

Statement of Academic and Professional Goals

A statement of intent is required of all applicants for admission to the Department of Anthropology at Southern Illinois University for graduate studies leading to the M.A. or Ph.D. degrees. This statement assists the department in determining admissibility and later becomes part of the departmental record of the student.

This statement may consist of one or more double-spaced, typed pages. Please address the questions below (in whatever order you wish). In addition, you may add comments that you feel to be important.

1. Why have you chosen anthropology as your field for graduate study? (If applicable, why are you changing fields?)
2. Why have you selected SIUC as the institution in which to do graduate work in anthropology? (What interests you in the program at SIUC?)
3. Do you want to work with any specific faculty member (s)?
4. What subfields, or topics, within anthropology interest you most?
5. Do you have particular geographic interests?
6. What are your goals (courses, degrees, etc.) in the immediate future?
7. What are your ultimate goals in terms of a life-time career in anthropology? (or another field?)
8. Have you considered the employment possibilities in anthropology, especially as to how they relate to your particular subfield?