

The Statement of Academic Purpose should address the following:

- The subjects and course topics you intend to study
- Why you feel you are prepared for rigorous academic study at Columbia – for this you may highlight prior coursework completed, work projects and/or your employment history
- How the program fits into your overall academic and/or professional goals
- An explanation for any weaknesses that may appear on your academic transcript or a highlight of any strengths that may not be evident elsewhere (as appropriate)

*A Statement of Academic Purpose is mandatory for Fall and Spring semester applications, optional for Summer applications.*

Language: English

Length: 1-2 paragraphs (1-1,5 pages)