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Overgrad: Finding your path to college and your future career

Purpose:

Today we will be using Overgrad, a college and career planning website, to research colleges and careers and set goals for your future.

Objectives:

At the end of today you will...

- Complete your Overgrad Profile
 - Create a list of careers you are interested in possibly pursuing
 - Create a list of colleges you are interested in attending
 - Understand the requirements for gaining admissions to those schools
 - Set goals for this school year to increase your admissions chances to your top schools
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Directions: The activities in this packet will guide you through various activities on Overgrad. You will receive directions for each section. **Please wait** for directions before moving on to each section .

Part I: Register and Log-in

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN OVERGRAD ACCOUNT:

1. Go to <https://overgrad.com/>
2. Click, "Login" in the upper, right-hand corner of your screen.
3. Enter your email and password
 - a. If you have forgotten your password, click "forgot password" (see photo →)

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN OVERGRAD ACCOUNT:

1. Visit: <https://www.overgrad.com>
2. Click "Sign-up" in the upper, right-hand corner of your screen.
3. Select "Student" and follow the directions to create your account.



Part II. Customize Your Profile

1. Select your name in the top right. Select **“Profile”**.

- ☐ Navigate to the **“Demographic and Family”** section
 - ☐ Find **Ethnicity**, choose the most appropriate option, and select the check mark to save.
 - Entering your ethnicity will allow you to see the graduation rates for students of your background at different colleges.
 - ☐ Scroll down to **Family Income**. Select the range that represents your family income and select the check mark to save. If you do not know you may select your best guess.
 - This will allow you to view the “net price” of each college based on your family’s financial background. This information is kept confidential (only you can view this information).
- ☐ Add additional information in “Demographic and Family” that you or your counselor would like to include

Part III: Input Academic Information

1. Staying in your profile, navigate to the “Academics” Section.

- ☐ Enter your **GPA**.
 - Enter your unweighted GPA on a **4.0 scale**. **If you already see a value for your GPA, your school has loaded this information for you.*
- ☐ Scroll down to **“Course Rigor”** and enter the rigor (difficulty level) of your current core-courses. *Leave the drop down blank if you are not currently enrolled in a course in that subject area.*
 - Select the **check mark** next to each selection to save your changes.
- ☐ Add **Majors** if you already know of majors or programs that you might want to study.
 - Start typing the name of your interested major and select from the drop down. You may add multiple majors of interest.
 - Entering a major will allow you to see if these specific programs are offered at each college you view. You do not need to enter anything here yet if you are not sure.

2. Using the top navigation bar select **“My Planner”** and then **“Test Scores”**.

- ☐ Input your Standardized Test Scores by selecting **“+ Add Scores”**.
 - If you have taken any national exams enter your scores and select **Save Changes**
 - If you have not taken a particular exam, or do not have these scores, leave this section blank. **If you already see test scores entered, your school has loaded this information.*





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Directions: This next section will help you to start exploring careers and colleges you may be interested in pursuing in the future. We will begin with researching careers and majors and then move on to searching for and learning about different colleges.

Part IV: Career Interest Inventory and Following Careers

- ☐ From the top navigation bar, click **My Future**, select **Career Survey**, and complete the **Career Interest Survey**.
- ☐ Review your results. To learn more about a career, click on the occupation's title/name. This will tell you what that person does, the average salary, the level of education needed, predicted job growth, and additional information about that job.

Career Profile Results

To view all careers, click here

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Displaying entries 1 - 10 of 36 in total

	Match	Occupation	Career Clusters	Median Pay	Entry-Level Education	Projected Job Growth
Follow	Best match	Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	Multiple ▾	\$70,470	Bachelor's degree (4 years college)	Slower than average
Unfollow	Best match	Economists	Multiple ▾	\$105,290	Master's degree (5-6 years college)	Average
Follow	Best match	Operations Research Analysts	Multiple ▾	\$82,940	Bachelor's degree (4 years college)	Much faster than average
Follow	Best match	Software Developers, Systems Software	Multiple ▾	\$106,050	Bachelor's degree (4 years college)	Faster than average
Follow	Best match	Computer Programmers	Multiple ▾	\$82,690	Bachelor's degree (4 years college)	Average
Follow	Best match	Survey Researchers	Multiple ▾	\$54,730	Master's degree (5-6 years college)	Faster than average

- You will also see colleges that offer programs that align with this career. If you are interested in learning more about the college you can either click the college itself OR click "Follow" which will add this college to your "My Future" page to explore later.
- This list of colleges are "matches" for you, based on your GPA & test scores

Four-Year Match Institutions —

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Saint John's University	Follow
John Carroll University	Follow
Wofford College	Follow
Beloit College	Unfollow
Albion College	Follow

- ☐ When you find a career you like, click, **Follow**. This will add that career to your "My Future" page where all of your careers and college are stored.

Career Profile Results

Economists

To view all careers, click here

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At a glance —

Career Clusters	Avg. Pay	Entry-Level Education	Job Outlook	Total US Employment
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[Follow this career on Overgrad](#)



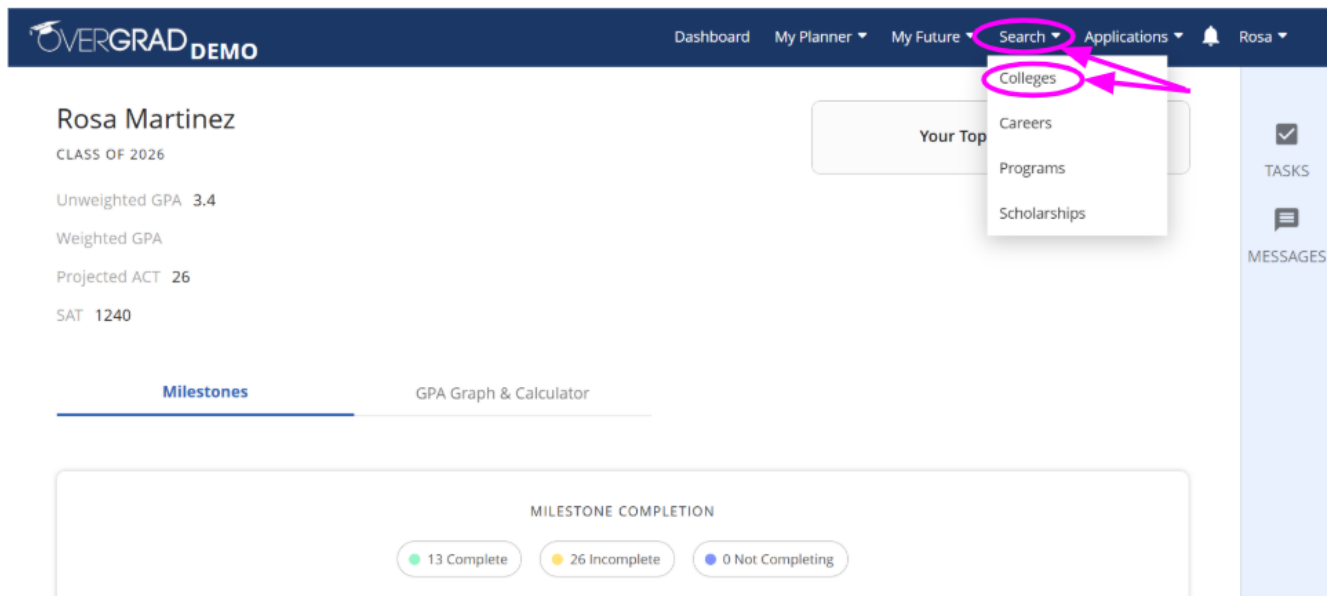
- ☐ Add new careers outside of just your career interest survey results. To do this, click the “Search” tab and then click “Careers.” Use the filters provided to narrow down your search.
- ☐ Double check that you clicked the green “Follow” button next to your favorite careers.



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Part V: University Search and College Match

- ☐ From the navigation bar select the **Search** tab and then select **Colleges**.



- Use the filters to the left to narrow down the universities.
 - Popular filters are:
 - **Admissions Chances:** Search for “safety, match, and reach,” schools.
 - **Location:** Search for schools in specific states, or a certain distance from your home address.
 - **Majors and Programs:** Search for schools that have departments and majors you might like.
- Click on the college to learn more about it.
- Click, **Follow** if you are interested in the university.
 - ☐ Follow at least 5 schools you are interested in.
 - Similar to careers, clicking “Follow” will add these schools to your list of colleges on your “My Future” page.

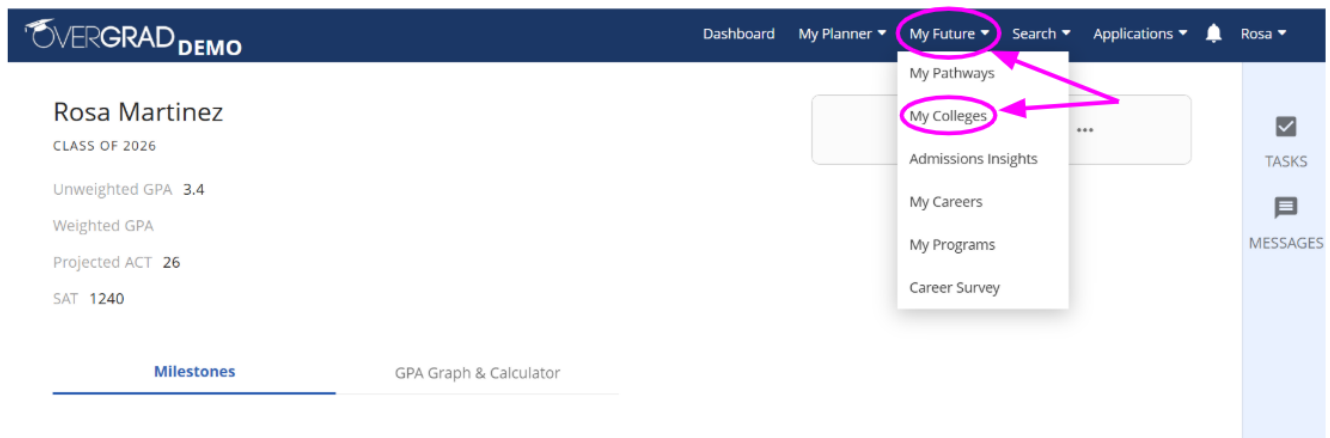
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Part VI: My Future

My Future keeps track of all of the colleges and careers that you have followed.

1. Click **My Future** from the navigation bar at the top of your profile and then select **My Colleges**.



- Make sure you are on the **Colleges** tab.
 - ☐ Review the list of colleges you are following. Delete any you no longer on your list by clicking on the “x” on the right-hand side of each university.
 - ☐ Next, drag and drop the colleges you are following in order of favorite to least favorite.
 - ☐ Use the colored college graduation caps to compare “**Your Stats**” to the admissions expectations of each college you are following.

Careers

2. Click on the **Careers** tab

- ☐ Review the list of careers you are following. Delete any you no longer want on your list by clicking on the “x” on the right-hand side of each career.
- ☐ Next, drag and drop the careers you are following in order of favorite to least favorite.
- ☐ Check to see if you are following at least one school with a program related to each career. If not, search and add additional schools.
- ☐ Check to see if you have added at least one major for each career you are following. If not, add the appropriate major(s).

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1. What are two changes you will make to your college list based on your My Future page? Describe each change and explain why you made it.

Example: "I noticed that all of the schools I followed are "Reach" schools, so I want to go back and find some "Match" or "Likely" schools to add to my list also."

a. _____

b. _____

2. What are two academic goals you can work towards this school year that will help make you a more competitive applicant? Write down each goal, and explain why you set it.

Example: "I want to raise my GPA by .2 points. Currently, I am below the average GPA University of Illinois accepts and this is my dream school. Raising it .2 points will help make me a competitive applicant and help me get into the school."

a. _____

b. _____

