



Junior College Orientation

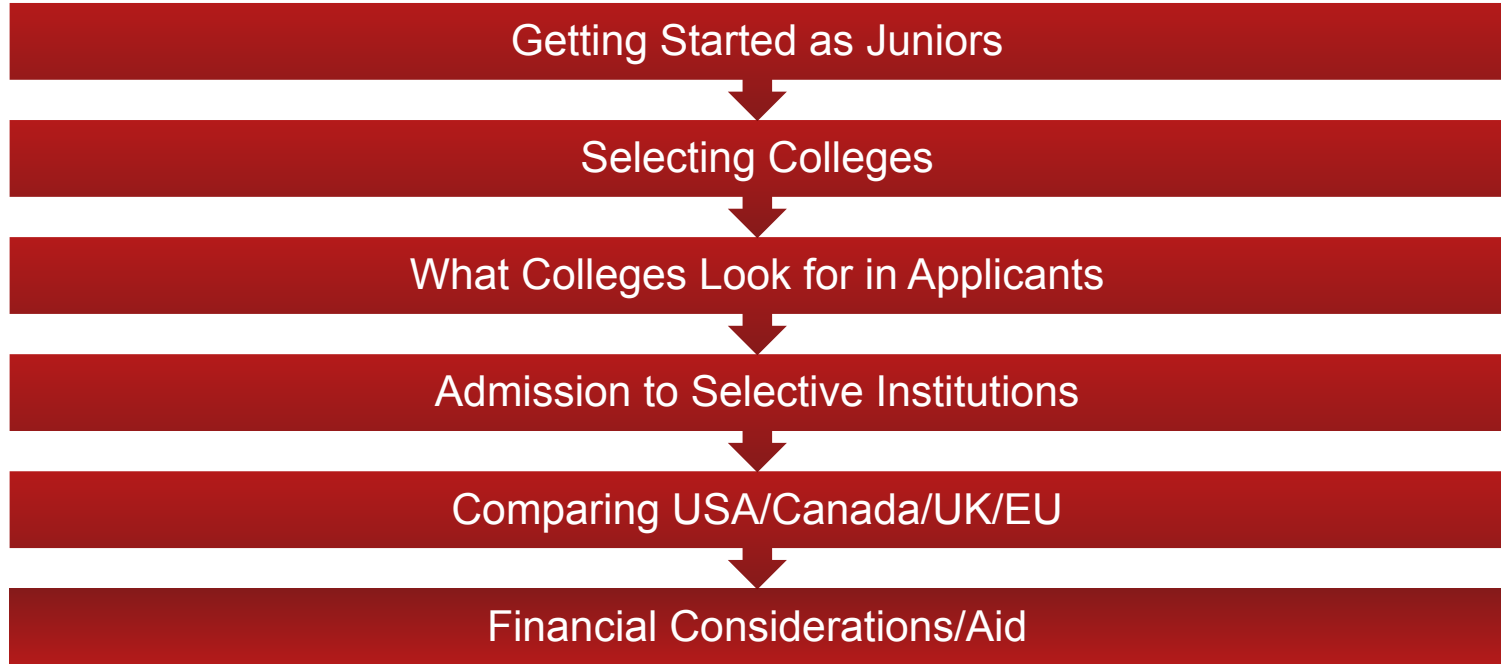
CLASS OF 2021 – SPRING



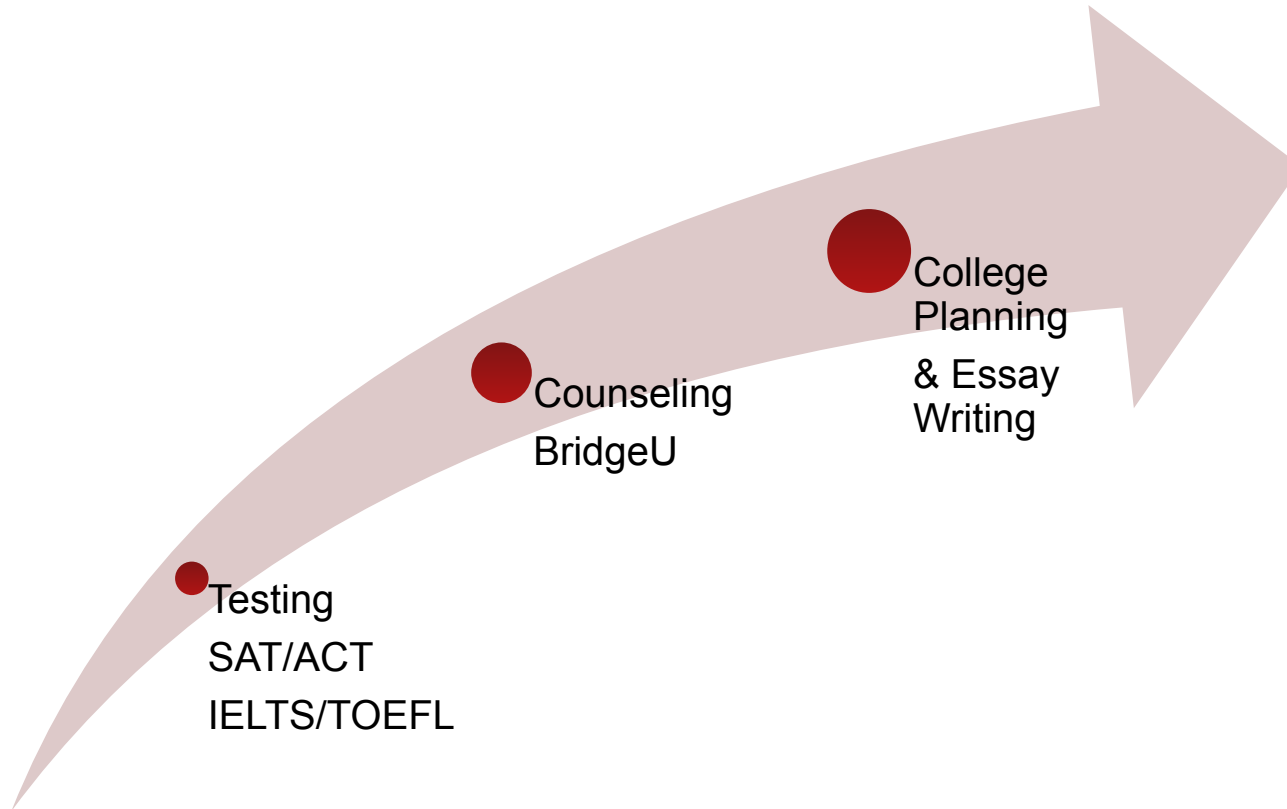
AMERICAN SCHOOL
OF PARIS

founded 1946

Agenda



Spring Semester



Testing

By the end of Junior Year, students should have taken the appropriate standardized tests:

PSAT

SAT or ACT

SAT Subject Tests

TOEFL/IELTS

Test Preparation

Strongly
recommended



Many options
available:
Self-study
Online
Shmoop
Khan Academy
Group courses
Mock Testing



BESPOKE Paris
Private providers

ASP Mean SAT Results

- SAT Math: 620
- SAT Critical Reading (ERW): 630
- Lit – 650
- Math 2 – 700
- Physics – 650
- French - 780

SAT & ACT Test Dates

- SAT & SAT Subject Test – Spring 2020
 - March 7 (SAT only)
 - May 2 (SAT & Subject Tests),
 - June 6 (Subject Tests only)
 - August 29 (SAT & Subject Tests)
 - Beware of FALL Testing Dates - November not currently scheduled
- ACT – Spring 2020 (ASP is not a testing center)
 - Feb 8, April 18, June 13, July 18 (with Writing)

Getting Started: Counseling

GROUP ORIENTATION MEETING - TODAY

- Student Data Questionnaire assigned

FIRST INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

- Schedule using Calendly!
- Review graduation requirements and academic record
- Initial list of colleges
- Parents encouraged to attend
- BridgeU

SECOND INDIVIDUAL MEETING WITH COUNSELOR

- Last date to submit Student Data Questionnaire
- Explore personal qualities, goals and interests
- Revise initial list of colleges

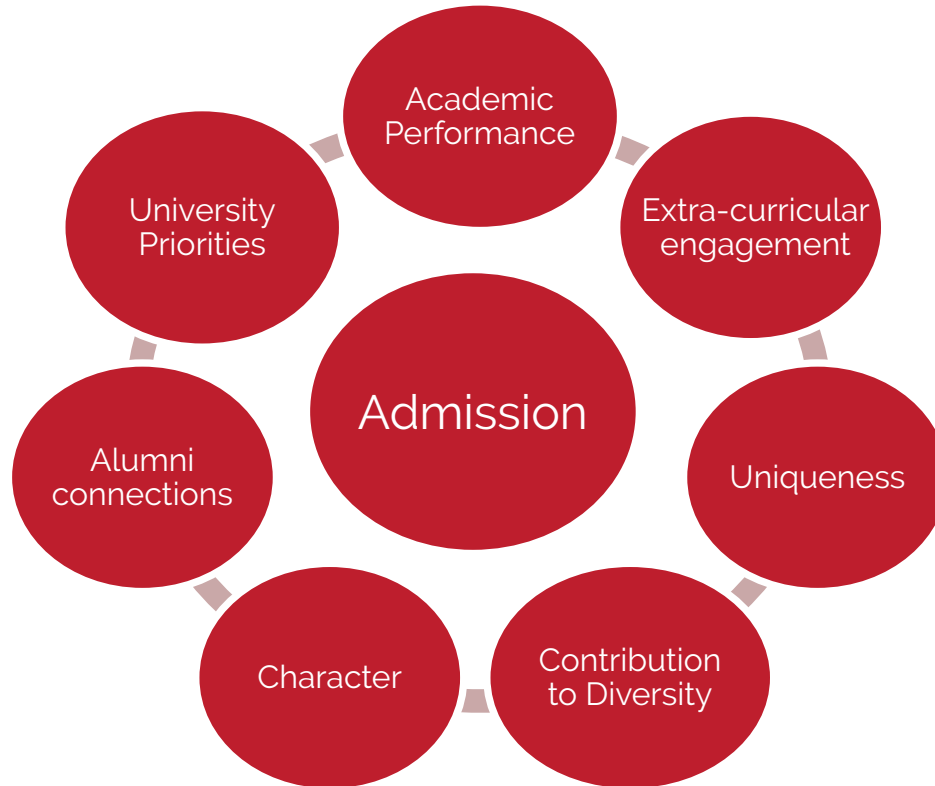
College Planning and Prep

- Visit University Website
- ASP Website/College Counseling/Multiple Resources
- Participate in meetings with visiting university representatives
- Utilize college guidebooks
- Plan college visits
- Consider summer programs
- Talk with alumni, friends, relatives, contacts

Selecting a College

- Genuine interest
- College type (size, private, public, liberal arts, co-ed)
- Location - USA, Canada, UK, Europe
- Academic Environment (competitiveness, majors, core curriculum)
- Campus Life (housing, social life, athletics)
- Expenses/Costs
- Use BridgeU Search, Common App tools, UCAS, EUNICAS
- Entrance requirements: Safe/Target/Reach (8-10 schools/ 5 in UK, 4 in The Netherlands)

Evaluating the Applicant



Academic

- Quality of courses
- Grades/Predicted IB, AP Scores
- Grade Distribution and Weighted GPA – Note ASP does not rank/semester GPA reported. Profile provides context.
- Standardized and other Test Scores (UK subject/school specific)
- Recommendations -varies by system
- Awards
- Important EVERYWHERE!

Extra-curricular Engagement

- Evidence of meaningful, ongoing, exceptional involvement
- Emphasis on depth
- Be aware how different systems evaluate
- UK - should demonstrate engaged interest in chosen course

Uniqueness

- Personal essay/statement/letter of motivation - Spring workshops
- Interviews (Skype or otherwise)
- Recommendations - vary in importance
- Special Talents - do not hide!

University Priorities

- Enrollment plans
- Development
- Demonstrated interest - attend university visits!
- USA - most relevant

Early Admissions

- Early Decision I - Oct 15, Nov 1
- Early Action - Same
- Rolling Admissions
- Just Early: UCalifornia, UFLA, UTexas, UWashington
- UK - Oct 15 (Oxbridge, Medicine, Vet Science and Dentistry)
- The Netherlands - Priority deadlines (Dec 1).

Selective College Admissions

- These colleges deny between 70 and 96% of applicants, many more than admitted
- Academic success is required but not sufficient for admission
 - Your chances are greater if you are able to differentiate yourself
 - In USA admissions: minority status, alumni affiliation, athletic recruitment, award-winning achievements, outstanding leadership, exceptional talent and, to some extent, international exposure

Admission to Canada

- Appeal of Canadian universities (Quebec/France, environment, cost:quality).
- Each school has specific admission requirements (essays, personal statements, reference letters, video submissions specific to programs, OUAC Ontario)
- Application deadlines vary from January (McGill, UoT, UBC) to March.
- IB Diploma candidates are not required to submit SAT scores.
- AP and USA high school diploma applicants, most cases, must submit SAT, including SAT Subject tests, or ACT scores.
- Applications made to specific faculties.

Admissions to the UK

- Applications submitted via UCAS to study a specific or related courses within university (5 Total)
www.ucas.com
- Deadlines: October 15 & January 15
- Beware of additional entry exams: Oxbridge, Medicine, Law
- In most cases, IB Diploma or 2 - 4 AP exams required. More selective unis will ask for 4/5 APs plus SAT/ACT.
- Scottish and some British unis will now admit with a high school diploma, GPA condition and/or SAT scores
- Foundation courses/programs
- Conditional offers will be based on predicted exam results
- Be aware of English Language Proficiency Requirements (IELTS)
- Ultimately choose Firm and Insurance choice

Admissions to the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland

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Financial Considerations and Aid

- USA - relevant, although scholarships are available in Canada
- Need-based
 - Loans
 - Scholarships & Grants
 - Work-study programs
- Non-Need Based
- US Citizens
 - FAFSA
 - CSS Profile
 - College application
- International Students
 - International Student Certification of Finance - increasingly required early in process