

Questions our mentees have asked their mentors

1. How many SAT subject tests do you think I should be taking?
2. Do you have suggestions for preparing for SAT II subject tests?
3. Should I take SAT or ACT?
4. When should I be taking the SATs?
5. Do you have suggestions on preparing for SAT general test?
6. What APs do you think should I take during high school?
7. Number of APs do you think I should be taking?
8. Do you have suggestions for preparing for APs?
9. What helped you getting into the school of your dream or where you're right now?
10. What activities did you do during your high school years?
11. Do you have a suggestion on what kind of activities should I get involved in?
12. How significant role those activities played in getting the college admission?
13. What helped you write the essay required for the college admission?
14. I am interested in CS. Do you have suggestions on how I should prepare myself during the high school year for this major?
15. What activities or high school course work you think helped you during the 1st year of college?
16. Could you suggest resources out there that may help me do better during high school years?
17. Please share your high school experience and what helped you in your opinion.
18. What you wish could have done in high school that might have prepared you better for the college?
19. How do you balance time efficiently?
20. How to you choose between Honors and AP classes?
21. Clubs and After school activities recommendations
22. Volunteering work – how to choose and balance?
23. Specific questions about your interests
24. How to prep for hard college admissions?

For a specific college: USC

1. What schools were you choosing from and why did you ultimately choose USC?
2. What kind of activities did you do in high school to improve your college app/resume? Is there anything specific that colleges look for?
3. What is campus life like at USC? What kinds of clubs and organizations are people involved in/what do students do?
4. How is the area/safety?

UC Berkeley:

1. Does "undeclared" lower your chance of acceptance?
2. Where can you find info on Berkeley research projects and internships?
3. What is the average amount of AP courses did Berkeley student take when they were in HS?
4. Is there a pre-med specific program at Berkeley? How does it compare to other schools?
5. What are the most popular majors at Berkeley?
6. When should we take Math Level II test?
7. What made you choose Berkeley over other colleges?
8. Will not taking any AP classes affect my chances of acceptance?
9. Does Berkeley allow double major and do both majors show up on your diploma?
10. What other schools did you consider in your college admissions process?
11. Does being a more well-rounded student affect your application?
12. What does Berkeley offer in government and public policy?
13. Is it hard to be a student there when you have difference of opinions in a heavily liberal environment?
14. Do you recommend writing about a sport you've played for awhile in personal insight questions?
15. How does the Regents scholarship program work at Berkeley? What's the difficulty skill to get into?
16. On your application do you need to submit a letter of recommendation and how many?
17. What do you need to score on AP test to get credit or course exemption?
18. What made you choose your major or switch your major?
19. When do you start applying for colleges?