

HSML 4850 Internship Course Application
Instructions for Writing the Personal Statement

Attach an essay of no more than 300 words that addresses the following: Note: Each of the three sections below ***must*** be addressed adequately in the essay; therefore, you may want to divide the essay into three sections with each section indicated by a heading so that you remember to address each, and so that the reader clearly sees where you are attempting to address each.

1. What experiences have you had that has led you to think the human services profession is an appropriate career goal for you?
2. Discuss a major social problem that you are interested in. You do not need to be an expert on the problem; however, remember that faculty in the HSML program who are familiar with most social problems will read the essay. You are not being asked to write a formal research paper on the problem; this is only a small section of an essay. However, you will need to consult at least two (2) sources when writing about this social problem. Remember, you are required to cite the sources of the information or ideas within the paper ***and*** include a complete reference page at the end of the essay.
3. Please identify and evaluate your personal qualifications for human services, including strengths and limitations as reflected in your beliefs about the nature of human beings; your concern about social problems; human rights; and the nature of your relationship with people.

You may also include any special circumstances that you would like the HSML faculty to consider. The entire essay must be typed, double-spaced using Times New Roman, 12 point font, one inch margins and include section headings to organize your writing.