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Books about What's Going on at Colleges

Anderson, Martin, **Impostors in the Temple**, Simon & Schuster, 1992. Dr. Anderson, a former Columbia University professor and now a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, calls many of our nation's academic intellectuals "impostors in the temple" — that is, people who pretend to teach and pretend to do original, important work, but actually do neither. He says that "the death of integrity in the heart of higher education is the root cause of the educational troubles which afflict us today."

Sowell, Thomas, **Inside American Education**, Free Press, 1993. One of America's most distinguished scholars, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, Sowell gives us a realistic look at the decline, the deception and the false dogmas of the U.S. educational system, which he charges is morally and intellectually bankrupt. He exposes the ideological indoctrination and double standards about behavior and race practiced at the leading universities.

Sykes, Charles, **ProfScam: Professors and the Demise of Higher Education**, St. Martin's Press, 1989. This book is a devastating indictment of U.S. universities, which Sykes calls vast citadels of waste, ruled with an iron hand by an oligarchy of arrogant, tenured professors who are overpaid and underworked. He asserts that a university education is a scam which cheats students, parents, and taxpayers. He says the universities offer more and more courses of less and less importance, including a plethora of junk courses referred to by students as "guts" (slang for a course that can be passed with no more preparation than gut instinct).

Kimball, Roger, **Tenured Radicals**, Harper & Row, 1990. Kimball discusses the radical politics of many in academia, but he puts his main focus on the absurdity of what passes for scholarship on the campuses. He writes about the unintelligible jargon, or "ProfSpeak," which passes for erudition in the academic world. He describes the "decon-

structionist" movement, which he calls a scam perpetrated by academics in order to create more possibilities for papers, symposiums, specialized classes, and university teaching positions.

Smith, Page, **Killing the Spirit: Higher Education in America**, Viking Penguin, 1990. Smith is a liberal academician, but many of his conclusions about higher education are similar to what can be found in Charles Sykes' *ProfScam* and Allan Bloom's *Closing of the American Mind*. Smith criticizes worthless research, the tenure system, and the tendency of professors to disdain teaching.

Nash, Ronald H., **The Closing of the American Heart — What's Really Wrong with America's Schools**, Probe Books, 1990. Unlike most of the other books, this one is written from a religious perspective. Dr. Nash believes that the collapse of moral and religious standards over the past 25 years has contributed to the collapse of the nation's educational standards. He charges that moral illiteracy is reflected and taught in academia through relativism, positivism, and humanism.

D'Souza, Dinesh, **Illiberal Education: The Politics of Race and Sex on Campus**, Free Press, 1991. This is the original book that explained Political Correctness (P.C.) on college campuses. D'Souza shows how P.C. produces closed-mindedness and intolerance, which is to say an "illiberal education."

Nobel, David A. **Understanding the Times**, Summit Press, 1991. This is the tool to inform prospective college students about the various intellectual battlefields they will face and equip them to defend their point of view. This text contrasts three world views of Western civilization: Biblical Christianity, Secular Humanism, and Marxist/Leninist, exploring each with regard to theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, and history.