

CPP2015 Portfolio

Instructions

General – your portfolio should include most of the information needed for your college application. This should capture all the work you have done during College Prep (all assignments) and your experiences during the summer. The outline provided below is the minimum requirement and a starting point. To make the most out of what you’ve learned throughout the summer, you are required to provide additional topics that are not included within this outline. Please include any assignments that we missed in the template! Creativity is highly encouraged as you put together your portfolio. Please be descriptive as you provide answers for additional information requested in the outline; as always, one sentence responses are not acceptable. As a general rule, think 1-2 paragraph minimum answers. :)

Organization/Format – your portfolio should be professional and easy to navigate, and each section should have a heading. Be sure to provide a table of contents at the beginning of the portfolio. Also be sure to include page numbers. A creative cover page is encouraged, include your name and CPP year on the cover page. When using existing materials from your assignments, be sure to provide clear description of the material. For example, you’ll want provide a quick description/introduction to your college list rather than just a copy and paste of the material without providing any context.

All essays should be single spaced with prompt and word count on top. Please only include the final revision of your essays. Final revision of your resume should be on its own page. Materials copied from the webapp forms should be reformatted to create a consistent look and feel throughout your portfolio. *Note: Liam will try to provide prepopulated tables for selected assignments from the webapp such as your college and scholarship list.* Lastly, please keep your font to a reasonable size (not too big - 11/12 point works well).

Attachments – transcript, common application and other attachments should be inserted into your portfolio. Instructions to insert PDF file into a Google Document to be provided.

Placeholder – for the first draft, you will not have materials necessary to complete all the sections. For these sections, please include placeholders so we know that you intent to include the missing materials in your final version of the portfolio.

Questions: Please feel free to ask us lots of questions - on the forums is best. Your mentor may be able to help with edits and tech issues as well. This help is encouraged, but make sure that you, the student are doing the work yourself!

Deliverable: A single PDF, uploaded to the webapp, in its polished, professional form. We estimate portfolios will be approximately 100 pages. If yours is shorter than 80 pages, please send to us ahead for review and approval. Remove these instructions! Think POLISH!!!

Cover Page [in color, something that has your name, CPP2015 Final Portfolio, and catches the eye]

Section I. Introduction [Description/overview of report]

Section II: Plans and Goals

- Short Autobiography [1/2 page, single spaced – feel free to include a picture!]
- Mission Statement [See Great Discovery]
- Planned Major
- Degree Plans [Final degree you hope to earn (PhD, Masters, etc.)]
- Career Plans
- Personal Goals
- Giving Back [How you plan to help others through outreach. What problem do you want to help solve?]
- Hobbies and Interests [What are your talents and interests?]
- Goals for the Future [Describe your 5, 15, and 40 year plans, or otherwise express future plans]
- Parent priorities for your education
- Your priorities for your education
- Professional Role Model
- Personal Role Model
- Attach a copy of your 1-page resume

Section III: Applications

- Final College List [the more information you include, the better! Minimum: 12 Schools - School Name, Application Deadline, Dream/Reach/Match/Safety Label]
- Top Choice School [Description of your top choice school (include a picture!)]
- School Priorities [What's most important and least important to you in a school?]
- Standout factors [Describe your standout factors, and include your poster]
- School pool activity [Include your poster and 1-2 paragraphs describing the school]
- Test Scores [Latest test scores + plus test dates (include SAT, subject tests, TOEFL)]
- Goal Test Scores
- Overall GPA [include weighted and unweighted]
- List of recommenders [include name, how you know person, why did you choose?]

Section IV: Financial Aid

- EFC [Include EFC from FAFSA forecaster]
- Plan to Pay for College [Short description – 2 to 3 sentences is perfect.]
- Net Price Calculator Worksheets [3 schools] – you can summarize this information in a table, if you prefer
- Scholarships [Applications you will complete: 15-20+, include due dates and application location]

Section V: College Essays

- College Prep Application Essay [if you have it]

- All Essays (latest drafts) written as part of CPP
- All Bonus Essays
- Parent Interview (Optional, include if you have it)
- Outreach Ideas

Section VI: College Prep Experiences

- Lessons learned in CPP [Describe what you learned from the program]
- Instructors, coaches, mentors, or speakers that you particularly enjoyed meeting/hearing from, along with a short description of why you chose them
- Something you learned about neuroscience [Will's presentation, college visits, Dr. Q]
- Something you learned from visiting colleges
- Fun Experiences [Tell us what part of CPP was the most fun]
- New Activity [Describe an idea for an activity that we didn't include]
- Priorities [For the upcoming year, especially related to enhancing your college application]
- Self Reflections [Include all self reflection assignments]

Section VII: Next Steps

- Include your latest draft of your next steps action plan, with what you plan to accomplish in the next year, organized in a way that makes the most sense to you.
- Include your plans for next summer [Summer Programs and Opportunities]

Section VIII: Skills

- Essay Skills [Please summarize in 2-3 paragraphs what you have learned about writing good essays in terms of content and grammar. What mistakes do you make and how can you improve? What do you do well?]
- Resume Skills [Please summarize in 2-3 paragraphs what you've learned about writing an effective resume. How would you tell a classmate to write an effective resume]
- Study Skills Learning Assessment [Please summarize your learning style and study plan, now that you know your strengths. (2-3 paragraphs, similar to the assignment)]
- Study Skills Time Scheduling [Please include a version of a typical weekly schedule - make sure there is time for both fun and schoolwork. Discuss what changes you've made (or would like to make) that will help you get everything in. (Hint - think about our class discussions and also about Nate's demo) What is your best time management tip?]
- Python Skills [Please write about your experience with Python - what have you learned about coding this summer?]

Section IX: Other Material [Anything else about you that we left off, that you want to share!]

Section X: Application Materials

- PDF preview of your final common app
- Transcript

Section XI: Application Dashboard

Instructions to be provided.

Summary Page

At the end of your portfolio should be a summary page. Instructions to be provided.