**What is it about Yale that has led you to apply? (125 words or fewer)\***

Yale’s strong take on mentorship. Having experienced being both a minority and majority in different cultures, I am intrigued to join the Yale Genocide Studies program under Professor David Simonsto learn the impact of minorities in different religions in a historical context. Growing up in a society where wealth disparity is a norm, I am inquisitive to investigate how the religious system integrated into this culture plays a role. Hence, I hope to further research the Sociology of Religion in relation to the social-conflict theory in my senior essay.

Coupled by the residential college system and college seminar, the college community will allow me to work closely with potential mentors and mentees to evaluate Marx’s critical argument on whether or not “*religion is the opiate of the masses”,* further investigating the claims and counterclaims applicable to today’s society.