**UIUC**

**1. Explain, in detail, an experience you've had in the past 3 to 4 years related to your first-choice major. This can be an experience from an extracurricular activity, in a class you’ve taken, or through something else (150 words)**

* + **Internship in Mitsubishi (what & why)**

**Draft**

Being born in a family of entrepreneurs, I have always been trained that one key of success is efficiency. My interest and research in efficiency led me to discover the Japanese concept of continuous improvement called Kaizen. This led me to explore internships I could apply for to learn this concept further and got one for Mitsubishi Krama Yudha Spare Parts Indonesia. From this internship I learned about the basics of logistics and efficiency, but most importantly I got to experience and involve myself in the Japanese business philosophy Kaizen. I find combining concepts of optimization and efficiency through learning from different perspectives are important in finding the best possible solution. With a degree in Industrial Engineering from UIUC, I will further learn a different perspective to factor in and reach my goal of creating the best solutions to problems occurring around the world.

Notes:

As the prompt asks, the reader wants to see your explanation in detail of your experience. The best way I think is to give one example of what you did practically that gave you the opportunity to learn Kaizen. Delve deeper into that real-life experience and relate that to your major.

**2. Describe your personal and/or career goals after graduating from UIUC and how your selected first-choice major will help you achieve them. (150 words)**

* + **Goal: Coming up with effective logistics in Indo (why indo & hubungan to course)**
  + **Research courses/professors**

**Draft**

Catching COVID-19 on a deserted island in Indonesia called Kei Island, I was frustrated and scared. I had limited medication and My attempt to get medications to recover faster was futile as the island was so remote that it would take days to arrive. In my exasperation, I realized that the inefficiency of the transportation system has a large impact in the community. The possibility of improving efficiency is endless, and a small revelation may change the world. Hundreds of islands in Indonesia suffer the same problem as Kei Island. I want to improve efficiency around Indonesia so no one has to suffer the same fate I did that week. With a degree in Industrial engineering from UIUC with a concentration in logistics. Courses like IE 514 - Optimization Methods for Large-Scale, Network-Based Systems will expand my experience gained from internships and provide me with the information I need to achieve my goal.

Notes:

I understand it’s easier to answer similar prompts for different schools with the same or similar content. However, your background story does not really answer the prompt with the current structure.

Structure wise, according to the prompt you should mention:

* Personal and/or career goal (improve efficiency around Indonesia – but be specific. Considering the word count I would not mention your background story at all, just dive straight into what your goal is. You can mention the inefficiency in Indonesia but telling that story will cost you precious word count.) (1/3 of the essay)
* Your first choice major (this is where you mention industrial engineering, logistics concentration, and IE 514) (1/3 of the essay)
* How your first choice major will help you achieve the goal (you need to elaborate more on the internship opportunity, information you need to achieve your goal, etc.)

All the best!