

Statement of Purpose

New York University **Gallatin School of Individualized Study**

Instructions: Please complete this form and return it with your Application for Admission. Print or type and use the reverse side of this form if necessary. If you prefer, you may use a separate sheet. Note your full name and Social Security number on each sheet. The Admissions Committee recommends that you research the bulletins and department Web sites from the other schools at NYU in which you plan to take course work before writing the statement. Your statement should be approximately 600 words.

In a clear and precise statement, describe the area of concentration that you would like to master in your graduate studies. Your essay should identify the specific subject areas that you plan to pursue and should explain how you intend to integrate those areas into a focused and unified curriculum. If relevant, include your ideas for independent studies and internships that would contribute to the development of your concentration. Be concrete.

You should also discuss any academic, professional, or personal experiences that have prepared you for graduate work in this area. Relate your professional and personal goals to your academic interests. Finally, clarify why you have chosen to pursue your graduate work through Gallatin's individualized study program rather than through other types of programs in your areas of inquiry.

In addition to your 600-word Statement of Purpose, please include a tentative list of courses that might comprise your program (keeping in mind that departments often alter their course offerings). This section of the application enables us to envision your concentration more clearly.

The Admissions Committee gives great weight to the Statement of Purpose essay to evaluate the feasibility of your program at Gallatin and to gauge your preparation for the proposed course of study.

NAME (PLEASE TYPE)

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DATE (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

PLEASE USE THIS SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.
