

Personal Statement

I once heard that college was not a test of one's intelligence but rather a test of one's endurance. I felt the reality of this statement as I worked to obtain my Bachelor's degree in Criminal & Social Justice. Pursuing a graduate degree undoubtedly increases the intensity of that test, and I acknowledge that an accelerated program will increase that intensity further. In other words, if admitted to the accelerated MBA program at XXX University, I enter the program with my eyes open, recognizing that I face a great deal of work. I also acknowledge that the expectations of the professors in the accelerated MBA program will be quite different from those of my professors from the Criminal and Social Justice program. Nevertheless, I feel more than equal to this challenge.

Time management was key to the completion of my undergraduate degree and will be as crucial to the realization of the graduate degree. My current work schedule is Monday through Friday, 7:10 a.m. to 3:40 p.m. This leaves ample time in the evenings and on weekends available for me to work on coursework. I will make the most of that time whenever possible to study, read, and complete assignments. The 100% online nature of the program fits very well into my schedule. For classes that meet face-to-face, the 6-10 p.m. timeframe works very well with my current work schedule.

I also plan to make use of any student support services I might require. Since my Bachelor's degree is in a very different field, I suspect I may have some issues with certain topics or transitioning into different conceptual frameworks. I will reach out to my professors when I feel I need assistance or am struggling with content material.

I will need to manage my own expectations: graduate school is not like undergraduate, and not only are the expectations of the professors different, my expectations will be different,

and I need to be mindful of that. In other words, I will facilitate success in this program through being aware of what I am getting myself into, managing my time and expectations well, and studying hard.



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