

Syllabus	
Course Title	College Awareness and Application Procedures
Meeting Dates and Times	4 Online Meetings on Saturdays February 2 – March 16, 2019 5.00 PM – 6.30 PM
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Course Description	There are around 4500 higher education institutions, colleges and universities, in the United States. Besides this figure, the quality of the education given in these institutions is very high. However, a common problem of many domestic students and their parents is to choose between so many schools and follow up the application process to schools. This course explores the college admissions process, with emphasis on selecting the best fitting schools and majors, documentations and time management.
Course Objectives	<p style="text-align: center;">Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Psychological and family issues involved in the college admissions process 2. Admissions requirements for community colleges and public and private colleges/universities 3. College application timelines and deadlines 4. College admission testing (SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS) 5. Writing effective letters of recommendation 6. Financial aid applications and process 7. Documentation ((e.g., reference letters, transcripts, personal statement, tests, etc.) 8. Narrowing down your school choice 9. Best universities and the overall higher education system of the United States 10. Commonapp platform for college applications. 11. Choosing the best fitting university, locations (States, cities) 12. Emails and communication 13. Costs, tuitions 14. Important high school developments (e.g., classes, activities, etc.) toward college applications
Weekly Schedule	
Week 1	Exploring the higher education system of the United States. Best schools, rankings, majors, costs, and types of schools.
Week 2	Documentation. (e.g., reference letters, transcripts, personal statement, tests, etc.). Important high school classes and activities for college readiness.
Week 3	Deadlines, time management for preparations and applications.

	Admission types. FAFSA.
Week 4	Scholarship applications. "Commonapp" application platform. Writing an effective personal statement. Choosing the best fitting university, locations (States, cities)