

# Tips for Completing the Common Application for the UW

## Additional Information section in UW supplemental section:

It is important to take great care in completing your UW application as the UW will not review any letters of recommendation, your official transcript or other information from Seattle Prep. It is all self-reported by the applicant. (Note: If you enroll, we will send a final transcript for verification). In light of this, we have written a paragraph that describes our curriculum and our COVID grading policies. **We strongly recommend you copy and paste the text below into the Additional Information section of the *UW specific* questions under the My Colleges tab – a 200 word text box called “Additional Information about yourself or your circumstances”.**

## Copy and Paste the following:

**Curriculum:** All students participate in an interdisciplinary humanities curriculum during their first three years at Prep. This three year course sequence is entitled Collegio but appears as two courses (English and social studies) on the transcript. There is no honors designation on the transcript but the reading, writing and speaking expectations are very demanding both in terms of quantity and complexity. Due to the collegio curriculum, there are no AP or honors designated courses available in the humanities until the senior year. While honors classes are available in math, science and Spanish in all grades, the first opportunity for most Prep students to take AP classes in all subject areas is also senior year. In addition, all Prep students must take four years of Theology classes, which can limit opportunities to take other advanced elective coursework.

**COVID:** In 2020-21, Seattle Prep began with a digital format with synchronous instruction in every class and added some hybrid in-person learning in the spring. Normal curriculum was completed, and rigorous grading standards were maintained throughout.

**Personal Statement:** The UW does not look at the essay in the writing section of the common application! You will need to place your main personal statement into the UW specific questions under the My College tab.

- You can likely use your main Common App personal statement for the UW personal statement. Both have 650 word limit.
- There is a second required short essay for UW (300 word limit) and the 200 word optional information section that you can use for the text above.

**Important Note:** There is another opportunity to share additional information in the Writing section of the Common Application – a 650 word text box for circumstances or qualifications not reflected in the application. You can use this optional space for all your applications if you do have any special circumstance you wish to share.