Prompt 1:

I am currently an international student studying at UCLA. As the middle class in China, my parents are already under financial pressure for supporting my education in the U.S, and therefore they only provide limited money for me besides tuition. Since I am holding an F1 visa, I am not eligible to work in the U.S, and therefore I do not have any income here in the U.S.

Given these situations, I find the price of this course () to be out of my routine affordability since I only have limited cash for my everyday living here. As such, I seek financial aid in this course as otherwise, I will have to reduce my living standard.

I truly appreciate this opportunity offered by Coursera. If approved, I would certainly cherish the chance of learning, make full use of the financial aid, and dedicate myself to finishing the course. Thank you!

Prompt 2:

I am currently a Mathematics of Computation and Statistics double major at UCLA, with my first major integrating mathematics and computer science together. Providing this academic background, I aim at pursuing a career in the field of data science post-graduation.

As an overlap of mathematical statistics and computer science, machine learning is vital for my success in breaking into data science. This constitutes my main motivation for taking this course. Based on my experience of auditing the first week of the course (session Feb. 19), I found this course friendly for introductory level learners like me, and the content interesting. It builds the concept of machine learning, which I heard multiple times before but only had vague perceptions, in my head, and reveals the wide applicational potential machine learning, especially in data science.

As such, I think completion of this course would provide the fundamentals for further study in machine learning, while the certificate would also demonstrate my related knowledge once I advance to job hunting.

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In order to achieve this goal, I need to gain a strong background in programming, which leads to my plan of pursuing a master’s degree in computer science, with a concentration on information and data. As one of the core and key component of programming, programming language is certainly a capstone course that would promote my understanding on crucial ideas behind various types of programming design (object-oriented, functional, etc.) and improve my approaches to programming tasks in the field of data science.

Through research, I learned that this course is challenging but rewarding, providing firm fundamentals on programming languages. As such, mastery of materials from this course definitely will boost my experience in computer programming and I also regard this as an opportunity to cultivate my passion in computer science and delve in more.

Thank you!