

Matt
Perfect. Did you talk to the other two about getting cable?

Charlie
Uh no not yet.

Matt
I mean we need to. We have to have cable.

Terrance and Axle walk into the apartment.

Terrance
Hey, nice job setting up the TV.

Matt
Speaking of the TV. What do you guys want to do about cable?

Axle looks at Charlie

Axle
You didn't tell him yet?

Matt
Tell me what?

Charlie
Thanks Axe. Matt we decided against getting cable.

Matt
What do you mean we decided?

Terrance
The three of us talked about it and we agree it's a waste of money.

Matt

When did you guys have that discussion?

Axle
Like a month ago

Matt
Where the hell was I at?

Charlie
You were getting high with that girl from beach you were trying to hook up with.

Matt
Oh. Well I guess it was worth it. But that's bullshit we need to have cable. How are we going to watch sports?

Charlie
We're going to get the ESPN streaming package. It's like \$10 a month and it comes with Hulu the one app none of us have.

Terrance
We have Netflix and my parents said I can use their Peacock account.

Axle
And I have a PornHub account we can use.

Terrance, Matt and Charlie look at Axle in disgust

Axle
Just don't look at my favorite videos.

Charlie
I knew you were going to be mad so I was trying to find a good time to tell you. But cable is going to be like \$100 extra a month and that can go to groceries or beer money.

Matt
I just can't believe we won't have cable. I've never not had it.

Terrance
It'll be fine, you'll be busy with studying and partying you'll barely miss it.

Axle
So did you two get jobs?

Charlie
Yeah we're working in the library. Pay sucks but it sounds easy. What about you two?

Terrance
Yupp

Axle

Nope

Charlie

Well we need beer why don't you run to the liquor store and see if they have anything available?

Axle

Sounds like a plan.

Matt

I'll tag along.

Axle and Matt leave the apartment

Terrance

Did you see who moved in across the hall?

Charlie

All I saw were two dudes carrying boxes in there earlier but I didn't talk to them.

Terrance

I can go over there and see if they wanna stop by later

Charlie

Sure, I got to finish unpacking my clothes.

FADE IN:

Int. JIMMY AND TYLER'S, WHO LIVE ACROSS THE HALL, APARTMENT LIVING ROOM –
CONINTUOUS (DAY 1)
(Tyler, Jimmy, Terrance)

Tyler and Jimmy are smoking weed watching TV.

Jimmy
Bro where did you get this stuff?

Tyler
I know a guy.

Jimmy
I know a guy too but he doesn't sell me stuff like this.

Tyler
It's called Tim Burton.

Jimmy
I so get that.

Tyler
Bro we should totally order a pizza.

Jimmy
From where? I don't know where the closest pizza place is.

Tyler takes a hit of the bong.

Tyler
Just ask the iPhone chick.

Jimmy
Serious?

Tyler
Yeah I'm serious ask her.

Jimmy
No isn't that her name, serious?

Tyler grabs his phone

Tyler
I don't know, hey serious!

Jimmy
Maybe you have to say it in a more computer voice.

Tyler attempting to talk like a computer

Tyler
Serious!

There is a knock on the door

Jimmy
Maybe she comes to your house now.

Tyler goes and opens the door.

Terrance
Hey I'm Terrance I live across the hall.

Tyler
Hey how are ya, c'mon in man.

Terrance
Oh my god. I think that's the fastest I've ever gotten high.

Jimmy
Bro you know where the closest pizza joint is around here.

Terrance
No I don't sorry.

Jimmy
We're trying to get a hold of serious but she's not answering.

Terrance
Who's serious?

Tyler
The iPhone chick.

Terrance
You mean Siri?

Siri's voice comes through the phone.

Siri
Hi how can I help you.

Jimmy
Where is the nearest pizza place?

Siri

The nearest pizza place is Connor's 1.2 miles away.

Jimmy
Bro you are a life saver.

Terrance
No problem, hey we're having a little party later across the hall, you guys are welcome to come over.

Tyler
Yeah man we'll be there. We'll bring some party favors.

Terrance
Do you even have any left?

Jimmy
See that box over there?

Terrance looks across the room to find a brown box sitting on the ground with plastic bags overflowing.

Terrance
Yeah.

Jimmy
All weed bro.

Terrance's jaw drops starring at the box.

ACT THREE

INT. THE GUY'S APARTMENT CONTINUOUS (Day 1)
(Charlie, Samantha)

Charlie is in the kitchen when Samantha knocks at the door.

Charlie opens the door.

Charlie
Hey Samantha.

Samantha
Hey do you mind if I come in?

Charlie
Not at all, what's up?

Samantha
So my roommate just left and she's not coming back.

Charlie
Like she moved out?

Samantha
Yeah, she said she didn't want to be that far from home. I think she doesn't trust her boyfriend.

Charlie
Oh man that sucks. I'm sorry to hear that. So what are you going to do?

Samantha
I don't know, she said she wasn't going to ask for a refund so her half of the rent is already paid for the school year. I just didn't really expect to live alone.

Charlie
Well you can hangout here as much as you like. We're all pretty good friends so I know the other guys won't mind it.

Samantha
Thanks, you guys are really nice.

Charlie
Oh not a problem at all. So did you have a boyfriend back home?

Samantha
Yeah, for now at least.

Charlie
What does that mean?

Samantha

Well he wasn't crazy about the idea of me going away for college. I've always wanted to have the whole college experience though. I told him when we started dating last year that I wasn't going to change that for anyone. And at the time he was all supportive but as the summer went on he got more frustrated with it.

Charlie

Did he think you would eventually change your mind?

Samantha

I don't know, kind of. But my mom went away to college and she always told me it was the best time of her life. After she passed away a couple years ago I knew I wanted to do it. It's something she would've really wanted me to do.

Charlie

Oh I'm sorry to hear about your mom.

Samantha

Thanks.

Terrance, Axle and Matt walk into the apartment. They set the food on the counter. Matt puts the beer in the fridge.

Matt

We're back.

Charlie

Hey, you guys get everything?

Axle

Oh yeah, enough beer for the whole damn weekend. Hey Samantha.

Samantha

Hey guys.

Charlie

So her roommate decided to go home so Sam's gonna hangout with us for a few.

Matt

Home? As in for the weekend.

Samantha

As in for good.

Terrance

That's got to be a record, she didn't even last a whole day.

Matt

Well you're always welcome over here, just don't get too close with Axle his girlfriend gets really jealous.

Axle

Ok she set my car on fire one time, we all make mistakes. She's grown from it.

Charlie

Yeah she grew by only throwing a slurpee at it the next week.

Axle

Exactly that's called progress.

Samantha gives Charlie a weird look.

Charlie

You don't wanna know.

Matt and Terrance sit down on the loveseat while Axle sits next to Charlie on the couch.

Samantha

So who did you guys get for cable?

Charlie looks down in disappointment

Charlie

Oh no

Matt

We decided not to get cable. A decision that I was not a part of.

Terrance

Someone is still a little bitter.

Charlie

We thought it was a good place to save money.

Samantha

That's a smart idea. Are you guys getting jobs for the semester?

Matt

Yeah, what about you?

Samantha

No I don't need to I already have a steady income.

Charlie

From your parents?

Samantha looks down nervously

Samantha

No... I actually have an OnlyFans.

Axle

I'm sorry, did you say you have an OnlyFans?

Samantha

Yeah but I try not to tell people about it. It's not what you think, you don't really see that much of me. Do you mind if I use your bathroom?

Terrance

Not at all, down the hall on the right.

Samantha walks down the hall.

Axle looks at the guys and leans forward

Axle

We are so looking that up later. I'll pay for it.

Charlie

Ok but we can't treat her any differently. She seems really cool.

FADE OUT.

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FADE IN:

INT. THE APARTMENT – CONTINUOUS (Day 1)
(Charlie, Matt, Axle, Terrance, Samantha)

Samantha gets up and starts walking to the door.

Samantha
Well I should probably head back I've barely unpacked anything, I still have some boxes in my car to bring up.

Matt
Well why don't we grab a few beers and come help you?

Axle
Yeah just give us a few mins to clean up here and we'll be over.

Samantha
Ok that sounds great.

Samantha exits the apartment.

Axle
Ok quick someone grab their laptop.

Charlie puts his laptop in front of Axle

Charlie
Here you go.

Terrance
How are you going to find it?

Axle
I already did. When she followed me on Twitter I searched her followers and found it.

Matt
Man that is some stalker shit but good work.

Axle
Ok I subscribed and boom we're in. All videos, ok I like that. Let's click on the first one.

A video starts playing and it's Samantha behind an island in a kitchen talking.

Samantha
Hey guys, today I'm going to show you how to make peanut butter cookies.

Axle

What the hell is this?
Matt
Is she just baking cookies?

Charlie
She has all of her clothes on.

Axle scrolls through the entire video

Axle
It's literally an entire video on baking cookies.

Matt
Check the other videos.

Axle
How to make chocolate chip brownies. How to make pumpkin pie. How to make double fudge brownies.

Charlie
It's all how to cook videos.

Terrance
Hey these can come in handy.

Matt
Well she did say you can't see that much of her. She's always behind the island.

Charlie
Wait I just got a text from Samantha.

Axle
What does it say.

Charlie
It says thanks for subscribing with a laughing emoji.
All four guys look at each other and shake their heads.

End of show