

Graduate School: Statement of Intent

I am attending Auburn University with a major in English-Public & Professional Writing and a minor in Asian Studies with a concentration in Korean, which serves as a base for my post-graduation plans. My expected graduation is Fall 2020. After graduating, I would like to pursue a Master of Science in Teaching English for Specific Purposes. My main career goal is to become an English language educator. Previously, I only wanted to pursue the Teaching English as a Foreign Language Graduate Certificate. The graduate certificate would have made me a competitive candidate for an education overseas, but it would not allow me to teach in the United States. However, I have decided to pursue the M.S. degree to broaden my potential workplace environments. The M.S. program will prepare me to work in a variety of workplaces overseas and within the United States. Currently, I hope to become an English educator at a university in the states or overseas. Preferably, I would like to work at a university in Daegu, South Korea where I have previously studied abroad. Personally, I am interested in teaching the English language abroad because I enjoy exchanging cultures and languages. At Auburn, I have taken several diversity courses to increase my cultural awareness and increase my ability to work in a diverse workplace. While attending these courses, my appreciation for culture differences and diversity also increased. As an educator, I can pass on what I have learned about cultural tolerance and awareness. Education has always been a large part of who I am. As a first-generation student, I had no idea how the college experience would be. I relied on my educators to guide me through this experience, and I would like to do so for students of my own. By teaching a language, I feel like I can teach tolerance and give students a new way to communicate with a diverse set of individuals.