



Course Descriptions

The college counseling courses help students navigate the college admissions application process. Each course can be taken as a stand-alone class or as a part of the college counseling series and deals with a specific aspect of the admissions process. Each student works at his or her own pace and has access to a college counselor. Each course below is 8 weeks long.

1. What Colleges Want (9th-10th grade)

An introductory course that helps students understand how admission offices evaluate applicants and helps students set personal goals for high school course selection, performance and extra-curricular activities.

2. Understanding College Choices (10th-11th grade)

Learn about the various types of colleges beyond what you might expect to know. Let us help you determine the best fit for you.

3. Test Prep (11th-12th grade)

Test prep experts guide students through preparing for the SAT and ACT. Though most beneficial if taken early in a student's junior year, this course can be adapted to the student's needs.

4. College Application Strategy (10th-11th grade)

Students put together a list of 6-10 colleges and a timeline for application submissions after learning what makes a balanced list, who colleges recruit, and what application options exist.

5. College Application Writing (11th grade)

This course walks students through the writing process, generating multiple drafts that can be modified to fit the common application prompt, UC school's application, and other college essay requirements.

6. Finishing Strong (12th grade)

Students are guided, step by step, through the college application process, finalizing testing and submission of important documents for each college they are applying to.

7. Paying for College (11th-12th grade)

Students learn about the different types of aid available and complete a scholarship search. There are many options for financial aid, and this course helps students understand and locate them.

Athletic Recruiting (9th-11th grade)

This course assists students looking to play sports in college, educating them on the recruiting process and NCAA eligibility. Students create an athletic resume, cover letter, and list of schools and coaches to contact.

Virtual and Performing Arts (9th-11th grade)

Do you know the difference for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a Bachelor of Arts degree and which one is best for you? Is it better to attend an art school or a university to pursue your creative ambitions? Is a direct admit program what you are looking for, what goes into a portfolio and what do you prepare for auditions? These questions and many more will be answered in our course on Pursuing Visual and Performing Arts in College.

Prerequisites

None

Required Course Materials

None

Grading Policy

All the College Counseling courses are Pass/No Pass classes. To earn a "Pass," the student must achieve a 70% or higher in the course. Grades will be based on a point system with each assignment given a certain point value.