



USINDO GRASP

Batch 4

Mini Intensive Course



2022



Abel Parvez (Abel)

South Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MA In Applied International Studies, LL.M in Law

Abel received his Bachelor's degree in law from UIN Jakarta. He's really interested in the legal science world since he likes to hone his critical thinking. The dedication he put in pushed him to become a legal researcher who had written numerous legal research that often uses digital literature. Abel believes the digital literacy part of the course will help tremendously with his much-needed research skills. On top of that, Abel is really excited to do research in comparative law between the Indonesian and US Legal system, also international law.



Abu Hasan Sajili (Hasan)

Jakarta Timur, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MEd in Education Policy, Master of Public Policy, Master of Public Administration

Hasan graduated from Widyatama University in Industrial Engineering. The opportunity to share, collaborate, and contribute to the field of education was the main reason he joined The Ministry of Education. The fact that the pandemic has widened the disparity in education services in Indonesia, especially in his hometown, Bandung, has motivated him to be a policymaker in the future. However, since he doesn't have prior experience as a policymaker, he believes by pursuing a master's degree in Education or Public Policy will help him reach that goal. Hasan expected to learn each of the concepts of Critical Thinking and Digital Literacy to full conceptual understanding, and how to apply this knowledge to real-life situations and problems. He believed that joining this program would help him to keep from being narrow, and to develop his judgment, evaluation, and problem-solving abilities, as well as his ability to communicate ideas or arguments.



Albert Sembiring (Albert)

Medan, Sumatra Utara, Indonesia

Desired Program: Ph.D in Plant
Microbe Interaction

Albert is a lecturer at one of the private universities in North Sumatra. In particular, he has an interest to study plant-microbe interactions as he would like to deepen his understanding and skills about this field. He aspires to create an eco-friendly agricultural system that minimizes the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides by leveraging both his knowledge and skills to investigate their relationship.



Aliffa Yusti Sadila (Sadila)

Bogor, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Microbiology,
MS in Applied Microbiology

Aliffa Yusti Sadila, or Sadila, pursued her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Universitas Airlangga with focus on Microbiology. She did some research projects about antimicrobial drug exploration and got 2 scholarly achievements from scientific competitions. Sadila is excited to join this course because it gives her new insights about critical writing. It will help her to connect her experiences and achievements in her essay.



Anak Agung Ngurah Oka Abhina Amitaba (Agung)

Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Desired Program: MBA

Agung is from Bali and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science from Udayana University Bali. Since he was in college he has a huge interest in tech and innovation and also very keen to learn about programming. From there, he started to be a freelancer since his Sophomore year and had taken several projects including making web based system and website. After graduated from college, he created his own startup called 81media.co.id. Agung also has an interest in financial business, where he started a company that focuses in funding and investing, and he has been running it for the past 3 years.



Anathasia Citra (Thisi)

Kota Bekasi, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: Ph.D in
Communications

Anathasia Citra is a communication lecturer at President University and a women's rights activist with "Saling Jaga Indonesia." She is also a music artist with a stage name, "Thisi" and has released eight singles you can enjoy on the digital music platform. In addition, she is a former senior producer and announcer of a well-known radio station in Jakarta. Entertainment media is her main research interest. Therefore, she proposes to study communications in the subfield of media and gender studies for her Doctoral degree. She believes the USINDO GRASP program will help her increase her competitiveness in securing her admission to a graduate program in the U.S. because this program is holistically designed. The program is not only a one-way learning approach, but the syllabus includes discussion and sharing opportunities with other participants. She is aware that writing skill is one of the essential things in her Ph.D. journey in the U.S.



Andre Arsyian Jordie (Andre)

Jakarta Selatan, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Science in Software Development

Andre is a software engineer at an e-commerce company and has professional experience in the Software Development field for 5+ years. He graduated in Informatics Engineering from Bakrie University with a full scholarship from Yayasan Pendidikan Bakrie back in 2011 and next year planning to be going to Boston University to get Master of Science in Software Development degree with an LPDP scholarship. He is hoping by joining this course will help him to prepare for his graduate study and also connect him to great people.



Athalia Aritorang (Lia)

Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Desired Program: M.S.Ed in Education

Athalia is a fourth-year English Literature student at Udayana University and is expected to graduate in 2023. Athalia has taken the opportunity to spend a semester abroad at the University of Pennsylvania under LPDP-funded program called Indonesian International Student Mobility Award. Furthermore, Athalia is highly passionate about education, especially in enhancing English skills as she is currently volunteering and working as an English tutor. This program will support her needs and ambition to achieve her place in graduate school, especially in The United States of America.



Diana Purwaningrum (Diana)

Depok, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: PhD in Educational Studies with specialization in Literacy Education

Diana is currently a lecturer and academic quality section head at Binus University. Her proposed field of study is language and literacy education. She is excited to learn from the experts, and connect with like-minded friends in this course.



Dicky Zulkarnain (Dicky)

Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Science in Financial Economics

Dicky held a Bachelor's degree in Economics with majoring in Accounting and Auditing and currently working in UN agencies in Indonesia as an assistant project. He is interested in studying in United State because of the quality of education and he would like to have a linear education with his Bachelor's degree, working experience, and Master's degree. Awarding a Master's degree will impact his career as well. It will help him to achieve a senior position in an international organization. He is hopeful that this course will be useful and give him the skill to improve his ability in writing.



Dzakiy M. Al Azizi (Dzakiy)

Pekalongan, Jawa Tengah, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in
Environmental Policy and Planning

I am a fresh graduate. I have had a concern about the environment since I was in college. I am currently working in the field of cultivation with the aim of deepening the application of sustainability in the industrial world. I also enjoy expanding connections with people, sharing ideas, and having discussions. Besides that, I also like graphic design, data analysis, and writing. Then, what made me very interested in this course was that I could build relationships with people who have the same dream to study at the US, and can share with them



Faiz Adani (Faiz)

Jakarta Selatan, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Law (LL.M)

Faiz Adani is working for the Investment Ministry/Investment Coordinating Board. Since he was in college, he has had a significant interest in economic law, particularly investment law, and continued to use this understanding at the office since his current primary responsibility involves handling all matters relevant to investment law and investment cooperation. Regarding the course, he is most interested in adopting critical thinking and effective research on digital platforms, which will be helpful when writing graduate school applications and help him develop the soft skills essential for a career as a drafter and negotiator.



Feronia Alya Xaviera (Fero)

Sidoarjo, Jawa Timur, Indonesia

Desired Program: LL.M. in
Environmental Law

Feronia Alya Xaviera, usually going by Fero, is in her final year of undergraduate study pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Law. She is interested in public international law, particularly the law of the sea and environmental law. And also love (international) mootng! She looks forward to joining this course because she thinks the topics given in each session are very interesting, especially because they don't only focus on the application process but also provide knowledge about critical thinking. Fero believes it's perfect for someone who is interested in pursuing a master's degree in the US and doesn't know where to start.



Firdan Fadlan Sidik (Fadlan)

Kabupaten Ciamis, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Modern History

Fadlan is an Islamic History scholar at Salatiga Islamic State University. He is involved in volunteering activities, journalistic, and the literacy community. The thing that makes him curious to be partaking in this course is the fact that so various sources he found in his field are literary in English and so many West Historians are paying deep intention to make research Indonesian Muslim history. Not to mention a historian at Princeton University. Due to this fact, he makes a plan to continue his master's degree at Princeton.



Francisca Hefiana Sari Kusuma Putri (Fifi)

Jakarta Pusat, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: LLM in Business and Finance Law, LLM in Banking and Financial Law

Francisca working as a corporate lawyer at one of the state-owned enterprise banks, Bank BTN since 2017. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at Gadjah Mada University with cumlaude title. The next thing she wants to pursue is completing her master's degree in the United States of America to fulfill her lack of knowledge of international banking regulation, gain a firm understanding of the economics field, and be able to provide legal assistance in the industry.



Grasela Kambu (Grace)

Kab. Sorong, Papua Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Environmental Science and Sustainability

Grasela Kambu is 25 years old and was born and raised in a city called Sorong, West Papua, the eastern part of Indonesia also well known as Papuan Bird's Head Seascape. She finished her college at the University of Papua in 2020 majoring in animal science. Working as a note taker in various activities organized by World Resource Institute (WRI) Indonesia got her interested in environmental issues regarding conservation and sustainable development. In August 2021 she had the opportunity to join the Science For Conservation program (S4C) which is administratively under the university of Papua Research and Community Service Institute (LPPM UNIPA).



Hani Noor Ilahi (Hani)

Depok, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: Ph.D in Communication

Hani is a public relation officer at the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection of The Republic of Indonesia. She obtained a Master's degree in communication studies with a research focus on media and children. Her current research interests are issues related to media and children, organizational communication, and media and policy making processes.



Hermansyah Citra (Herman)

Karawang, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: MBA in Healthcare
Management and Innovation

Hermansyah Citra holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. During his college days, he won a scholarship program from CSR Pembangunan Jaya, was selected as an awardee in the student creativity program, and graduated from his college with summa cum laude honors. After his graduation, he worked in the healthcare industry. In 2019, Herman was appointed as a team coordinator of the Insulin project to perform technology transfer in China. During his working journey, he contributed to the companies by winning "Karya Anak Bangsa" award and getting ISO9001:2015 and European Medicine Agency certification.



Ihsan Pramanda (Ihsan)

Kota Jakarta Timur, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: Ph.D in Microbiology /
Molecular Biology / Biotechnology /
Chemical Engineering

Ihsan Tria Pramanda is a faculty member at the Department of Biotechnology, Indonesia International Institute for Life Sciences (i3L) in Jakarta. His interest is in microbial biotechnology, especially for food, industrial, and environmental applications. Currently, he is doing research in probiotics development and organic waste treatment. His other interest includes music (he plays guitar), movies, history, and philosophy. Ihsan is excited to learn together with other participants in the USINDO GRASP Course. Let's make our dream to pursue a Ph.D. in the US come true!



Jessica Sanusi (Jess)

Tokyo, Japan

Desired Program: MBA

Currently, Jess has around 3 years of experience in recruitment for medical devices in the JAPAC market and is currently still based in Tokyo, Japan. Ever since she was in elementary school she had always dreamt to go to the world's top universities, and so honored that USINDO GRASP is willingly helping her with the essay part of the application process. Jess is extremely grateful for this opportunity and excited to have a community that has the same goal. I hope to be able to learn how to brand myself better in essays, and how to tell a good story that would reflect my personality, dreams, and aspirations.



Karunia Ayu (Runi)

Sleman, Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta,
Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Urban
Design

Runi is an architect who graduated from Universitas Gadjah Mada. She worked as a research assistant at Universitas Gadjah Mada and as an architect for a number of design consultants in Yogyakarta and Jakarta on projects that included architecture, interior design, and urban design. After much trial and error, she discovered her interest in urban design. So, she wants to get a master's in urban design to improve her knowledge and skills in the industry. She hopes to get guidance, support, and motivation along the way. She also hopes to make new connections through this course.



Ketut Rina Purnami Dewi (Rina)

Jakarta Pusat, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MBA

Ketut Rina Purnami Dewi, or Rina, is currently working in Jakarta as a strategic planning analyst on Indonesia Stock Exchange. She is responsible to manage the company's short-term and long-term plans. For example this year she led a project that create a surveillance dashboard to help our management to make decisions regarding capital market circumstances. To enhance her capability, knowledge, and leadership skill in terms of financial innovation technology, this time she genuinely wants to pursue her Master's degree in the US particularly in the Master of Business Administration. Rina is interested to learn about finance, art, and technology in a multicultural environment. She also wants to bring a wide impact on society, especially on economically unlucky people. By applying for USINDO GRASP Mini Intensive Course, she hopes she can be a part of the team and together with others learn to prepare to achieve everyone's dream campus in the US.



Kim Litelnoni (Kim)

Kota Baru Parahyangan, Jawa Barat,
Indonesia

Desired Program: MA and Ph.D in
Political Science

Kims is interested in the field of International Relations since high school. Originally, he wanted to specialize in Terrorism or transnational non-state actors. During his undergraduate studies, however, his interest shifted to Great Power geopolitics in Asia-Pacific. The topics of ASEAN, US-China rivalry, the Pacific, or simply the rise of China becomes his main interest. He began to ask deeper questions about how defense and foreign policy decision-making works in different countries. Thus, he is interested further In Political Science. Currently, he is teaching modern Asian History to 8th Graders, particularly, how Western Imperialism dominates the world and how Asian civilizations such as China, Japan, and Indonesia react to it. He believes with GRASP, he can learn from other people and share experiences to chase everyone's dreams together.



Lulu Qonita (Lulu)

Depok, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: Ph.D in Sociology /
Social Policy

Lulu Qonita is a Research Associate at The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Southeast Asia. She is currently working on the Fuel Subsidy project. Lulu graduated from New York University Abu Dhabi with a BA in Social Research and Public Policy. She minored in Social Entrepreneurship at NYU Stern School of Business and NYU Wagner School of Public Service. Her capstone project on Indonesian migrant women workers in the United Arab Emirates was nominated for the Best Capstone Award. After graduation, she became the Dean's Fellow, working with the university's senior leadership team on various diversity, equity, and inclusion projects. She is most excited about being surrounded by inspiring people in this course!



Maria Wigati (Maria)

Sleman, Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta,
Indonesia

Desired Program: Ph.D in Public Health
Nutrition

Maria is a young learner, with a major interest in public health nutrition. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nutrition and health from Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia. Now, she works as both teacher and researcher, and most of her activities involve students, government offices, and communities in general. The mini-intensive course opens an opportunity for her to gain knowledge about U.S. higher education. She hopes this will be a lifetime experience to share and learn together with other future graduate students of the U.S.



Marsha Fabiola (Marsha)

Serang, Banten, Indonesia

Desired Program: MA in
Communication and Education

Marsha's educational background is in communication and media research which introduced her to issues about the lack of women's representation in STEM. That is why now she is working as a Content Project Manager at Generation Girl, a non-profit organization that works on giving young girls role models to learn code and tech. She is excited to actually be in this course, surrounded by like-minded people who love to strive for their education while giving back to the community as their main purpose in life. She cannot wait to be with people with a positive influence on her motivation and get deeper into how to do the paperwork properly.



Michael Pardamean (Mike)

Jakarta Pusat, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MBA in Healthcare Management / Healthcare and Pharmaceutical

Michael Pardamean is 28 years old and was graduated from Universitas Padjadjaran with a Pharmacy Major. After graduation, he started his career as a Product Specialist and then switch to Product Management roles in several multinational pharmaceutical companies. In his leisure time, he often goes swimming and jogging. Mike is interested in health and entrepreneurship-related things. He is really excited to attend the USINDO mini-intensive course because it would allow him to meet many new people, learn and share the same objectives with them.



Munif Fuad Sabri (Munif)

Batang Hari, Jambi, Indonesia

Desired Program: MA in Education Leadership and Policy Analysis / TESOL

Munif Fuad Sabri is a recent honors graduate of Universitas Jambi with a Bachelor of English Education. A passionate and adaptable learner with several work experiences linked to the expert field. Throughout his college, he was active as a research assistant in two different courses. In addition, he was honored with a scholarship named Access English Micro-Scholarship during his college. His research highlights include a lecturer research assistant who conducted research focusing on profiling Intercultural Communication and research focused on writing for academic purposes integrated with Moodle. This course is important especially for him because through this program, he would like to know and learn how to write a perfect academic essay and get better insights from other participants about how they write their essays.



Mutiah Robiah Aladawiyah (Mutia)

Malang, Jawa Timur, Indonesia

Desired Program: M.Ed in International Education Policy and Management

Mutiah is a committee in Al-Ishlahiyah and recently became a vice principal. Her role is to create a comfortable environment for learning as well as maximize students' potential. However, she realized her scientific and fieldwork was lacking, and need to pursue a master's level in education policy. The reason why she is enthusiastic about it is, firstly, because of the number of mentors available such as Indah Shafira, a Harvard graduate in Education Policy. Her hands-on experiences will be advantageous. Besides, insight from Anggi Suharja about Columbia University will be useful for the application for the LPDP scholarship. Secondly, both mentors have the same concern: Education.



Nafisah Nadjib (Nafisa)

South Jakarta, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MA in Economic Policy

My name is Nafisah Nadjib, currently I am working as a tax consultant in one Indonesian company namely Suaka Solusi Prima Consulting, I just start my professional career one year. I graduated from the University of Indonesia majoring in Fiscal Administration in 2021. After graduating from UI, I believed that I need to develop myself more. Therefore, I was determined to continue my master's studies in the US by majoring in economics policy. By taking this course, I am sure that my dream to be able to study in the US will come true because I will get a lot of knowledge and extraordinary input from the teachers



Noory Okthariza (Noory)

Roma, Italy

Desired Program: PhD in Political Science

Noory Okthariza is researcher at the Department of Politics and Social Change, CSIS, Jakarta. He is also an adjunct lecturer at the Department of Political Science, UPN Veteran, Jakarta. He is currently doing a fellowship at LUISS Guido Carli, Rome. He earned his MA in Political Science, funded by the Fulbright Scholarship. His interests revolve around the issues of party politics, election, and political Islam. He is looking forward to learn from the fellow participants in a supportive environment, polish his PhD applications, and get inputs for his personal statement/statement of purpose.



Putri Aini Zahra (Putri)

Jakarta Pusat, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in
Cybersecurity and Public Policy

Putri obtained her bachelor of International Relations from Universitas Airlangga. She is currently serving as a Policy and Regulatory Specialist for the Directorate of Informatics Applications Governance, Ministry of Communication and Informatics. For some time now, Putri has been involved with the ICT ecosystem and is currently part of the secretariat of the Southeast Asia Internet Governance Forum. She believes digital transformation must be realized through the development of digital infrastructure and digital talent, as well as the formulation of supporting policies. As part of the Internet Governance ecosystem, Putri actively collaborates with multi-stakeholders through public consultations, public discussions, and public communications, including on international platforms.



Sarah Fitri (Sarah)

Surabaya, Jawa Timur, Indonesia

Desired Program: PhD in Learning Sciences and Technology

Sarah is originally from Aceh and been working in Surabaya. She works in education sector for foreign government agency. Her academic background is in education, economics, and technology. She is most excited to meet with fellow applicants with same motivation and excited to learn and prepare herself for future study in the US through this course.



Teuku Pavel Hendrico (Pavel)

Jakarta Timur, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Management Science and Engineering / Engineering Management

Pavel is a well-organized person who develops a passion for engineering, business, and management. Having professional experiences as a structural engineer, he would like to deepen my comprehension of management principles as they are the determining factors in the growth of the company. It is crucial to have reliability in managing teams, operations, and overall projects to achieve the ideal state of the company. All those reasons solidified his plan to pursue his master's degree in Engineering Management. He believes that being a participant in USINDO GRASP is a great opportunity to learn how to create an exceptional essay for U.S. admission. He is so excited to learn from the teaching team to advance his writing skills and also to meet new friends who share the same interest to continue higher study in the U.S.



Veronica Mandasari (Vero)

Samosir, Sumatra Utara, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Urban Placemaking and Management / Design & Urban Ecologies / Urban Design

Vero's passion for the Built Environment has led her to work as an Urban Designer. The experiences gave her deep thought about the urban design framework, where it should begin, the process, and the outcome. While working, she also applied for multiple scholarships and universities to study abroad. She strives to pursue her study in the field of Urban Design, digging deeper into placemaking and community-based planning in the United States. She is excited about the intensive course to help her create coherence and comprehensive essays by receiving constructive feedback from the mentors.



Vinezha Panca (Vine)

Jakarta Barat, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Business Analytics

Vinezha, or Vine, is currently living in West Jakarta. She took her undergraduate study in Mathematics, University of Indonesia. She is particularly interested in how Mathematics can be applied in helping humans' lives. Furthermore, she has a passion for healthcare, which motivates her to work with a pharmaceutical company to utilize their various data to help their decision making processes. However, she realizes that she still needs to learn a lot, especially on how to use data science appropriately in business contexts. Thus, she finds business analytics fascinating and wishes to learn deeper about it by taking a master degree in this field. She is very glad to join this course, because she can meet the other students with the same belief that studying in the USA is appropriate to reach our future career goals. It also intends to mimic graduate level classroom activities, which would be very intense yet exciting.



Yodhita Maureen Romindo (Yodhita)

Jakarta Timur, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS in Finance

Yodhita is currently working as a Forensics Consultant. Having graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics, she is planning to pursue her postgraduate degree in Finance. She is excited to learn more from the speakers regarding Critical Thinking and Digital Literacy, and also to meet other prospective applicants where they all can share some know-hows!



Yogie Yasir (Yogi)

Jakarta Selatan, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Education

Yogi graduated with an accounting major at the University of Indonesia and now wants to shift to the educational sector as he wants to pursue his long dream to make a better education system since he grew up in an educational environment where his mom worked as a teacher at a public school. He plans to continue his education at Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is so happy and blessed to receive support such as this course for an international student like him.



Yosva Yosvi Simbolon (Yosvi)

Bekasi, Jawa Barat, Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Education in Curriculum & Teaching

Yosvi is her short name. She is a Mathematics teacher at Global Prestasi School. She has been teaching for 7 years and never fails to put passion into her teaching. One of her unforgettable teaching experiences was involved in revamping the outdated mathematics' school curriculum in June 2021, along with other selected teachers and education consultants. The updated curriculum has been used since July 2021 up to nowadays. As the result, it is more effective and offers more learning experiences and opportunities to the student. Her interest in curriculum and teacher's issue of teaching capability has motivated her to pursue a master's degree in Teacher College Columbia University, majoring in curriculum and teaching. Continuing her bachelor's degree from Universitas Pelita Harapan, she hopes that her master's degree would be beneficial in tackling the issue of low teacher capability in developing curriculum and teaching.



Zakiatul Annisaa (Kia)

Jakarta Pusat, DKI Jakarta, Indonesia

Desired Program: Master of Public Policy

Kia got her bachelor's degree in Accounting and currently applying to MPP (Energy and Environmental specialization) at University of Chicago. Her research interest is mainly economics, financial fraud, and the environmental aspect of transport policy. She wants to apply to this program because the campus has a wide range of energy and environment-related course and is supported by a prominent research center, EPIC. The sessions on critical thinking spark her interest since it is not something that we are taught in a typical Indonesia classroom. Meanwhile, this skill serves a pivotal role; from taking a standardized test, and in-class discussion, to completing education abroad. Kia has a lot of improvements to make in order to boost her academic writing score (on the GRE) and refine her research proposal. She hopes by joining this course she could leverage her enhanced critical thinking skill to make a compelling application.