

School of International Service Admissions Essay Questions

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

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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

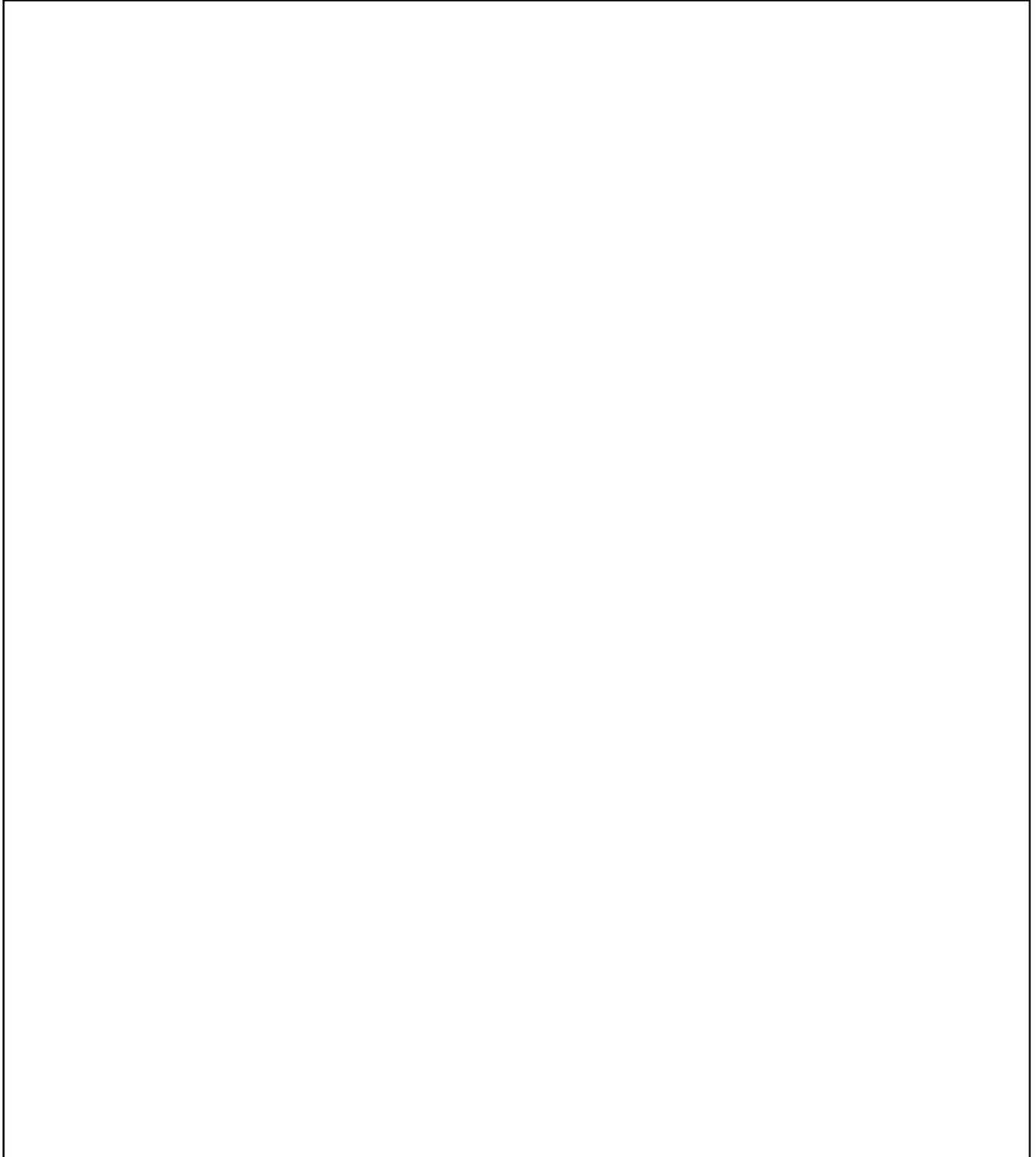
Please share the story of how your background, experiences, and academic interests have led you to pursue graduate school at this time and in this field. What has prepared you for this endeavor and what unique skills, experiences, or perspectives would you bring to SIS?

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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. You may wish to address: areas of research you envision focusing on within the program; faculty research that has had an impact on you; and/or additional opportunities at SIS/AU that would complement your graduate experience.

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Essay 3: Values

Length: 400 words

The professional field of International Affairs continues to be limited by its lack of diversity, especially—but not only—racial, ethnic, and gender diversity. SIS is committed to making the field more closely resemble the diversity of our population by training our students to recognize inclusion as a key to identifying innovative solutions for the global challenges we face. With this aspect of SIS' mission in mind, please answer **one** of the following questions:

1. How would your understanding of the global challenges of social inequality and inequity inform your studies at SIS, your role in the SIS community, and your future work?
2. How have you engaged with racial/ethnic diversity in your past school or work environments, and/or how do you envision yourself contributing to a more inclusive workplace in graduate school and your future career?