1. Write approximately 200 words describing what you want to learn in this class and what you are most excited to learn.

I want to learn a number of things in this class but mostly how to master coding and data extractions. I do not know where to start. There are so many career paths that this program will allow me to take I had to create a list and do a process of elimination. The top skills or technologies I want to learn are tableau, Sql, Hadoop, Python, and ETL. The path that stands out most is Data Engineering or Big Data Engineering. I’m familiar with the tech world and I know there’s a big demand for talent that has SQL, Hadoop, and ETL. How would I know this? I currently work as a technical recruiter for Randstad Technologies where I place a lot of candidates with these skillsets and then some. I’m mostly excited to learn these specific skills because my ultimate career goal is to become a BI Developer or Power BI Developer. I’m also this class can make me feel complete. If someone would’ve told me 3 years ago I would be in this program I would’ve laughed at them and told them they are out of their minds and I have no interest in coding or programming. Now here we are.

2. Write approximately 100 words describing how the skills you'll learn in this class will help your career. If you don't have a career in this field yet, no problem! Write about how these skills will help you reach your goal.

Again, I want to learn these skills because they are the foundation that I need to get into the Business Intelligence or Power Business Intelligence realm as a developer. Working in the IT field I get to see all the different kinds of programmers, coders and developers out there and after doing my research I found that this is the career path I want to take. While I enjoy what I contribute to the IT field I want to be in a position that also doesn’t require a sales quota or base my value as an employee off of production numbers.