**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)**

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Seeing graphs with so many colorful red and green lines was very interesting for me. This prompted my curiosity about the stock market and I asked my father to teach me.

He made a Siminvest account – one of Indonesia’s local stock investment apps – and let me trade on my own. With the help of his teachings on the stock market and a routine check of the current financial news at breakfast time, I’m looking at a 24% profit from my initial investment.

To learn different perspectives and strategies in investing, I often read autobiographies and memoirs of successful stock investors. I learned that using the right strategies can allow the money invested to outpace inflation and increase in value. There is always something new to learn about the stock market, like.

**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)**

After graduating with a finance major, I plan to continue advancing my education with a master’s degree and earn a certification in finance like CFA and CIMA. Ultimately, my career goal is to work in a multinational corporation. It can provide me with opportunities for development and networking, teach me the competitiveness of the industry, and challenge me to open myself up to differences while collaborating with a larger pool of talented people. Thus, I believe selecting finance as my first choice major will be a great starting point to achieve my goals as it would further develop my analytical skills and expertise in quantitative methods, financial reporting, and investment analysis. I believe that with my strong leadership, adaptability, and communication skills, along with graduating from UUIC with my selected first choice, it can provide me with the right foundation to achieve my goals.

**3. You have selected a second-choice major. Please explain your interest in that major or your overall academic or career goals. (150 words)**

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My second-choice major is strongly correlated to another Finance major that UIUC offers, which is Consumer Economics and Finance. I believe that understanding this major can be personally beneficial because I believe in customer centricity – a term referring to how all business decisions are based upon customer satisfaction, loyalty, and advocacy. I am an individual who likes to communicate and interact with new people, as shown by my participation in the Student Council Presidency, tutoring, fundraiser organizing, and other activities. This major is a good basis to complement and further develop my soft skills in helping consumers make efficient choices in their daily lives. Furthermore, I hope to develop trust and loyalty with the customers which can be beneficial in preparing me for a career to work in a multinational company that requires building connections and relationships with colleagues and customers.