



# COURSE DESCRIPTION

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## COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY WRITING (2021)

GROUP CLASS w/Eric Cohen, School Director, and Mercer Education Staff

This course is intended for high school seniors who want to work on their college application essays. The focus is exclusively on refinement and completion of application essays (“personal statements”) and/or short-response college application questions.

*There will be no out-of-class readings or assignments other than writing; this is strictly an essay writing class. Students are expected to be proactive and show up to each class essay in hand, ready to “dive into the writing process.” The goal is to provide a weekly deadline, motivate students, and equip them with substantial critical feedback to improve their essays.*

Mr. Cohen will lead the discussion and peer-editing of essays (at least one per student per class). Students will receive feedback in class that day and written comments and suggestions either that day or within one week. *Class is limited to graduating seniors. Classes meet once a week via Zoom and are approximately 2.5 hours (may run longer) depending upon the volume of writing. We plan to critique as many student essays as possible in class each week. Students will be expected to generate essays and/or revisions on a regular basis.*

The course runs for eight consecutive weeks (except for the Saturday after Thanksgiving) from early or mid-September through early November of 2021. (Exact start dates will be determined as early as possible in September, likely 9/11/21 or 9/18/21 for the Saturday group and 9/15/21 or 9/22/21 for the Wednesday group.) Class size is capped at 6 students, and the two groups typically fill up.

*Note: This is a selective program that requires a degree of writing competence on the part of the participating students. Prior to acceptance for enrollment, ME may request that students submit a writing sample based on an assignment we will provide. Those students who do not quite meet this level of writing proficiency will be encouraged to work directly with teachers in private (one-on-one) classes.*

### COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Instructors: Eric Cohen, Director, and ME staff
- ▶ Meets 8 consecutive Wednesdays or Saturdays
- ▶ Time: Wednesdays at 4:30pm *or* Saturdays at 2:30pm
- ▶ Length: 2.5 hours/class (may run longer)
- ▶ One eight-week Fall Session
- ▶ Sign-up Deadline: “first come, first serve”
- ▶ Limit 6 students/class, 12 students max
- ▶ Cost: \$1200 per eight-week session

Enrollment in Mercer Education’s *College Application Essay Writing* class is limited. In order to facilitate scheduling, please complete ME’s *Application for Enrollment*, listing the time slots (Wednesday at 4:30pm or Saturdays at 2:30pm) when you/your child will be available to attend class. We will refund you in full if we cannot schedule a class at the times you have listed as available, e.g., if the Wednesday group’s enrollment is too low. (Note: ME does not provide refunds to students missing specific classes because of illness or other unanticipated conflicts, though make-up classes may be possible if multiple group classes are in session.)