

## English Transcript for *Introduction to the Course*

With thousands of school options and no standard application system, applying to U.S. universities is confusing for everyone, but it can be especially confusing to international applicants. I'm Erick Hyde, University Connection Counselor at the University of Pennsylvania's English Language Programs. During our four week course, I will be your guide through the U.S. university application and admission process. Through animated video lectures, you will learn the concepts of the mission from me, but more importantly, you will learn how those concepts are put into practice through interviews with actual admission officials. These admission counselors represent a variety of schools from across the U.S.. And you will come to see how every U.S. school is a unique place with a unique personality and a unique admissions process. Along with the video lectures and interviews, readings and assignments will help you understand the fundamentals of applying to U.S. universities, including how U.S. colleges and universities evaluate applications, how to submit your best application for admission and how truly important you are in this whole process. This course was built for international bachelor's degree applicants to U.S. colleges and universities. So all of the information is tailored to non U.S. citizens applying to U.S. schools. But this course is more than just information. We are a worldwide community made up of students, instructors, admission counselors and more all working toward the same exciting goal. We will connect through discussion forums to address questions and explore ideas related to U.S. admissions. And together we will demystify the U.S. admissions process and bring you one step closer to your goal, a U.S. education.