

Share my application experience

Study Abroad (US & Singapore)

Chih-Chen Chou 06/28, 2018

Motivation



Preparation



Time Management



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- Youth is extremely short.

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My example



How to prepare



CV



SOP



LOR

★ GPA

skill

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- Clear
- Simplify

(Do not say something from senior high school)

- Show your advantages
- No more than two pages
- No pattern(Black & white document)

Extracurricular
Activities

TOEFL

research


GRE



work
experience

GPA

(your professional knowledge)

Overall average  can make it up (So do not give up!!!)
Last 60 (junior & senior year)

 Top 20 colleges → average 3.7/4.0 ↑
Top 50 colleges → average 3.4/4.0 ↑



TOEFL iBT (English proficiency)



 Top 20 colleges → 100+ (L.R.W25+ / S22+)

Top 50 colleges → 80+ or 90+

(may be different based on the program) < management ++
engineering --

Tips

- ★ Listening is the most important!
 - Ted Talks everyday
 - download CNN/BBC news apps
 - American drama
- ★ "考滿分" website (practice TPOs)
- ★ cram school? (based on your time and perseverance)
- ★ Google & youtube & PTT(TOEFL_iBT) are your best friends!!!



GRE

- Verbal (170)
- Quantity (170)
- AWA (6.0)

$$\text{Total} = 340 + \text{AWA}$$

- Top 20 colleges → 320 + 3.5
- Top 50 colleges → 300 + 2.5



Tips

- ★ "考满分" website
- ★ cram school? online courses? (Highly recommend)
→ can save lots of time (especially in Verbal)
- ★ Google & youtube & PTT(GRE) are your best friends!!!
- ★ "Magoosh" "Quizlet" online & apps
- ★ It is a logical test (not just test your English)



Major: ME
Minor: TM

GPA: Overall **3.72/4.0**
Last60 **3.93/4.0**

GRE: total **322**
(Q 170/170
V 152/170)
AWA 3.0/6.0

TOEFL: total **100**
(L24/30
R29/30
S22/30
W25/30)



US
Top20



US
20-



- Stanford
- UC-Berkeley
- Cornell
- Purdue
- CMU(E&TIM)
- Northwestern
- Upenn** → decision
- UC-Los Angeles
- UC-San Diego
- Columbia
- USC
- U-Washington
- UC-Irvine
- NYU

● accepted
● rejected

Singapore:

1. National University of Singapore

2. Nanyang Technological University



Statement of purpose (SOP)

- Not be the same as your CV!



your best

+

3 *



academic goals

+



future plan

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whole
process

My
test

TIMELINE

0.5-2 years

0.5-1 years

2 weeks

2 months

toefl

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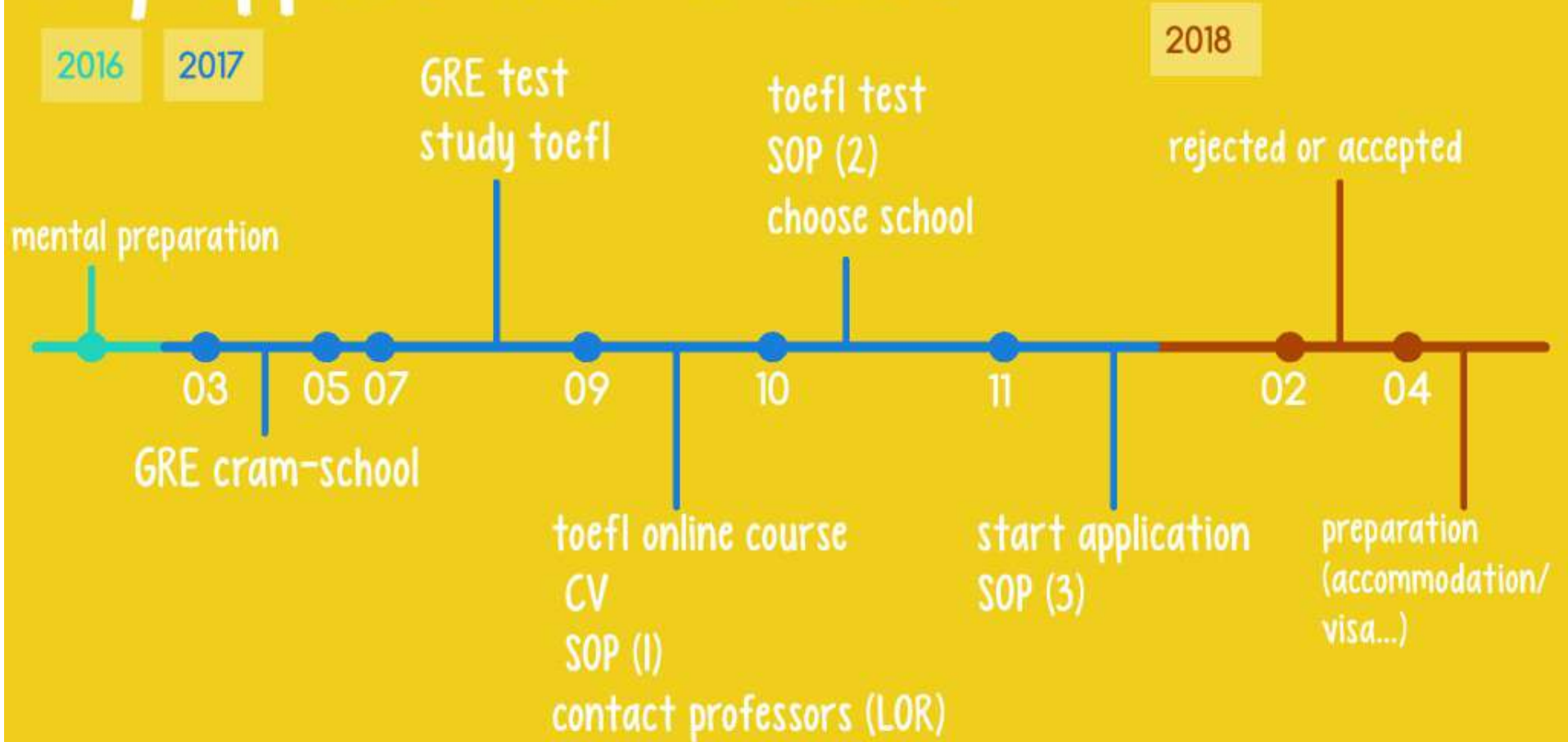
2 months







my application timeline (enroll in 2018 Fall)



my test

- take before December

TOEFL

2016/10 Total 80
2017/08 Total 91
2017/11 Total 100

cram school



GRE

2017/08 Total 320 (V152 Q168 AWA3.0)
2017/09 Total 322 (V152 Q170 AWA3.0)

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Enjoy your youth!
It will not stay.

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— Thanks for listening! —

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