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# The Purdue OWL: Sample Outlines

# **Alphanumeric Outline**

## THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

#### I. CHOOSE DESIRED COLLEGES

- A. Visit and evaluate college campuses
- B. Visit and evaluate college websites
  - 1. Look for interesting classes
  - 2. Note important statistics

## **II. PREPARE APPLICATION**

- A. Write personal statement
  - 1. Choose interesting topic
    - a. Describe an influential person in your life
      - (1) Favorite high school teacher
      - (2) Grandparent
    - b. Describe a challenging life event
  - 2. Include important personal details
    - a. Volunteer work
    - b. Participation in varsity sports
- B. Revise personal statement
- III. COMPILE RÉSUMÉ
  - A. List relevant coursework
  - B. List work experience
  - C. List volunteer experience
    - 1. Tutor at foreign language summer camp
    - 2. Counselor for suicide prevention hotline

## **Full Sentence Outline**

- I. Man-made pollution is the primary cause of global warming.
  - A. Greenhouse gas emissions are widely identified by the scientific community to be harmful.
    - 1. The burning of coal and fossil fuels are the primary releasers of hazardous greenhouse gases.

Full sentence outlines are often accompanied with an APA reference list on a separate page. Quotes within the outline must also utilize APA in-text citations.

#### **Decimal Outline**

- 1.0 Choose Desired College
  - 1.1 Visit and evaluate college campuses
  - 1.2 Visit and evaluate college websites
    - 1.2.1 Look for interesting classes
    - 1.2.2 Note important statistics



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