1. What strengths and attributes will you bring to the program?

        With a background in Data Science and a strong interest in digital systems, I bring analytical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a keen interest in the intersection of technology and business. I have hands-on experience working with data tools such as Python, SQL, and Tableau, which help uncover insights and support informed decision-making.

        Beyond academics, my time in the National Cadet Corps (NCC) has significantly shaped my character. NCC taught me discipline, time management, and the value of teamwork under pressure. Participating in camps and group leadership roles, I learned to work across cultural and social divides, skills that are invaluable in today's globalized, collaborative business environment. I approach challenges with persistence and clarity, and I'm not afraid to take initiative in uncertain or high-responsibility situations.

        These experiences have fueled my interest in using Management Information Systems to drive practical business outcomes. I'm also an adaptable learner with strong communication skills, someone who enjoys bridging the gap between business needs and technical solutions. I believe this blend of curiosity, and a service mindset will allow me to contribute meaningfully to classroom discussions, projects, and collaborative learning at UIC.

2. What specific professional experiences have led you to determine that business school is the right next step, and how will a business school degree support your career aspirations?

Working on the digital transformation of my mother's saree business, which operates entirely through WhatsApp has been pivotal in shaping my career path. As the business grew, challenges like manual inventory updates, scattered order histories, and limited international scalability began to hold us back. I realized that without structured systems and automation, even highly demanded products and loyal customers can't drive sustainable growth.

I took the initiative to draft a product roadmap to build an intelligent commerce experience using open tools: Airtable for product management, MySQL for data storage, and n8n for automation. This hands-on experience opened my eyes to the power of Management Information Systems - not just as tools, but as strategic enablers.

An MS in MIS from UIC will help me turn this proof of concept into a scalable, professional-grade system. I'm especially interested in courses on system analysis, IT governance, and enterprise architecture, which will enable me to build robust digital infrastructure for microbusinesses.

My career aspiration is to formalize and scale our saree store, eventually building a platform where other boutique sellers can plug into intelligent systems without technical barriers. UIC's MIS program is the bridge I need. From a data science undergraduate with a dream to a systems leader who builds inclusive, tech-enabled commerce.