

Directions for your Statement of Purpose (SOP)

1. Start with a blank document. Set font size to 11. Set font to any of the following: Times New Roman, Droid Sans, Noto Sans, Cantarell, Calibri, or Arial.
2. Be specific but concise in your responses. The word count for all of your responses should not exceed 1500 words. Limit yourself to two pages or less.
3. There are four parts to the SOP. Copy the headings for each part and then type the responses that correspond to each part.

Part 1 Your interest in the program

1. Why are you applying to the program you checked above and what have you learned about this field?
2. Which specific areas of this program interest you?
3. Is there a specific set of topics or research questions related to your intended major that you would want to work on? Be specific and connect it with your previous answer.
4. Are there any professors you may want to work with if you are admitted to our graduate program? Here is the list of our faculty members:
 - (a) WISE: <http://wise.xmu.edu.cn/english/people/faculty>
 - (b) Chow Center: <http://chowcenter.xmu.edu.cn/english/people/faculty>
 - (c) School of Economics: <http://soe.xmu.edu.cn/english/people/faculty>

Part 2 The courses you have taken

1. What courses related to the program you checked above including advanced mathematics courses did you take? Which of these courses did you like?
2. How did you perform in these classes?
3. Which courses were hard? How did you overcome the difficulty?

Part 3 The research you have undertaken

1. Describe and talk about a substantial project you've undertaken. How does this project help in providing evidence of your suitability in our program? This could be about a project you have worked on as a research assistant, some term project, a master's thesis.
2. What did you find interesting about working on the project and the results of the project?
3. What was hard? How did you overcome the difficulty?

Part 4 Other information

1. Is there any other information that you would like the selection committee to know as to your motivation to join the program and other relevant qualifications that make you more suitable for the program?
2. What do you want to do with the degree in the future?