

# Application Pro

## Live Course Syllabus

September 17<sup>th</sup> - October 8<sup>th</sup>

### Virtual Live Session Dates and Times

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

- **Thursday, September 17th** *Setting Yourself up for Success*
- **Thursday, September 24th** *Personal Statement and Common App*
- **Thursday, October 1st** *Personal Statement and Common App Cont'd*
- **Thursday, October 8th** *Final Evaluation*

This is your opportunity to learn everything that you need to know when applying to college. In this course, we will cover many different topics, equipping you with the tools needed to make the college application process as painless as possible. Upon completing this course, you will have mastered the Common App and personal statement.

Students will be responsible for completing all assignments and can expect up to 2 hours of homework each week. I will check in periodically and will have a Q&A during each session. However, for 1:1 assistance, I recommend private consultations outside of this course.

Sessions are scheduled to be 60-minutes long but may run over time so please plan accordingly. Attending live sessions is not mandatory as all sessions will be recorded, but students are required to complete all assignments by the assigned due dates.

#### **Session 1**

- Creating a Common App account
- Narrowing down the college search
- Understanding accelerated or joint options that lead to graduate or specialized degrees (MD, DMD, JD, PhD, etc.)
- Using a spreadsheet to organize important information
  - Deadlines
  - Requirements
  - Scholarships

- Using a Google drive folder to organize material
  - Primary
    - Personal statement
    - Additional information question
    - COVID-19 question
    - Resume
    - Recommendation letter requests
  - Secondary
    - Supplemental essays
- Preparing social media and email accounts for applications
- Starting the personal statement
  - Brainstorming topics
  - Topics and essay styles that work

### Session 2

- Writing rough drafts of your personal statement
- Filling out the Common App
  - Profile
  - Family
  - Education
    - Courses
    - Honors
  - Testing
- Communicating with your guidance counselor

### Session 3

- Revising rough drafts of your personal statement
- Filling out the Common App
  - Activities
  - Florida residency
- Answering UF's questions
- Writing a compelling "Why Us" essay

### Session 4

- Evaluating your personal statement
- Polishing your applications
  - Common errors
  - Supporting evidence

