The content of your two separate essays, as well as the quality of your writing, will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee. Each essay should be clearly defined separately, not to exceed two pages, and respond to the following points:

**Personal Essay**

- *Discuss your reasons for pursuing this degree.*
- *Discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses as they pertain to your intended program.*
- *Describe how you plan to balance the time commitment required for the program (about 10 hours per week per course and 15-20 hours for dissertation) with your personal and professional responsibilities.*

**Research Topic Essay**

- *Discuss your areas of research interest. (You should justify your research interest in particular with respect to your education, expertise, and aspirations.)*
- *Identify potential advisor(s) (faculty) whose area of expertise fits with your research interest.*