

# 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: 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?