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Personal statement that “describes my objectives for my time overseas, aspects of my personal experience that have prepared me to live and study in a foreign country, and ways in which this program relates to my present and future academic and career goals”?

A personal statement is like a normal essay. Do you have a word limit for this one? If not, let's go with the following:

Paragraph 1: Grab your reader's attention and get in a thesis statement

Paragraphs 2–3: Unpack your thesis statement while simultaneously answering the questions asked

Paragraph 4: Conclude

Intro Suggestion:

“My interest in studying the Arabic language goes back to Insert experience here.” You might talk about International Service (I think this is your major?) and how you've started to learn more about the Middle East through these courses.

While you do want to work in foreign diplomacy, saying that outright in an essay can be problematic. People might think that you only are interested in learning certain things about the ME so you can work in government. For example, people might perceive you as only interested in learning about terrorism or war, etc. Instead of talking about foreign diplomacy, think about civil society – this can include education, access to water, refugee issues, etc. Think back through your courses: is there a theme that emerges that deals with civil society that you'd genuinely be interested in getting smart about? You mention health services below. Is that an option for you? We can then weave that through your personal statement (and, in theory, we can tie it to your work with the Red Cross.) In truth, studying aspects of civil society will make you a better diplomat because you'll understand how societies are working. Does that make sense?

Paragraph 2: In order to get smarter about the issue in civil society in the Middle East, you'll need knowledge of Arabic. Here, we tie in language study along with some of the CIEE cultural events to the issue you want to get smarter about. This will then link into your own career and individual goals.

~~In order to work in foreign diplomacy, knowledge of Arabic is required. Yet, I believe the best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself completely into that culture and language. Therefore, CIEE would afford me the opportunity to study a language that is necessary for me to further my career goals. Moreover, studying in Jordan would grant me a more global, comprehensive knowledge. Although I strive to work in foreign diplomacy, I hope to attain a balanced perspective on the world's history and current affairs. Essentially, I hope to see the world not only through the American lens, but through a global lens. Studying abroad in a foreign country would allow me to further my understanding of a culture, a history, and the values and ideologies of its people.~~

Paragraph 3: My previous study abroad experience in Costa Rica in YEAR has prepared me to study abroad in Jordan. First, I am prepared to devote my time and energy to studying and learning the Arabic language. My coursework in Spanish, ethnology, and health care systems in Latin American at the University of Costa Rica, has given me an understanding of the level of dedication and commitment I will need in order to succeed in my courses in Jordan. Second, I am excited at the prospect of living with a host family in Jordan, just as I lived with a host family in Costa Rica. That experience ultimately gave me a greater and more personal understanding of Costa Rican culture, and I look forward to a similar opportunity in Jordan. Third, sentence here telling us what you learned from the experience of shadowing that you can bring to Jordan. I participated in an internship with Equipos Basicos Atencion Integral en Salud (EBAIS), a neighborhood health care facility that services to about 4,000 community residents. Each day, I accompanied the nursing technician and visited each resident at their house. It was during my internship where I was welcomed into the homes of people in the community and made to feel apart of it. of It was the best opportunity I was given while abroad in Costa Rica, because I was welcomed to learn and participate in an otherwise intimate and private sphere of people's lives. Ultimately, my time in Costa Rica taught me that the best way to both learn a language and gain insights into a community is to live in and become part of it.

Conclusion Paragraph.