

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

- *Discuss your reasons for pursuing this degree.*
- *Discuss your academic strengths and weaknesses as they pertain to your intended program.*
- *Discuss your areas of research interest. (You should justify your research interest in particular with respect to your education, expertise, and aspirations.)*
- *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.*