



The College Application Camp Syllabus

July 1 Pre-session/Orientation - for parents and students

An Overview of The College Admissions and Application Process

- Setting Expectations: Roles and Responsibilities
- Meeting Important Deadlines: Key dates and submission deadlines
- Learning the 'To-do's': The components of a college application
- Understanding COVID-19's Impact on the 2021 Admissions and Financial Aid Requirements and Processes
- Creating The Optimal College List and Admissions Strategy
- Identifying Your "True Cost For College"

Homework (Due by Lesson 2): Read Bauld book and finish chapters 1-3; create a Common App account; submit roles/responsibilities; submit Getting to Know U

**Note that the Orientation is for parents and students; the remaining classes are for the student. All classes will be recorded and posted in the YCC Academy, but live attendance is highly encouraged.*

July 8 Lesson 2: Writing Your Personal Essay

- Section-by-section overview of The Common Application
- How To Enter Schools
- Set Up Your Common Application Profile
- Review of Essay Prompts, Themes and Recommended Guidelines
- The Two 'Why's' of Writing the Essay
- Do's and Don'ts of essay writing
- The Good, The Bad & The Ugly: Review of Sample Essays and Why they Worked (Or Didn't)
- Writing LAB: Free Writing Exercise

Homework (Due by Lesson 3): Essay 1st Draft





July 15 Lesson 3: **Acting Like An Applicant**

- Simple AND effective ways to demonstrate interest
- Interactive Completion of Common App Profile Section
- Writing LAB: Review Your Essay First Drafts – Hot Seat!

Homework (Due by Lesson 4): Complete Activities List + Description Worksheet; continue revising essay

July 22 Lesson 4: **Describing Who You Are and What You Do**

- Interactive completion of Common Application Activities section (including listing awards/honors and creating conforming descriptions)
- Interactive completion of an Application Resume
- Writing LAB: review of your current essay drafts – Hot Seat!

Homework (Due by Lesson 5): Complete Application Resume - continue revising essay

July 29 Lesson 5: **Finalizing & Submitting Your Completed Common Application**

- Requesting Your Transcripts vs. Self Reporting Your Grades (Completing the SSAR)
- Requesting Your Test Scores
- Requesting Recommendations (with Naviance and without)
- Avoiding Common Common App Pitfalls & Landmines
 - What/when to self-report information (e.g., deciding whether to self-report test scores)
 - How to handle special circumstances
- Taking Care to Take the Next Steps
 - Virtual Campus Visits and Information Sessions
 - Virtual Interviews + Interview Tips
 - Summer Planning
- Writing LAB: Resume and Essay Reviews & Final HOT SEAT

