

Name of Applicant: _____

Security Studies
Kansas State University

Statement of Objectives

Part IA. List three areas of research within the general field of Security Studies on which you would like to focus your program of studies while at Kansas State University. Also detail (in a paragraph or more) which specific aspects of each area of interest are most pertinent for your desired research and why. Your areas of interest may be thematic (civil war) or geographical (Latin America).

Part IB. For Ph.D applicants only: Provide one or two options for your dissertation topic, which an overview of at least one paragraph that details what research question will guide your project and why it matters. Additionally, list which faculty member you intend to have direct your dissertation research and why. Please also add details of the pre-existing correspondence with and feedback from this faculty member on your dissertation ideas and her or his availability to work with you.

Part II. The candidate is advised that the admissions committee will weigh this essay very heavily as part of the admissions review process. Describe your academic background and qualifications for graduate study in Security Studies and explain how this degree will enhance your professional life.