

School of International Service Admissions Essay Questions

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Instructions:

Please review the three admission essay questions below. When you are ready to begin, type your responses directly into the text box below each question.

After completing your essays: Upload your completed PDF to the "SIS Statement of Purpose" Supplemental Item within your application portal. Note that the Supplemental Items section is only available after you have submitted the online application form. We strongly recommend saving a copy of your work to your personal computer, Cloud storage, or external storage device.

Essay 1: Personal Narrative/Overview***Length: 400 words***

Please share the story of how your background, experiences, and academic interests have led you to pursue graduate school at this time and in this field. What has prepared you for this endeavor and what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives would you bring to SIS?

Essay 2: SIS Graduate Program

Length: 400 words

The field of International Affairs is broad, and SIS has a wide range of degree options reflecting that breadth. Please tell us (1) why you are applying to the specific program you have chosen and (2) how you think this degree will serve your academic and professional aspirations.

A substantive answer to this prompt should consider the following: how does this program connect to issues/problems that you would like to impact; what curricular opportunities (e.g. courses/concentration options, study abroad, skills-building, etc.) are you most interested in, and why; who are the faculty you'd like to work with, and why.

Essay 3: Career Impact

Length: 400 words

What is one positive impact you have made on your local or global community? OR What is one change that you hope to make in the world through your future career after earning your SIS degree?