

Junior Seminar Calendar: 2019 Spring Semester

Week of January 14 – Preparing for college: the Importance of Junior Year and knowing yourself/College Fit: What can make a college right for me? (Assignment: Junior Questionnaire)

Week of January 21 – Finding data about colleges: websites (collegedata, collegesimply, collegenavigator, nces.gov/ipeds, collegefactual, bigfutures.org) and college tours (campustours.com, collegeprowler.com, collegeweeklive.com, ratemyprofessors.com, studentsreview.com, unigo.com, youniversity.com) Assignment: Find data on 3 colleges that you like, using Antonoff's worksheet as a guide)

Week of January 28 – Types of Colleges and Universities (Assignment: List at least three schools of different types that interest you)

Week of February 4 – The SAT, ACT, and TOEFL – (Assignment: Read directions and sign up for Spring test)

Week of February 11 – Practice SAT/ACT: Part I (no homework assignment)

Week of February 18 – Financing College: Scholarship Searches and Financial Aid (Assignment: Find and apply for one scholarship)

Week of February 25 – Financing College: Net Price Calculators and EFC (Assignment: Run your family's numbers through a calculator [finaid, BigFutures, or NM] and find a probable EFC)

Week of March 4 – Practice SAT/ACT: Part II (no homework assignment)

Week of March 11 – No Seminar (Spring Break)

Week of March 18 – No Seminar (Mission Week)

Week of March 25 – Summer Jobs, Internships, and Using your time wisely (Assignment: Develop a plan for an organized summer activity; monster.com, indeed.com, linkedin.com, simplyhired.com, collegexpress.com)

Week of April 1 – College Research Exercise: Find two liberal arts colleges that appeal to you and gather required data.

Week of April 8 – College Research Exercise – find two public and two private *midrange* schools that you like and gather required data about them.

Week of April 15 – College Visits and Interviews (no homework assignment)

Week of April 22 – College Fit and Majors (Assignment: Research a major of interest to you, pick a college that offers it, and write down the graduation requirements for that major [courses, GEs, etc.]

Week of April 29 – Creating a College List: Selectivity and Balance (Assignment: Create and TURN IN a list of 10 colleges of interest to you; 3-4 reach, 3 midrange, and 3 safety)

Week of May 6 – – Essay prompts: Why is College X right for me? (Assignment: Write an ~600-word essay based on a college of your choice)

Week of May 13 – Resumes and Letters of Recommendation (Assignment: Create a resume)

Week of May 20 – No Seminar – Final Exams