

COLLEGE PLANNING— “DIGGING DEEPER”

The purpose of this guide is to help you find out more about a college to which you hope to apply. To complete this worksheet, you will dig deeply into the website of that college and answer the following detailed questions. This research may require email or phone contacts with members of the college admissions or department staff.

1. I hope to attend_____.
2. I want to study_____.

Details to discover: Using this document as an electronic template, or in a separate document, answer the following questions completely about ONE college you hope to attend.

1. Applying for admission

- a. Application deadline and details
- b. Expectations for applicants to this major (SAT/grades/courses taken, other)
- c. My optimum senior schedule to be a competitive applicant
- d. Do I need to have volunteer/internship experience to be considered?
 - i. What resources are available to me to boost this component of my application my senior year?
- e. Does this college accept the common application? (<https://www.commonapp.org/>)
- f. Is there a supplemental essay?
- g. Do I need to take the SAT Subject test(s)?
- h. Do I need to include a first or second choice major?
- i. Who will write my college recommendations? (e.g., math or science teacher?)
- j. Who is my admissions counselor?
 - i. Contact information: (name/email/phone)

2. Paying for college

- a. What is my Student Aid Index (SAI)? (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/get-started/student-aid-index>)
- b. What are the Financial Aid applications and deadlines for this college?
- c. Should I complete the CSS Profile? (look up your college at cssprofile.collegeboard.org/)
- d. What is my high school's CEEB code?
- e. What is this college's Federal School Code?
- f. Who is my financial aid advisor?
 - i. Contact information: (name or office/email/phone)

3. Planning for freshman year

- a. Course selection
 - i. What are the general education requirements at this college?
 - ii. What courses are required to complete the program?
 - iii. How many electives can I take?
 - iv. Can I take a second major or a minor and still graduate in 4 years?
 - v. Sketch out a 4-year course plan.
- b. If I would like to take a semester abroad, is this possible?
 - i. When would I apply?
 - ii. Whom would I contact for more information?
 - iii. Is my financial aid portable to a semester abroad?
- c. What are my clinical opportunities?
- d. Who is the clinical coordinator (if applicable)?
 - i. Contact information: (name or office/email/phone)
- e. How close is the campus to a medical facility?
- f. Should I plan to use my summers for additional internship experience?
- g. If I have a learning challenge (504), where do I get support or accommodations?
 - i. Contact information: (name or office/email/phone)
 - ii. How and when do I submit my official paperwork to get accommodations?
- h. If I am struggling with a subject at college, where do I go for support?
 - i. Contact information: (name or office/email/phone)
- i. If I have a friend who is struggling with an emotional or social issue, where would I suggest he or she go to get help?
 - i. Contact information: (name or office/email/phone)
- j. Who is the Dean of the college?
 - i. Contact information: (name/email/phone)
- k. Who would be my academic advisor and when do I get to meet with him/her?
 - i. Contact information: (name/email/phone)

