Asshole. Century Club. Beer Pong. Drinking games are as much a part of college as all-night study sessions and over-priced textbooks. And all drinking games can be divided into three basic categories: the athletic, the classic, and the intellectual.

The Athletic: Don’t let the athletic part scare you off. The only burn you’ll feel from these games will be from the cheap grain alcohol hitting the back of your throat. If you can drink a beer and stand at the same time, you’re probably athletic enough.

The Classic: The games you learn your first weekend in the dorms, just like your parents and grandparents before you. Well, maybe not your grandparents. These are good to play at house parties or spice up another boring Tuesday night.

The Intellectual: We use the term “intellectual” loosely. Very loosely. If you really were an intellectual, you’d be studying instead of drinking.

In our ongoing effort to make you look better, we focused on seven of the most common drinking games. Because there’s no better excuse to drink heavily than playing a game.
Flip Cup: Two teams. One beer per person. One person from each team starts by chugging his beer, setting the empty cup down on the edge of the table, and trying to flip it over so the open end lands down. Then the next person goes. Repeat until one team finishes. Losing team drinks a pitcher. This game sounds easy enough, but wait until you start seeing three cups.


Quarters: Our favorite version: Sit in a circle and start two empty mugs in front of people sitting across from each other. You have to bounce a quarter in the mug when it's your turn, and then pass it to the left. Make it on your first try and you can pass it to your left or right. If you end up with both mugs in front of you, you have to chug a beer. The only downside: You need to have more than two friends for a decent game.

Asshole: Basically, this is a card game and you don't want to be the asshole. We'd give you a better description, but no two students seem to play the same way. That's what you get when drunk people are making up the rules.

Century Club: One shot of beer every minute for 100 minutes. If you're still standing, you cheated. For the more sadistic student, substitute your favorite hard liquor and have an ambulance on standby.

“Dare me to drink this?”: This centuries-old game is surprisingly simple. One person dares the other to drink a mystery concoction. Hence the clever name. A word of warning: Don't play blindfolded.

Drinking Chess: Just like normal chess, only you take a shot for every piece you lose. [Tip: It's helpful to know how to play chess. Otherwise, skip the formality and just start lining up the shots.] Drinking checkers is an option for less-cultured students.