

College Counseling Summer Assignment – Class of 2021

PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

This summer assignment is for all upcoming ASF seniors who are thinking about applying to colleges outside of Mexico. Even if you are not 100% sure, but you think you might apply... DO THE ASSIGNMENT. (Otherwise we will assume that you are applying exclusively to local universities.). E-mail me for an appointment when you are finished with the assignment.

Part 1: College Considering List and [Maia Learning](#)

Estimated time: It depends entirely upon how much you've already worked in Maia this year!

Please enter the names of all of universities you are interested in (including Mexican universities) in Maia Learning, under the section called “College Considering” which is within “College Plan”.

Also remember: the “compare me” function is your friend. It will help you to recognize if you have a balanced list of universities in terms of reach, fit, and safety.

Part 2: Familiarize yourself with the [College Counseling PowerLearning Site](#)

Estimated time: Approximately 30 minutes

It is important for you to be aware of the information on this site. Especially regarding deadlines, the application process, and [teacher letter of recommendation procedures](#).

Part 3: Counselor Letter of Recommendation

Fill out the form titled [Questions for Counselor Recommendation](#) which can also be found on the College Counseling Classroom site and return it to me “shared” or by email, dillonr@asf.edu.mx by Monday, August 10, 2020

Part 4: College Google Folder

Estimated time: This should take about 1 hour.

Please create a folder where you will save all relevant information for your college application process. You are welcome to create your own organizational system if you like, but I suggest you have docs/sections for the following information at least:

1. Information from the College Counselor (running notes)
2. Testing - PDFs or screenshots of your scores from the PSAT, ACT, SAT, or SAT Subject Tests. Also include a doc with your usernames and passwords for each testing agency.

3. Essay draft
4. Subfolders with notes supplementary writing for each university
5. Doc will ALL usernames and passwords

Other To-Dos

- You must carefully follow the instructions in the [Maia Learning Common App User Guide](#) regarding the FERPA if you will be using the Common App to apply to any universities
- U.S. citizen applying to U.S. universities? BEGIN the the process to complete the [FAFSA application](#) (application for federal financial aid)
- Not sure how to organize so many details for all of the requirements? Make a copy of the [College List Requirements Template](#) and plug in the info for your universities
- Draft your common app essay and/or personal statement! (tips on PowerLearning [here](#))
- Look within the Common App for the supplementary short answer questions for each university you're applying to ONCE the application has "rolled over" for 2019-2020. The "short" answers can be time consuming, especially when you're applying to lots of Common App schools
- Predicted grades needed? (UK schools, NYU test flexible option) Ask us! We can share your predicted grades with you
- Organize your extra-curriculars to have the details ready for the Common App and other applications. See some tips [here](#) and a sample CV [here](#)