

# Summer Course in College Application Essay Writing

with Tim Storm

By the time you're applying to colleges senior year, most of your work has been done. You've made your impression upon those who will be writing your recommendations; you've accrued all the stuff on your transcript; you've taken the standardized tests. All that's left is the essay.

But the essay is huge.

Imagine you're a college admissions officer. You review over 1000 applications per season, which equates to 40 per day, 8.5 per hour. And within those applications are a mind-numbing array of transcripts, test scores, lists of extra-curriculars, and recommendation letters. That's a lot of noise. What will really make an impression as you're sifting through your 40 applications per day? What will really help you get a sense of the person behind the numbers and lists?

The essay is a student's best opportunity to break through the noise and become memorable to admissions officers.

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Would you like to wrap your head around how you'll approach the essay and get a solid start before fall semester of senior year gets going?

This 10-hour summer course will walk you through the application essay process.

- We'll consider the most common prompt topics and figure out how to generate ideas.
- We'll discuss how your past experiences might apply to the "future you" that colleges will see.
- We'll examine tips for making your essays engaging and concrete.
- We'll look at how to structure your essay, with a special emphasis on how to end powerfully.
- We'll touch upon what you should be looking for as you revise.

Throughout the week, we'll engage in exercises to help you with all of the above, and we'll look at several sample essays. By week's end, you'll have at least one essay draft finished, and you'll have a solid understanding of how to craft others.

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