

M.A. in Applied Child & Adolescent Development

Individualized Studies Personal Statement Prompts for Applicant Statement #1

Please note that our program is a graduate-level, writing-intensive program. Thus, we place high emphasis on this written statement in the admissions process. Your statement must be written in 12-point sized font, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed three pages. Please be sure to write professionally and describe your:

1. Interest in Applied Developmental Psychology and how completing this degree program will support your future goals
2. Work or other experience relevant to your application
3. Strengths and vulnerabilities that may contribute to your success as a graduate student and in your future goals
4. General plan for elective coursework*
 - a) List the courses and/or general topics and associated departments you are likely to consider as you complete your program
 - b) Describe how this initial plan aligns with your interest area (i.e., what are the perceived benefits of taking these courses/course on these topics as related to your future goals)

**The Individualized Studies track requires students to take at least four (4) elective courses to personalize their academic experience. You can view a list of potential courses that support your program goals [here](#) or <https://online.umn.edu/credit-courses>.*