

# College Planning 101

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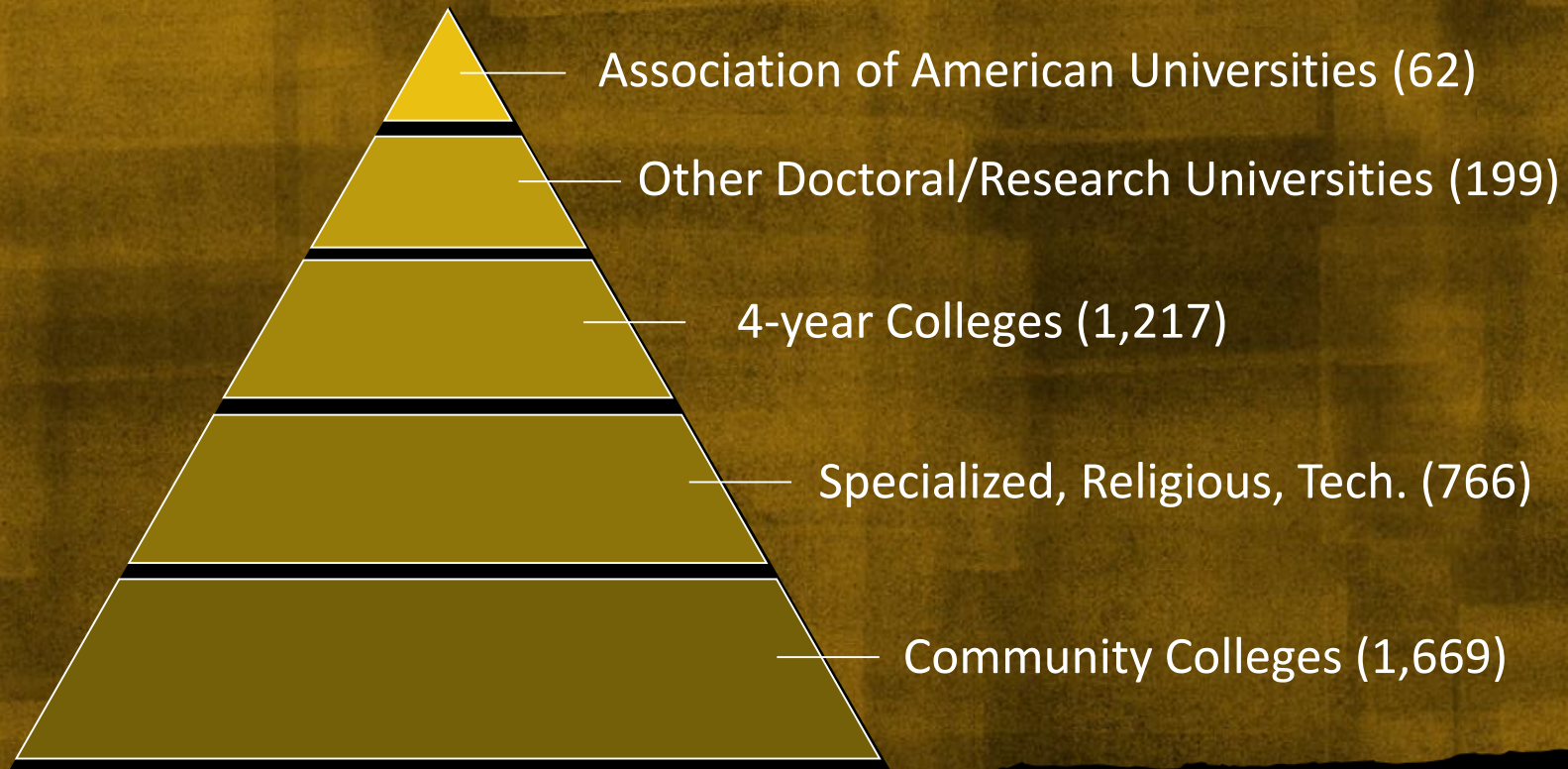
# Lesson 1

## Discover Your Options



# U.S. Higher Education Pyramid

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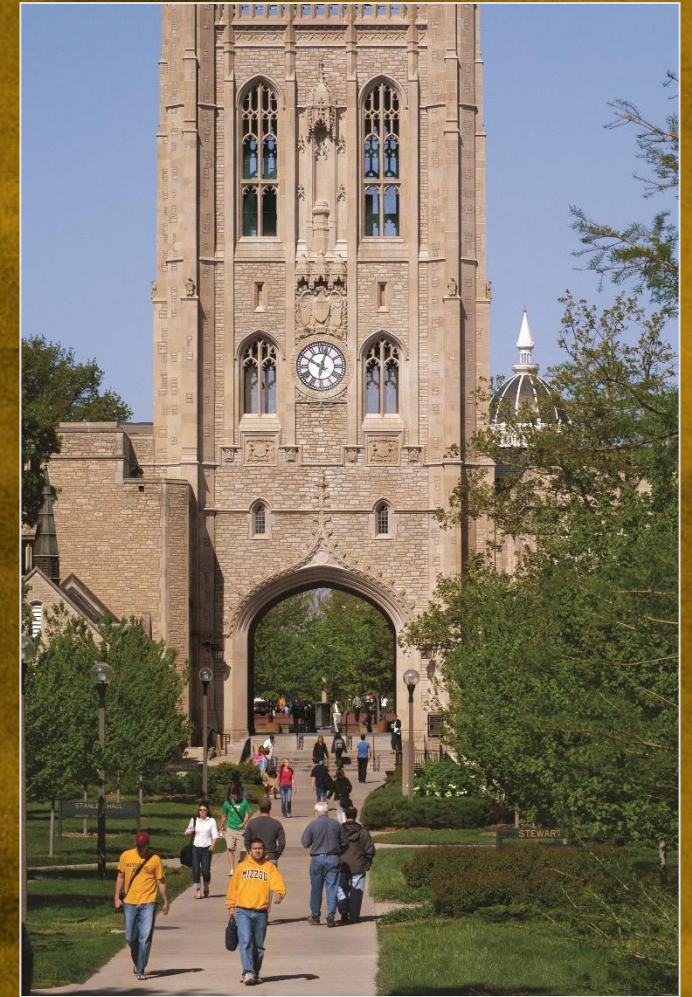




# Institutional Differences

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- Private vs. Public
- Two-year or four-year
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Religious or Secular
- Co-Ed or Single Gender





# Selection Priorities

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Some first thoughts...

- Prestige
- Selectivity
- Legacy
- Where your friends are going





# Selection Priorities

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- Size
- Location
- Cost
- Academic Programs
- Atmosphere





# Lesson 2

## Prepare Yourself



# DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

## Non-Restrictive Application Plans

Regular Decision

DEFINITION:

Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Rolling Admission

DEFINITION:

Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Early Action (EA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

## Restrictive Application Plans

Early Decision (ED)

DEFINITION:

Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early.

COMMITMENT:

BINDING

Restrictive Early Action (REA)

DEFINITION:

Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they may have until May 1 to confirm.

COMMITMENT:

NON-BINDING

Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.

Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.



# What Do Colleges Review?

- High School Record
  - Grades and coursework
  - Activities and involvement
- Performance on the ACT or SAT
- Involvement
- Subjective criteria
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Interview
  - Personal statement
  - Essay questions





# What To Do Now

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- Use calendar or calendar/reminder app
- Practice taking and studying from notes
- Take college prep courses
- Improve your reading, writing and public speaking abilities
- Get involved





# Lesson 3

## Investigate and Compare



# Surf the Internet

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- Request information
- Take a virtual tour
- Visit academic divisions
- View course equivalences

Check out these websites...

[collegeispossible.com](http://collegeispossible.com)

[actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

[collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)





# Meet & Greet

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## Attend College Fairs

- Gather information
- Visit with out-of-area schools

## Meet with Admissions Representatives

- Fall/Spring visits to high schools
- Ask in-depth questions





# Visit the Campus

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- Come prepared with questions
- Talk to students on campus
- Try to visit more than once
- Weekday, weekend, or overnight visits





# Visit the Campus

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## MEET MIZZOU DAYS

*Four Saturdays during Spring semester*

## REGULAR IN-PERSON VISITS

*Any Monday through Friday when campus is open*

## VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

*Mizzou Overview*

*One-on-one*

*Campus Tour with Current Student*





# Visit Questions

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- What are the admission requirements and what do they look for in an applicant?
- What majors do they offer?
- What is the school's AP/dual credit policy?
- Class size, student to faculty ratio, graduation rate, research, and other academic opportunities should be considered.
- What is campus life like? City and surrounding area?
- What types of activities and clubs are offered?
- What kind of scholarships are offered (merit, fine arts, athletic, etc.) and are there separate applications? Do they allow outside scholarships?



# Lesson 4

# The Application Process



# Where to Begin

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## Junior Year

### Winter/Spring

- Research the college planning process

### April/June/July

- Take the ACT or SAT

### Spring/Summer

- Visit college campuses

## Senior Year

### August – October

- Apply for admission
- Visit top schools again

### September/October/December

- Retake the ACT or SAT

### October 1

- FAFSA Available

### After application

- Look for campus housing info
- Apply for scholarships

### January 7 (varies for each school)

- FAFSA Priority Deadline

### April

- Evaluate financial aid package

### May 1

- Submit enrollment fee

### June/July

- Attend student orientation





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