

Statement of Purpose: Why I would like to attend the University of Nevada-Reno, including goals and objectives in obtaining the degree, and academic, linguistic and professional backgrounds.

As a son of a career diplomat, I have traveled and been educated in many different countries, such as Uruguay, Panama, United States (New York and Wyoming), Poland, Honduras, and Taiwan. The schools I studied, mostly in American schools, offered multinational students and teachers with different backgrounds and languages. These experiences built up my ability to adapt to different cultures and my native-like language proficiency in English and Mandarin Chinese. Moreover, I have basic understanding of Spanish and Taiwanese.

I graduated from the College of Business at the University of Wyoming with a major in Marketing and a minor in International Business. The program taught me professional knowledge in marketing strategies, global market trends, interpersonal intelligence, technical writing, and public speaking. Furthermore, I joined the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in my freshmen year. During the end of that year, the board of trustees decided to shut down our fraternity. The re-establishment of our fraternity was an arduous task because the fraternity was left with only three brothers. However, we were dedicated to bringing our fraternity back to life. This was a tough experience but it furthered my leadership ability, sense of responsibility, communication skills, people skills, and learned how to motivate others. I also learned to fight for what I cared about.

During my sophomore year, my family decided to start up a family business in the teaching English industry in Taiwan. After more than three years of preparation, we published a grammar book for English foreign language (EFL) learners - *The Grammar Rules of Thumb*. We also built a website (www.amstarcreative.com) with teaching videos, online quizzes, and English related articles to help learners.

Currently, I am serving the Alternative Military Service specialized in teaching English to elementary students. I have learned different techniques in teaching English to elementary students and teaching Mandarin to foreigners as well.

I love teaching, but it is not enough -- I need professional training in the field of TESOL. My sister, Tiffany Y. Chin, has set an excellent example for me. She majored in International Trade as an undergraduate, and later graduated from your outstanding M.A. program in 2007. She is now a lecturer at a prestigious University in Taiwan. In view of my scholastic achievements at the University of Wyoming, business background, teaching experience, bilingual skills, and multicultural experiences, I am confident to say that I will be an outstanding student in your graduate program and a good English teacher in the future.