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Sapientia International Courses
Liberal Arts Education (Online Course)

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The outbreak of the Covid-19 epidemic in 2020 has forced people to work and communicate online. The sudden changes have also made online office accepted by the public. Sapientia International will make full use of online resources and advantages to develop a "cloud classroom". The students will stay at home, listen to lectures by famous teachers, and learn to master the knowledge necessary for liberal arts education courses. online teaching is by no means a mere duck-filling education. During the learning process, the students will fully discuss and communicate with the professor and teaching assistants, and gradually complete the phased tasks under the guidance of the professor and teaching assistants. What Cloud Classroom changes is only the teaching methods, and what remains unchanged is the strict requirements for teaching quality. Cloud Classroom breaks the restrictions caused by geographical location, natural environment, time and space, cultural barriers, etc., and the cloud research project can be carried out throughout the year. Sapientia International will carry out Liberal arts education online courses in the summer (six weeks) and the school semester period (14 weeks), so that students can choose the enrolling time according to their academic planning.

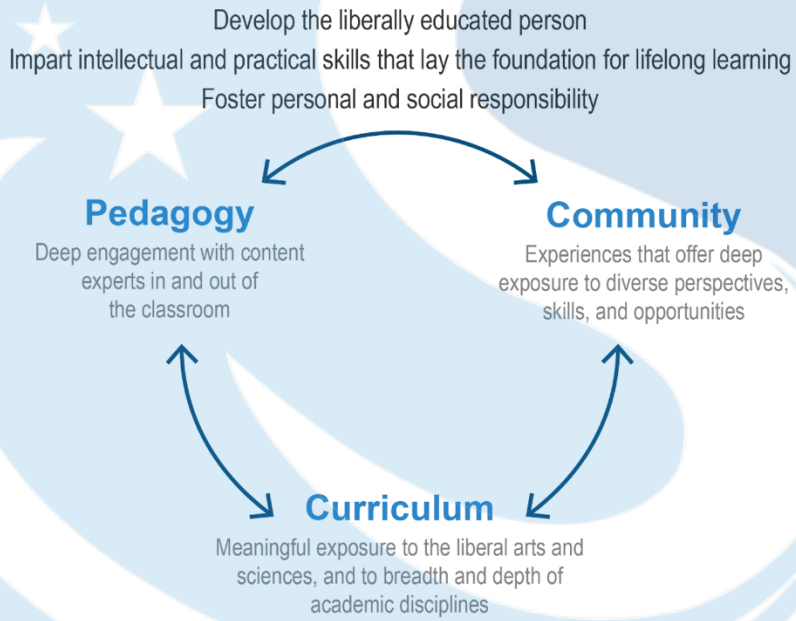


What is Liberal Arts Education？

Liberal arts education is the foundation of European and American university education and the fundamental difference between higher education and vocational education. General education aims to provide the educated with the knowledge and values that prevail in a diverse society. As the name suggests, Liberal arts education covers all aspects of human knowledge. It is the integration of philosophy, humanities and history, mathematical skills, scientific literacy, artistic aesthetics, and language skills. It is the fundamental basis for

cultivating versatile talents. Therefore, in the education system of top universities in Europe and America, freshmen in the first and second years do not need to choose a major before entering the school, but after completing the liberal arts education, they then can decide the major according to their own interests.

The Concept of Liberal Arts Education and Talents Education



Program Introduction

Sapientia International will launch liberal arts education online courses in 2022 to help high school students who are going to study for a bachelor degree abroad to experience and adapt to university classrooms in advance, and to better cooperate and compete with local students with a more complete knowledge reserve and solid academic skills. Sapientia International adheres to the concept of "world-class university education". The professor team teaches at Harvard University, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, New York University and other well-known academic institutes. Sapientia

International will equip each class with experienced teaching assistants to ensure high-quality teaching. Cloud Classroom not only improves academic ability, but also challenges students' communication skills and adaptability. We believe that with the guidance and help of our teachers and teaching assistants, students will be able to master the professional knowledge more quickly and lay a solid foundation for further studies. The students will focus on the subjects below in six or fourteen weeks:

- Humanities-Literature and Philosophy
- "Humanities-Art and History
- Mathematics and Science
- Basic of Economics
- Academic English Writing

These are five core modules of liberal arts education in prestigious overseas schools, and students can further exercise critical thinking and language skills through the study of these subjects. In order to make students better collide and exchange ideas and learn from each other, we arrange students from China and students from the United States in the same classroom, so that the language and thinking advantages of local students can better promote each other with the mathematical abilities of Chinese students to make progress together. In addition, each teaching class will be equipped with teaching assistants from famous school students to follow up the students' learning progress and tutor students' homework to ensure that their questions are answered in a timely manner. At the end of the program, we will carry out an assessment test for the teaching content and give a detailed assessment report based on the students' test results. Those who pass the assessment will receive a recommendation letter from the teaching professor.



Our Advantages

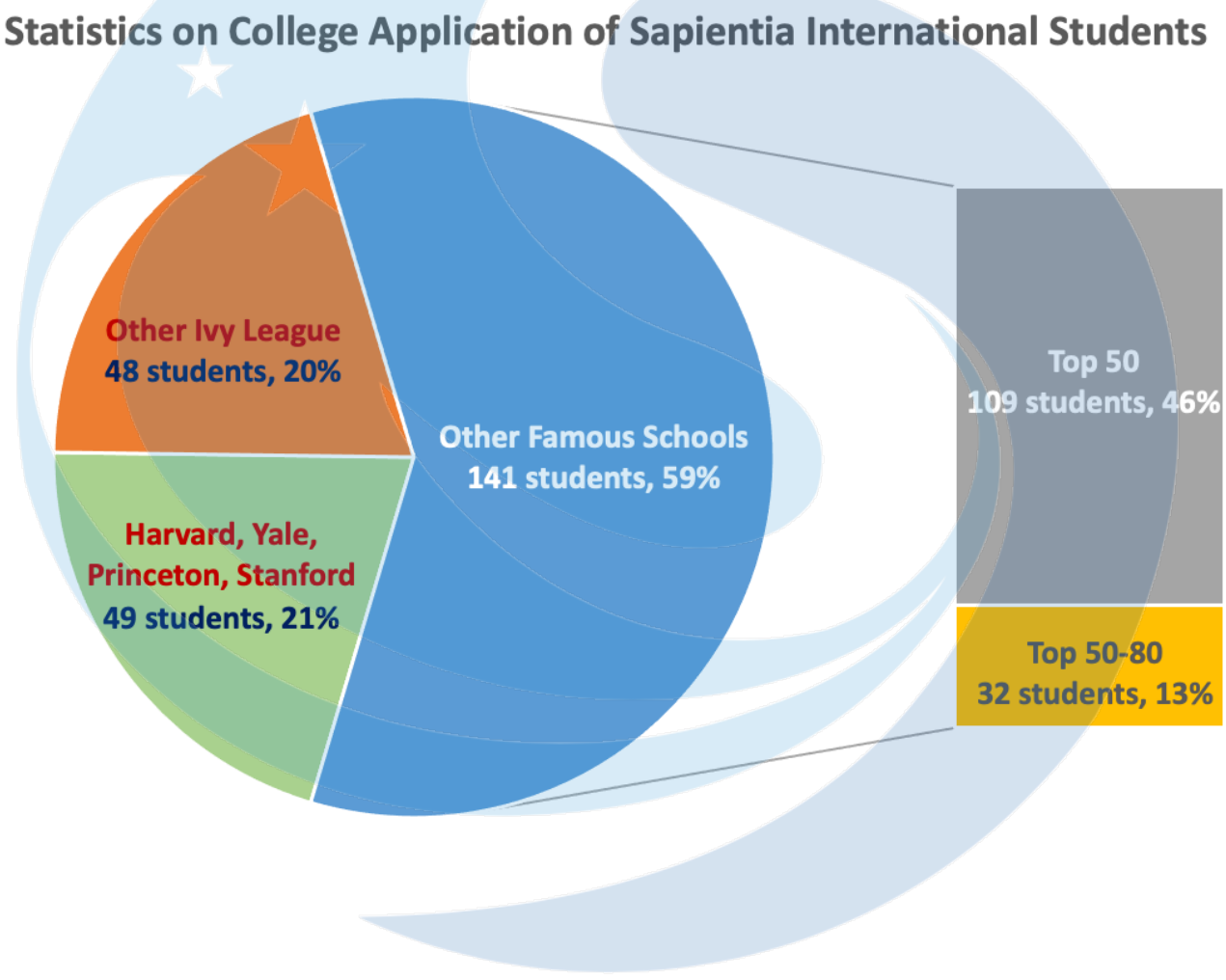
1、The world's top faculty and small class size

In order to ensure the quality of teaching and maximize the gains of students, we adopt a small-class teaching model, and the number of students in each class is limited to twelve to fifteen people. Sapientia International adheres to the concept of "world's super-first-class university education". The professors are all front-line faculty from Harvard University, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Columbia University, New York University and other well-known academic institutes.

2、The industry's leading education achievements

In the past three years, a total of 238 Chinese and American students have successfully completed the program. Most of the students participating in the program have also joined the our other background improvement program. Under the customized planning of professional teachers, they have systematically studied targeted curriculum and learnt practical research tasks, making sufficient preparations to enter world-renowned schools . Among them, 49 students entered Harvard University, Yale University, Princeton University, and Stanford University. As many as 97 students entered the top 20 schools such as Ivy League schools. All students entered the top 80 schools. What makes us more gratified than the situation of entering a higher school is the student's academic performance after entering the prestigious school. They all got A in the liberal arts education courses, and as many as 20% of the students achieved A+ in the same category of subjects. In the American university system, especially in general education in the field of humanities, it is very difficult to obtain an A+

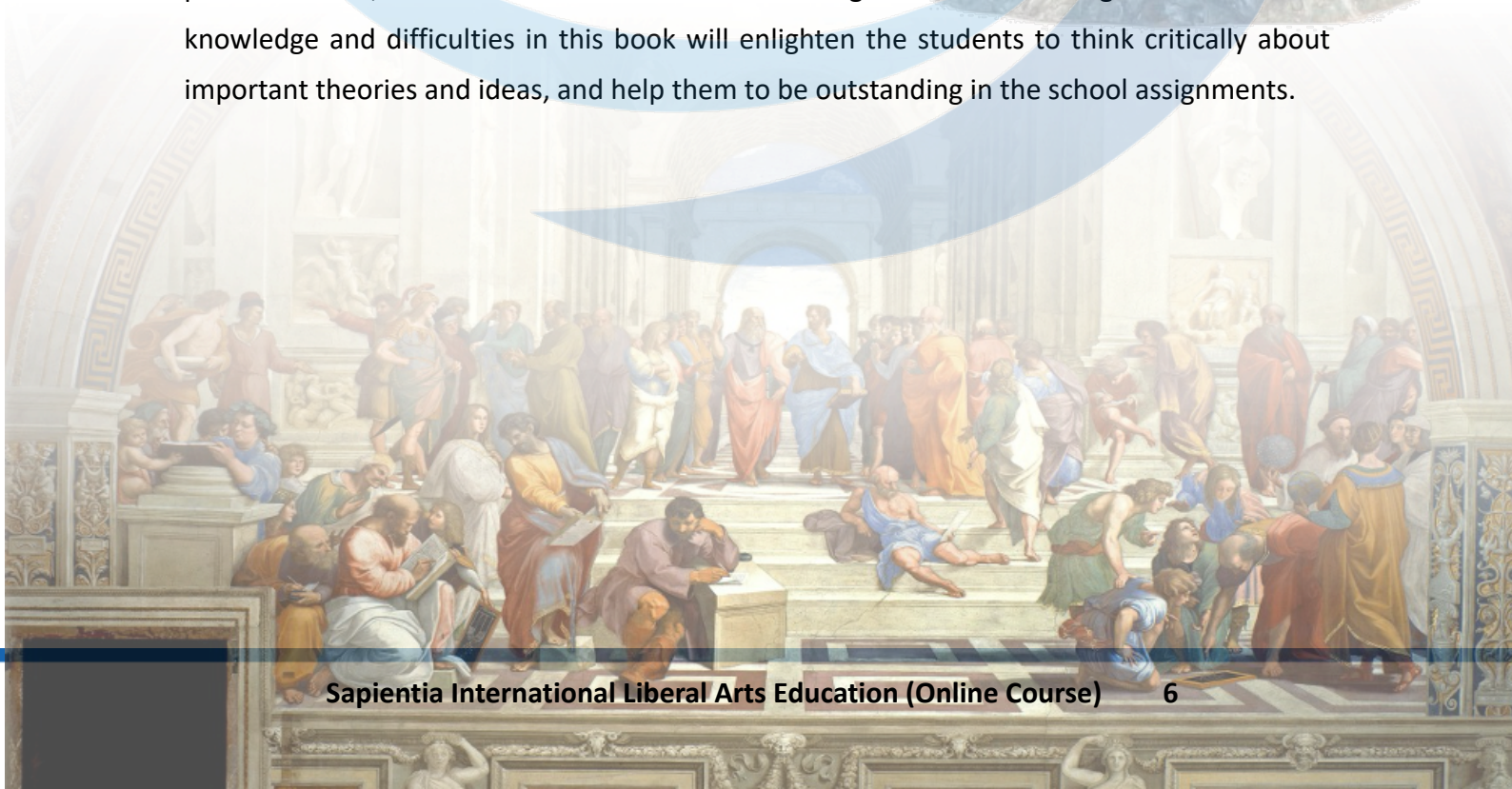
score, and only 1-3% of students can get this score. Although the core purpose of our general education courses is not to take exams, with the joint efforts of teachers and students, the students truly master the core knowledge points of general education and the direction of extended exploration, allowing the knowledge to be used and understood flexibly and vividly. So that, getting a good school scores is not a surprise.



Liberal Arts Subjects and Courses

2.1 Humanities-Literature and Philosophy

The teaching of humanities, especially literature and philosophy, is the top priority of the European and American general education system. Especially during the freshman and sophomore years, the humanities and sciences have many credits and the academic burden is heavy. Therefore, it is also an important weight subject for calculating the grade point (GPA). The university not only teaches students an important survival skill, but also takes on the important task of cultivating students' humanistic qualities, broadening their horizons and learning, and self-education. The study of literature and philosophy is the foundation of all liberal arts professional education, and it also guides scientific research in science, engineering, and other related professional fields. The teaching content of literature and philosophy is wide-ranging and the topic of discussion is deep. The teaching content involves Western classic literature and philosophical theories. It is a challenge for freshmen who have just entered university, especially for Chinese students who received high school education in China. Sapientia International cooperates with teachers of related subjects at the front line of teaching in prestigious schools. According to the general situation of our students, we have compiled tutorial best for the current knowledge reservoir of the students. In a very short period of time, we will lead the students on the right track of learning humanities. The knowledge and difficulties in this book will enlighten the students to think critically about important theories and ideas, and help them to be outstanding in the school assignments.



2.2 Humanities-Art and History

Compared with literature and philosophy, the study of art and history pays more attention to the cultivation of students' aesthetic thinking. Aesthetics is called a "learning for oneself" subject, and it is an important prerequisite foundation for the combination of culture and knowledge. The art and history education of prestigious universities in Europe and the United States covers a wide range of areas, from art works to music theory, and the study and research of art are often closely integrated with historical facts and the evolution of thoughts. In recent years, China has gradually pay attention to the humanities, especially the cultivation of artistic aesthetics consciousness in high school and higher education. Different from the traditional Chinese aesthetic ideology, the arts and history humanities education in Europe and the United States covers a wider range and more subdivided research fields, which is an important challenge for the learning tasks of the lower grades of universities. In order to allow students to feel the charm of cultural education in advance, and prepare for the upcoming art and history courses, our teachers, who are active in the teaching frontline, will select important knowledge content and cultivate students' aesthetic thinking, which helps students make substantial overall progress in the college years.

2.3 Mathematics and Science

There is no doubt that STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education) has received more and more attention in recent years, and the United States' emphasis on STEM education has risen to the height of national strategy. In 2011, the then-U.S. President Barack Obama launched a new version of the "American Innovation Strategy", which specifically emphasized the need to strengthen STEM education. STEM is the strength of Chinese international students. Chinese students studying in Europe and the United States for postgraduate degrees often come from STEM professional backgrounds. But for undergraduate students, a good foundation in science and engineering does not necessarily guarantee excellent STEM results. In fact, in the general education system, STEM is divided into two disciplines: basic knowledge education and frontier research in science and technology. Especially in the frontiers of sciences section, students will directly read the latest

science and engineering academic papers of top journals under the guidance of instructors, and are asked for comments and academic reports presentation (Journal Club). After entering the upper grades, students who choose science and engineering majors must also take experimental courses and participate in the scientific experimental research being conducted by the instructors. Chinese international students excel in the basic knowledge of mathematics and science, but often have certain deficiencies in scientific research reviews, academic discussions and presentations. Therefore, based on years of teaching experience and feedback from current students, we have formulated mathematics and science education that meets the needs of prospective college students. Through a series of scientific literacy trainings such as related publication study and scientific research critical thinking training, we will further consolidate the basic knowledge of students at the same time, allowing students to learn about the latest achievements in mathematics and scientific research, fully enlighten the spirit of scientific inquiry, tap the potential of scientific research, and truly transform their scientific foundation into the promotion and progress of scientific research strength.

2.4 Fundamentals of Economics

According to statistics, 70% of Harvard University graduates submitted their resumes to Wall Street. Related financial institutions and consulting institutions also prefer graduates from prestigious schools. Economic and financial jobs are known for their high salary and high returns, and are increasingly favored by Chinese students. Economics is not a single simple subject, but an intersecting practical science that combines many theoretical models with reality. The entry threshold of economics is shallow but learning the subject well and developing a correct understanding of the subject requires professional and systematic learning. Sapientia International will outline the guidelines, tell the students the framework of economics, and help students establish a cognitive system of economics. In this process, common economic research skills such as related social insight, cognitive cognition, simulation modeling, analysis and dissection, and hypothesis modification will also be taught to students in a certain order to help students be impartial, making them study economics from the correct starting point, and take the correct first step for possible related professional study and employment in the future.

2.5 Academic English Writing

For the international students abroad, the biggest challenge is still the lack of academic English ability. American colleges and universities place special emphasis on the expression of ideas and the discourse of opinions, which undoubtedly puts forward higher requirements for academic English proficiency. Academic English has established norms in terms of syntax, vocabulary, expression, logical progression, etc. It is difficult to master these language skills through preparation for standardized tests. In fact, American students also need to take academic English courses at the undergraduate level. For example, although we can use our mother tongue flexibly in our daily lives, we may not be able to write high-scoring essays in a short period of time. Sapientia International is well aware of the pain points of international students and adopts the latest immersive teaching mode to help students master the language skills in a short time. Sapientia International's coaching teachers are all from the frontline of academic English teaching in top universities in the United States. Based on their years of teaching experience, combined with the textbooks and handouts currently in use, they can provide more targeted guidance to students of different backgrounds.



Assessment and Evaluation

In order to ensure the quality of teaching, we will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the students at the end of the project. Sapientia International opposes equating exam-taking with education, and only uses exams as one of the methods to truly reflect students' knowledge, thinking, and academic ability. Therefore, our relevant assessment tests do not require students to memorize by rote but pay attention to students' understanding of knowledge by analogy. The test questions will be uniformly set by teachers from famous schools, aiming to assess the integrity of the students' knowledge system and the flexible use of scientific research extension capabilities. The content and format of the test will also be compared to the real exam questions of prestigious schools. Students can use Sapientia International's assessment as a practical exercise of learning in prestigious schools, and understand the logical way of education in prestigious schools. After the assessment test, our team will modularize the analysis one by one according to the assessment results, and will give a detailed assessment report based on the students' learning situation. Students who pass the assessment will **get** a letter of recommendation from the course teaching professor.



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Liberal arts education weekly course schedule (Online 6 weeks in summer)

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Date	AM Frist class：08:00 – 9:50 Second class：10:00 – 11:50	PM Class：19:00 – 21:00	Evening (21:00 – 22:30)
M	Literature and Philosophy Mathematics and Science	Academic English Writing	Self-study, Tutoring, Q&A①
Tue	Fundamentals of Economics Art and History	Academic English Writing	Fun Knowledge contest② Self-study, Tutoring, Q&A
W	Art and History Mathematics and Science	Literature and Philosophy	Critical thinking training ③ Self-study, Tutoring, Q&A
Thu	Mathematics and Science Fundamentals of Economics	Art and History	Journal Club④ (Seminar & Workshop)
F	Literature and Philosophy Art and History	Academic English Writing Intro (next week's study)	Industrial/professional lect.⑤
Note	* This teaching arrangement and planning may be adjusted appropriately according to students' study progress. ① The students will make full use of the evening self-study time, to complete homework, complete the preparation and writing of classroom presentations and personal essays. The teaching assistant will answer questions for the students and give a second explanation of the difficult knowledge points. Part of the knowledge content will be based on the students' learning and mastery, according to the requirements and suggestions of the instructor for group study (Recitation). In the evening self-study time, students can also complete group assignments and group discussions in groups according to their learning progress. ② Sapientia International will carry out rich and interesting extracurricular activities related to the learning curriculum, such as fun knowledge contests. ③ We will introduce methods such as case teaching, consulting and analysis, to exercise the students' critical thinking, and cultivate their academic skills in insight, discovery, analysis, and problem-solving. ④ The teaching team of Sapientia International will select 5-6 cutting-edge or representative papers related to the teaching content. Students will use about one week of reading time to understand and understand a paper thoroughly every week, and carry out reading reports under the guide of the teaching assistant, dig in-depth academic information and knowledge points, and conduct reasonable academic evaluation and extended thinking on the content of the paper. ⑤ Sapientia International will invite senior managers from world-renowned institutions and companies, including McKinsey Consulting, Goldman Sachs, Google, etc., as well as successful entrepreneurs, prestigious school admissions interview teachers, seniors of prestigious schools, etc., to give special lectures to students. The content involves topics such as application and planning for college application, the status quo and development of popular industries, and employment trends.		

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	Week	Teaching schedule		Subjects
		Date	Time (Beijing)	
14 weeks` teaching arrangement	1st to 13th Week	F	19:00 – 21:00	Literature and Philosophy
		Sat	08:00 – 9:50	Art and History
			10:00 – 11:50	English Academic Writing
			19:00 -21:00	Seminar, journal club, critical thinking training
		Sun	08:00 – 9:50	Mathematics and Science
			10:00 – 11:50	Fundamentals of Economy
			19: 00 – 21:00	Industrial/professional lect.
	TA tutoring : By appointments with TA at any time, up to 3 hours per week per student.			
	14th Week Assessment & Feedback	The test questions will be uniformly set by teachers from famous schools, aiming to assess the integrity of the students' knowledge system and the flexible use of scientific research extension capabilities. The content and format of the test will also be compared to the real exam questions of prestigious schools. Students can use Sapientia International's assessment as a practical exercise of learning in prestigious schools, and understand the logical way of education in prestigious schools. After the assessment test, our team will modularize the analysis one by one according to the assessment results, and will give a detailed assessment report based on the students' learning situation. Students who pass the assessment will get a letter of recommendation from the course teaching professor.		
Note	**1. Considering the students' learning tasks at school during their studies, to ensure the teaching quality, we allow students to choose three courses as majors. With reference to the teaching feedback from previous years, we recommend that students choose the following courses:/• Literature and Philosophy--Art and History--Mathematics and Science/• Literature and Philosophy--Art and History--Basic Economics/• Literature and Philosophy-Academic English Writing-Fundamentals of Economics** 2. We will introduce methods such as case teaching, consulting and analysis, to exercise the students' critical thinking. The teaching team will select 2-3 cutting-edge or representative papers related to the teaching content. Students will use about one week of reading time to understand and understand a paper thoroughly every week, and carry out reading reports under the guidance of the teaching assistant, dig in-depth academic information and knowledge points. Sapientia International will invite senior managers from world-renowned institutions and companies, as well as successful entrepreneurs, prestigious school admissions interview teachers, seniors of prestigious schools, etc., to give special lectures to students. The content involves topics such as application and planning for college application, the status quo and development of popular industries, and employment trends.			