

**Public Academy for Performing Arts  
2022-2023  
Senior Seminar Transition to College**

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**Credit:** 1 Elective Credit  
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(usually between 9-11)

**Course Content:**

Senior Seminar Transition to College is an elective, but recommended, course for high school seniors. The course is designed to prepare seniors for college and future career. In addition, students will learn how to write an original research paper and prepare and present an oral presentation on their research (if possible, in collaboration with 12<sup>th</sup> grade English class). Students will complete (1) a personal and career inventory, (2) a resume and cover letter, (3) a personal statement / narrative and college essay, (4) college applications, scholarships, and financial plan, (5) letters of recommendation, and (6) a senior portfolio. Students will also learn job soft skills to help prepare them for a job or career.

**Daily Class Materials Needed:**

3-ring Binder (1.5-2 inch)/Portfolio with dividers  
Positive Attitude

**Daily Requirements:**

Students will be expected to complete assignments, on time, to the best of their ability, each day. Take responsibility in your own learning.

**General Routines and Procedures:**

1. Be on time and prepared for learning.
2. Respect for Others (Teachers, Students, and Community)  
Ways to Show Respect to Others:
  - Make good eye contact when communicating with others
  - BE ON TIME. Punctuality is vital in today's world. Virtually any job you may have will require you to be on time and ready to work.

3. Be an active listener
4. Complete tasks on time.
5. Make Hard Work Your Passion

The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender to a challenge.

**Grading Policy:**

**Semester Grades**

Quarter Grade	40%
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Semester Exam	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

**Quarter Grades**

Essays, Tests, Projects,	
Journals, Portfolios	60%
Homework, Daily work	<u>40%</u>
	100%

**Assignment Guidelines:**

- Produce quality work
- Participate in class activities & seminar discussions
- Demonstrate skills learned
- Utilize creative thinking and problem-solving techniques
- Complete assignments by deadline
- Take ownership of their own learning

**Plagiarism, Cheating, and Academic Integrity**

Plagiarism is the practice of copying words, sentences, images, or ideas for use in written or oral assessments without giving proper credit to the source. Cheating is defined as the giving or receiving of illegal help on anything that has been determined by the teacher to be an individual effort. Both are considered serious offenses and will significantly affect your course grade.

**Attendance Policy**

Regular and prompt class attendance is an essential part of the educational experience. PAPA expects students to exercise good judgment regarding attendance and absences. Students will accept full responsibility for ensuring their work does not suffer because of absences.

**Late/Missing Work:**

- Late work is accepted in accordance with the student handbook for absences.
- Late/missing assignments from students in class on the day of assignment will be lowered 10 points.
- If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to make up the assignments and/or tests when you return.

**General Information:**

If you are having trouble with this class, come to me immediately and I can work with you. If you wait till the end of the marking period, it will be TOO LATE. I will be available to help you understand so that you can be successful in this class. I will do my best to ensure each student is successful in this class.

**Topics Covered will include but not limited to**

**Q1** - Syllabus Review • Planning Your Future • Life Choices • Transforming from a Child to an Adult • Overcoming Challenges • Time Management • Essay Submissions • asking for recommendation letters •

**Q2** - Financial Aid 101 • FAFSA Completion • Financial Aid Applications • Top 5 college Applications Submitted • Scholarship Research & Submission

**Q3** - 21st Century Skills • Resume/Cover Letters • Finding Your Career • Career Research & Submission • Why Goals are Important • Setting your Goals

**Q4** - Housing • Banking Basics • Loans and Credit Cards • Budgeting • Taxes •