

Mock Admission

Stepping into the shoes of an Admission Officer



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What is a Holistic Review?

The admissions review process at selective colleges and universities takes into account criteria beyond grades and standardized tests, and includes students' extracurricular activities, teacher and counselor recommendations, personal statements, essays, and other factors.



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Application Components

Application
Supplement/Institution-Specific Question
Standardized Testing
Secondary School Report/School Profile
Transcripts
Counselor Recommendations
Teacher Recommendations
Extra-Curricular Activities
Essays
Interviews
Demonstrated interest



The Netherlands

Educational philosophy: Everyone has a **right** to higher education

Admissions usually, but not always!, non-selective. If a student meets the entry requirements, diploma and subjects, sometimes GPA, they can enrol.

Diploma needs to be equivalent to required Dutch diploma. Not all international diplomas are.

Selection after the gate: Binding Study Advice at end of first year.

But some programmes <are> selective, including the university colleges



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University College Utrecht

- Part of Utrecht University in the Netherlands which has 39.000 students overall.
- Liberal Arts and Sciences College with 750 undergraduate students
- Fully residential, housing guaranteed on American-style campus
- Lively community, extracurricular activities seen as part of the education. In application we look at extracurriculars but also at family responsibilities.
- Selective with 38% admission rate
- Honours college. Students need to meet minimum academic requirements at the time of application to be considered.
- American high school diploma in itself not accepted. At least four AP exams with score of minimum 4 required. SAT and ACT not considered unless school does not offer APs.
- IB 32 points minimum without TOK and EE.
- Seeking diversity of all kinds– geographic, socioeconomic, diploma diversity.

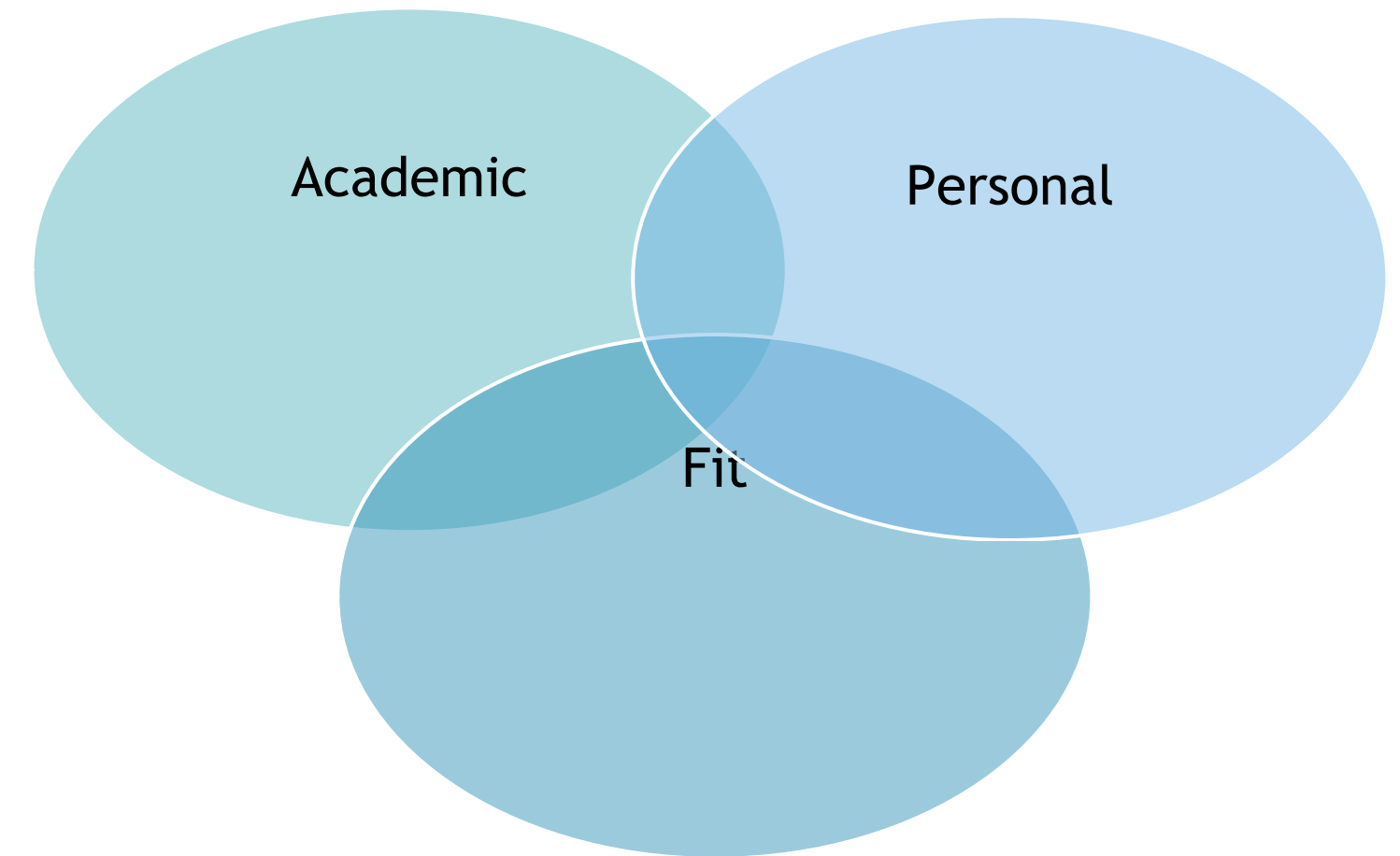


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You Are the Admission Counselor

In this exercise, you will serve as the admissions committee. Your goal is to identify, using holistic admissions approach, which student is the best fit for our highly selective college.



Dover College

- Liberal Arts College located in the Philadelphia suburbs
- 2,500 undergraduate students
- Highly selective with 19% admission rate
- 75% of applicants come from top 15% of their class
- Test-Optional, but Middle 50% SAT: 1400–1480 ACT: 33
- Division I athletics
- Two new buildings: Arts and Sciences
- Seeking diversity of all kinds– geographic, socioeconomic, religious, etc
- Early Decision offered



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Our Candidates

- We cannot over-enroll, and we have limited seats left
- We must choose one of the following to Admit, Waitlist and Deny

Anita	Rahul	Maya
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Anita, applying “undecided”

Academics	Personal	Writing
<p>Top 19% of class</p> <p>Predicted 38/45</p>	<p>Parents are in international business, and family has lived in three countries</p> <p>Only child</p>	<p>Essay: Comfortable Living Globally</p> <p>Quality: Strong</p>
<p>IB HLs English Lang A, Economics, Math AI</p> <p>SL Biology, History, Spanish B</p>	<p>ECAs: President of MUN, performs in theatre and chorus</p>	<p>Supplements:</p> <p>Average interview with our office</p> <p>Average rated singing portfolio</p>
<p>1320 SAT</p>		<p>Letters of Rec:</p> <p>Positive, but acknowledge that sometimes ECAs supercede academics</p>



Rahul, applying for Engineering

Academics	Personal	Writing
Predicted A*, B, A Internal marks in Math started lower last year,	Legacy- Mother attended DC Brother studying in US	Essay: What Leadership Means to Me Quality: Average
3 A levels in Math, Physics, Economics, IGCSEs mostly As	ECAs: Basketball (captain), volunteers at temple, Member of robotics club	Supplements: robotics portfolio, and an average interview with our office
33 ACT		Letters of Rec: Average, call him respectful and intelligent



Maya, applying for economics

Academics	Personal	Writing
Top 6% of class 94% predicted	First in family to go to college Has an aunt who lives near DC	Essay: Cooking with my Grandmother Quality: Average
National curriculum, science stream	ECAs: Helps care for siblings and grandparents School Prefect	Supplements: Fine "Why DC" Registered but no show for virtual event
Test-Optional		Letters of Rec: Very strong: Kind of student who takes advantage of opportunity



Final Vote: The Committee Must Release Decisions

	Anita	Rahul	Maya
Admit			
Waitlist			
Deny			

