**Tell us why you decided to apply to the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition, please include why you are interested in studying the major(s) you have selected. If you selected undecided please describe your areas of possible academic interest. (you may enter up to 650 words).**

I have always had a special intrigue in all things crime ever since I was 12. Fascinated by the science behind how police catch criminals, I would spend my free time listening to podcasts and watching YouTube videos on true crime. From how police look into the DNA in a strand of hair to how they discover types of cars from just tire marks, I wanted to know more. By the time I was in Grade 9, my curiosity led me to research more. I found out about different causes of bloodstain patterns, interpreting DNA analysis, tread designs in shoes and how they help in the investigation of crime. I was sucked in into this world of criminal investigation. By then, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in forensics.

As a forensic scientist, I’d like to be a forensic biologist. Biology is one of the subjects I’ve always enjoyed learning. I learned everything from organ systems to diversity. I am especially intrigued me with human biology. I remembered staying after class just to learn more about lymph nodes - something that wasn’t in our syllabus at that time.

University of Wisconsin Madison has everything for me to explore my areas of interest and is the perfect environment for me to learn. With UW Madison’s collaborative learning, I believe that I would be able to implement one of my values — Gotong Royong. It is a mindset where we would be better of with the right collaborations than competition.

In UW Madison, I would have the chance to attend courses such as ANAT&PHY 337 — Human Anatomy and GENETICS 467 — General Genetics 1 where I would be able to deepen and strengthen my understanding in either one. With this knowledge, I hope to be able to research and develop new, more efficient techniques in criminal investigation. Along with those, I would also like to attend courses such as ANAT&PHY 338 — Human Anatomy Laboratory and GENETICS 545 — Genetics Laboratory, where I would be able to develop my practical thinking skills.

I am also eager to participate in the Criminal Justice Certificate Program where I will be able to expand my familiarity with the criminal justice system and take courses such as The Criminal Mind: Forensic and Psychobiological Perspectives and Criminal Law and Justice where I will be able to expand my knowledge on the criminal justice system here in Wisconsin. With required fieldwork I will also be able to gain first hand experience working with professionals, increasing my knowledge on the industry’s inner workings, adopting professional skills and work ethics, and gain crucial connections to industry workers.

Additionally, as part of the UW Madison community, I would love to give back by continuing a small project my friend and I started back in June 2020. With Gotong Royong in mind, we wanted to raise funds for those badly affected by Covid-19. We integrated things we loved to do which was art and music to attract donations. By continuing this project, I believe we could help the UW Madison community and perhaps expand the ways of collecting funds through other different forms of media enjoyed by those interested in participating.

With the help of UW Madison’s curriculum and opportunities for me to gain more experience, I believe that UW Madison will be the perfect school for me to achieve my goals.