

# Contributing to Mytonomy Guide



**This document covers:**

- 1) How to Upload a Video and**
- 2) What Questions to Answer**

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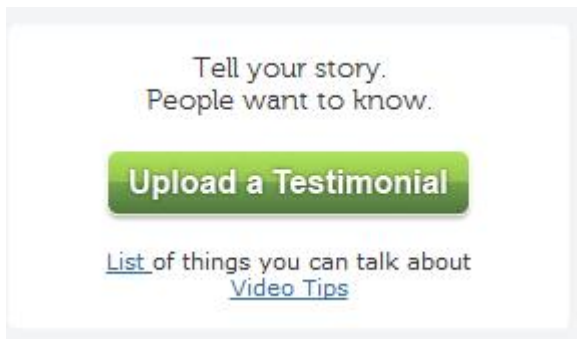
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# HOW TO UPLOAD A VIDEO

*Your video file needs to be mapped to a specific question on Mytonomy.*

1. Log-in. Click on the tab labeled “My Testimonials” on the top of the page.
2. Look for this green button on the right side of the page labeled “Upload a Testimonial” and click it



3. You will be brought to the “Upload a Testimonial” page shown below

Home Dashboard Your Tomorrow My Testimonials My Account Search for testimonials related to a college or a major

Upload a Video Testimonial You can also upload a [Written Testimonial](#)

**Title of my video**

**File Location:**

**What's it about (?)**

**Brief description**

**Add Tags (?)**

<b>College</b>	<input type="text" value="or tag your own"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>
>> MIT Sloan School of Management	<input type="text"/>
>> Purdue University (IN)	
>> Electrical Engineering / ECE	
>> MBA	
>> athletics	
>> campus life	
>> diversity of student bod	
>> social scene	

- Title your video, select the file from your hard drive to upload, and then categorize the video to a specific question by the drop downs in the “What’s it about” row. If you are in college or beyond, you’ll have the option to answer questions about a given College, Major, or Topic. If you are in High School, then you can only answer questions about a Topic. “Topic” is our catch-all category for everything that isn’t a College or Major; selecting it leads to another drop-down category – see below:

Upload a Video Testimonial

**Title of my video**

**File Location:**

**What’s it about (?)** Topic  Select

**Brief description**

Topic  
Select  
College  
Major  
Topic

- If you were going to answer a question on the Application Process, then your drop-down would appear as follows:

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**Title of my video**

**File Location:**

**What’s it about (?)** Topic  Application Process  Select

**Brief description**

**Add Tags (?)**

College

- >> MIT Sloan School of Management
- >> Purdue University (IN)
- >> Electrical Engineering / ECE
- >> MBA
- >> athletics
- >> campus life

Select  
College Application Essay: How to write a good college essay ?  
The College Recommendation Letter: How to get a good letter of recommendation  
College Visits: Making the Most of a College Visit  
Exploring Colleges: How to Find the Right School  
Applying to the Right Number of Schools: How Many Colleges to Apply To  
College Application Advice: Admissions Tips with Hindsight  
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Getting Off the Waitlist: Tips, Advice, and Information  
How to Get Into College: Current Students Discuss their Application Process  
Going to College Abroad: How to Apply Outside the US  
The College Interview: Advice and Tips on Attire, Questions, and Responses  
ROTC in College: Application advice and student experiences

- That’s it – select the question you wish to answer, and your video will be mapped to it.
- Add any (optional) tags to the video and hit “Start Upload”.
- Once the video is approved by the Mytonomy team, you will receive an email.

## ADVICE ABOUT COLLEGE

Mytonomy's college database contains over 3000 schools. For each college, we have come up with a standard list of questions. The Mytonomy college page puts the answers to the following two questions in the middle of the page:

1. What Is Your Overall Impression?
2. What Kinds of Students Fit in Well?

The page for Duke University is shown below as an example:


Your Tomorrow > Duke University (NC)

### Explore more

- [What Is Your Overall Impression?](#)  
5 Testimonials
- [What Kinds of Students Fit in Well?](#)  
2 Testimonials
- [What Stereotypes did you hear about this school? Do you find them to be true? Explain](#)  
1 Testimonial
- [What Academic Scholarships are Available?](#)  
0 Testimonial
- [Describe the Academic Life & Culture](#)  
3 Testimonials
- [Describe the Student Body \(Diversity\)](#)  
2 Testimonials
- [Describe the Activities and Social Life \(Clubs, Intramurals, Community Activities, Greek Life, etc\)?](#)  
5 Testimonials
- [Talk About the Weather, Campus Layout & Transportation](#)  
4 Testimonials
- [Evaluate the Health \(Mental /Physical\) and Service Programs](#)  
0 Testimonial
- [Talk About the Dorms and Dorm Life](#)  
0 Testimonials

### What Is Your Overall Impression?

[Free Content](#) 208 Views




by: Chinmay Patwardhan

#### Why Duke?

Duke University (NC) | Mechanical Engineering

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[Free Content](#) 90 Views



by: Anne

#### First Impressions of Duke

Two college juniors talk about campus life and their favorite things about Duke.


Duke University (NC) | Chemistry

[show 3 more >](#)

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### What Kinds of Students Fit in Well?

[Free Content](#) 6 Views



by: Zhou Fang


#### What types of students fit in best at Duke?

Are you a good fit for Duke University?

Duke University (NC) | Political Science

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[Free Content](#) 1 View



by: Westen Koorbusch

#### What is Duke looking for in a student?

Learn more about what type of students does well at Duke. Even Dean Guttentag (Undergraduate Admissions) gets a mention!

Duke University (NC) | Mechanical Engineering

**The answers to the remaining College questions are found on the left hand side of the page.** Currently, the UI shows each question, even if there is no video (answer) attached. In our pending redesign, we will display each question in a more elegant manner, highlighting those questions where there is actual content.

**The other questions that can be answered for each college are:**

3. What stereotypes did you hear about this school? Do you find them to be true? Explain
4. What Academic Scholarships are Available?
5. Which Departments Have The Best Reputation?
6. Do People Get Jobs on Campus?
7. Do People Get Internships?
8. Seniors Only: Looking Back, What Advice Would You Give to an Incoming Freshman?
9. Seniors Only: Comment on the Career Services
10. Freshman Year, What Were Your Biggest & Smallest Classes?
11. Describe the Class Size For Your Upper Level Classes
12. How Many of Your Classes Have Been Taught By TAs vs Profs?
13. Transferring Schools: What Drove Your Decision / Describe the Process?
14. Describe the Academic Life & Culture
15. Describe the Student Body (Diversity)
16. Describe the Activities & Social Life (Clubs, Intramurals, Community, Activities, Greek Life, etc)?
17. Talk About the Weather, Campus Layout & Transportation
18. Evaluate the Health (Mental /Physical) and Service Programs
19. Talk about the Dorms (Life in the Dorms)
20. Talk about the Food On-and-Off Campus
21. Evaluate the Athletic Facilities
22. Evaluate the Academic Facilities
23. Evaluate the Academic Support available

## ADVICE ABOUT MAJORS

Mytonomy's major database contains over 200 majors. **The majors are standardized across all colleges** – if Rutgers has a major called “Political Science” and Univ. of Penn calls it “Political Philosophy”, then a major at both schools will find it called “Political Science”. For each major, we have come up with a standard list of questions. The Mytonomy major page puts the answers to the following two questions in the middle of the page (Pol Sci shown):

1. What is This Major About?
2. Why Did You Choose This Major?


Your Tomorrow > Political Science

Explore more

- [What is This Major About?](#)  
1 Testimonial
- [Why Did You Choose This Major?](#)  
2 Testimonials
- [What Other Majors Did You Consider Before Choosing This Major?](#)  
0 Testimonial
- [How Did Your Plans Change Over Your College Career?](#)  
0 Testimonial
- [What about Studying This Major Do You Enjoy Most? Least?](#)  
1 Testimonial
- [What Makes A Career in This Field Satisfying or Unsatisfying?](#)  
0 Testimonial
- [What Are the Future Prospects of This Field?](#)  
1 Testimonial

### What is This Major About?

**Political Science** Free Content 66 Views




What is it like at UVA! How I decide to make it my major!  
University of Virginia (VA) | Political Science

by: Casey Enders

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### Why Did You Choose This Major?

**Political Science at Ohio State** Free Content 170 Views




A video about majoring in political science at Ohio State  
Ohio State University (OH) | Political Science

by: Maggie DaRocha

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**Choosing your major...Poly sci and economics** Free Content 65 Views



Why someone should choose Political science and economics.  
University of Notre Dame (IN) | Political Science

by: b.ubl

The answers to the remaining College questions are found on the left hand side of the page.

3. What Other Majors Did You Consider Before Choosing This Major?
4. How Did Your Plans Change Over Your College Career?
5. What about Studying This Major Do You Enjoy Most? Least?
6. What Makes A Career in This Field Satisfying or Unsatisfying?

# TOPICS (aka everything else that isn't College or Major)

## TOPICS – A HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW

### Application Process

- The most popular questions around the application process itself

### High School

- Tips for succeeding in high school

### Parents Speak

- Raising boys/girls, financial aid, SAT prep, private consultants and more!

### Sports

- Boys/Girls: How to be recruited / team life

### Arts

- How to put together your portfolio?

### Music

- How to demo your abilities

### First Generation

- Custom section for First Gen students as they often have unique and challenging obstacles

### Career

- The area for working professionals to give career advice. We'd love people from all stages of a career – from entry level jobs to senior executives, to contribute here. Our goal is to show "what a professional looks like at every stage of career progression" !
- Describe your career path, and the link between your major and how you ended up in this career, if there is such a link.
- Think about the critical decisions that impacted your path and share!
- We have labeled professions at a high level (i.e. "Computer Networking")
  - Advice givers can title their video with more detail.
  - For example, if you work at Cisco, you would map your video to "Computer Networking", and perhaps title it: "Sales Career Advice from a Cisco Executive"
  - If you are in the trades, then select "Blue Collar / Skilled Trades", and title your video: "Skilled Trades: Why I Became a Plumber", for example.
- Mytonomy is open to adding additional careers in the drop-down; please email us at [info@mytonomy.com](mailto:info@mytonomy.com) with your suggestions.

## **SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

### **ADVICE ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

1. Exploring Colleges: How to Find the Right School?
2. College Application Essay: How to write a good college essay ?
3. Applying to the Right Number of Schools: How Many Colleges to Apply To?
4. College Application Advice: Admissions Tips with Hindsight
5. How Important is the Overnight Visit?
6. Early Decision and Early Action: Should I Apply Early?
7. Getting Off the Waitlist: Tips, Advice, and Information
8. The ACT and SAT: Tips and Advice for How and When to Prepare
9. The College Recommendation Letter: How to get a good letter of recommendation?
10. You're Accepted to College, Now What: Deciding Upon the Right School
11. College Visits: Making the Most of a College Visit
12. How to Get Into College: Current Students Discuss their Application Process
13. Going to College Abroad: How to Apply Outside the US
14. The College Interview: Advice and Tips on Attire, Questions, and Response
15. ROTC in College: Application advice and student experiences

### **ADVICE ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL**

1. Discuss the Pros / Cons of a Gap Year
2. How Does One Balance Course Difficulty with Extracurricular Activities ?
3. When/How Does One get Involved in School and Community Activities/Clubs?
4. Maximizing Your Summer. How Do You Make the Most of your Summers?
5. What Advice Do Students Have for Parents?
6. What Advice Would you Give 9th/10th Graders?
7. What Advice Would you Give 11th/12th Graders?

### **ADVICE ABOUT SPORTS**

1. Girls: How Do I Get Recruited?
2. Boys: How Do I Get Recruited?
3. How Does Being On a Team Affect Your Student Life?

### **ADVICE ABOUT ARTS**

1. How to put together your portfolio?

### **ADVICE ABOUT MUSIC**

1. How to demo your abilities

### **ADVICE FOR FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS**

1. College Out of Town: How to Convince Your Parents
2. How to Balance Going to College vs Taking Care of Your Siblings?
3. Managing College vs Contributing Financially to Your Family
4. How to Find Colleges That Support First Gen Students?
5. Tips for Financing College As A First Gen Student

### **ADVICE FOR PARENTS**

1. As a Parent, What Advice Would you Give to First Timers?
2. What are Some Strategies for Maximizing Financial Aid?
3. As A Parent of a Girl, What Gender Specific Advice Would You Give?
4. As A Parent of a Boy, What Gender Specific Advice Would You Give?
5. What Tips Would You Give to Optimize College Visits?
6. How Do You Get the Most Out of SAT Prep Classes
7. How Do You Optimize Working with a Private Educational Consultant?
8. As A Parent of a Child That Transferred Colleges, What Caused the Transfer?
9. How Do You Get Your Student To Think About "Career Options"?

## **CAREER ADVICE BY FIELD**

Academia

Accounting

Architecture

Artist

Author

Banking

Blue Collar / Skilled Trades

Business

Computer Hardware

Computer Networking

Computer Software / Internet

Dentist

Energy (Oil, Gas, Clean Energy)

Engineering (Non-Software)

Entrepreneur (any field)

Fashion

Finance

Fire & EMT

Food Service / Restaurants

Investment Banking

Law Enforcement

Legal Profession

Media (Traditional: TV, Print, Radio)

Medicine (Doctor)

Medicine (Surgeon)

Military

Non-Profit

Nursing

Professional Athlete

Public Policy

Public Service: Federal Gov, State Gov, Local Gov

Public Service: Elected Official

Retail

Sales

Scientist

Sports Management

Teacher (K-12)

Venture Capitalist

Veterinarian