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Student Profiles.

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Ahimsa W Swadeshi

Location: Yogyakarta, Special Region of Yogyakarta

Desired Program: MJ/MS/MA in Journalism

Ahimsa W. Swadeshi has been falling in love with story since she was young. After graduating from English Literature program at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Ahimsa works as a journalist in Suara 'Aisyiyah, the oldest women's magazine in Indonesia. Besides her academic activities, she is actively involved in several organizations focusing on literacy and culture. She also received awards as the Language Ambassador and the Museum Ambassador in Special Region of Yogyakarta province. In early 2023, she was chosen as one of the participants of Australian Awards Short Course "Interfaith Young Women Leadership". She dreams of becoming a professional journalist to write impactful and meaningful stories. By joining this program, she is willing to prepare herself before applying for a master program in the US. She believes that it will give her a room for learning the education system in the US and receiving suggestion related to the application requirements of the campus' admission.



Alya Salsabila Prashafa

Location: Bekasi, Jawa Barat

Desired Program: Master of Public Policy

Alya Salsabila Prashafa is from Bekasi City, West Java, Indonesia. She held a bachelor's degree in international relations from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Brawijaya, East Java, Indonesia. She's currently working as a program administrative assistant for the Meeting Targets and Maintaining Epidemic Control (EpiC) Project at FHI 360. Alya has a wide range of general interests, including reading, mixed martial arts, visiting art galleries and museums, and watching movies. Studying abroad has always been her biggest dream and she believes that the opportunity to travel, meet new people, and immerse herself in foreign cultures is one of the most fascinating privileges in life. It can help her to see the world differently. Alya has an interest in studying public policy which is fueled by her passion for making a positive impact on society, as she believes that effective policies have the potential to drive meaningful change and address critical issues.



Anis Munfarikhatin

Location: Merauke, South Papua

Desired Program: Ph.D in Mathematics Education

Anis Munfarikhatin (She/Her) is currently working as mathematics education lecturer in Musamus University, South Papua, Indonesia. As a lecturer, she conducted research related to her major particularly in student's mathematics literacy and published the articles in reputable journals. There are some grants that she received from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology in 2020 and also from Musamus University as her institution. Despite that, Anis is also a member of the emancipated curriculum facilitator in Papua Province which guides some schools to arrange and implement in the current situation. Therefore, she knows directly about the education quality and the weakness of the education in Papua. Ultimately, by joining this course, she believes that it will give her some benefits and insight, particularly in literacy ability.



Arung Rhaka Agni

Location: Bekasi, Jawa Barat

Desired Program: Jakarta Selatan, DKI Jakarta

Arung is a banker who graduated with an IR major. He is an only child, so he is constantly searching for a brotherly connection with whomever is close to his vicinity. Nevertheless, he always identifies himself as a lone wolf. He is almost always a misfit in the group; too feminine for the boys, too masculine for the girls, too book smart for the streets, too authentic to be polished. He has an artsy mom who allows her only child to explore the world on his own terms. He is interested in general cultures (pop culture, international affairs, or the Roman Empire), indifferent to sports, and hates golf (even though everyone in his office plays it). His biggest fear is not being able to realize his potential for helping other people in need. He oscillates between fearing the collapse of society due to population decline and the belief that the world is overpopulated. However, he is fine with holding two ideas at the same time because he contains a multitude.



Asis Wahyudi

Location: Malang, Jawa Timur

Desired Program: Ph.D/Ed.D in TESOL

Asis Wahyudi received a Bachelor of English Education from Universitas Negeri Malang in 2004 and a Master in English Education from the same university in 2017. The lecturer, who has a home base in the Department of English Literature at UIN Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang, is interested in teaching Languages, English for specific purposes (ESP), language testing, and textbook evaluation. Currently, he teaches ESP for non-English majors and accommodates English language test programs and services in UIN Malang. His published works include English for Specific Purposes for Accounting (UIN Press, 2018), Test of English Proficiency: Theories and Practices (UIN Press, 2020), English for Islamic Education (UIN Press, 2020), and English I for Biology (Syiah Kuala University Press, 2021).



Audrey Shafia Dwinandita

Location: Sleman, Daerah Istimewa Yogyakarta

Desired Program: Med - Educational Leadership & Policy Studies in Social & Cultural Foundations

Audrey Dwinandita is passionate about empowering and educating people. Over the past 8 years, she has dedicated her time to various youth communities and organizations, ranging from high-school boards to NGOs in the social and educational sector. Holds a degree in Bachelor of Education, Audrey has a demonstrated ability in program design, creative teaching methods, community engagement, social research, and journalism. Currently, she is pursuing her second bachelor's degree in development studies in Yogyakarta.



Catur Alfath Satriya

Location: Panyabungan, Northern Sumatra

Desired Program: LLM in Law

Alfath is currently working as a district judge in Mandailing Natal. He held a Bachelor's degree in Law from faculty of law University of Indonesia.



Citra Suryanovika

Location: Pontianak, Kalimantan Barat

Desired Program: Ph.D in Linguistics

Citra Suryanovika works at Sekolah Tinggi Bahasa Asing Pontianak, a private university in West Kalimantan. She gained her bachelor's and master's degrees from Diponegoro University. Recently, she endeavours to pursue doctoral study abroad after passing the last selection of the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education.



Gesha Rahmalia

Location: Cirebon, Jawa Barat

Desired Program: M.Ed. in School Counseling in Licensure Pathway

Gesha Rahmalia has been a guidance and counseling teacher since 2015 until now in secondary school. She is a BA graduate of Guidance and Counseling at the Indonesian University of Education. She has taught in schools with the National Plus curriculum, Cambridge Curriculum, and rural school. With experience in various schools where she has taught, she really needs to develop knowledge in the field of counseling in schools to develop guidance and counseling programs. She is very interested in the field of education, especially in developing students' character. She is very enthusiastic about taking this course because she will learn a lot about critical thinking and digital literacy in writing essays, which are very necessary writing skills for presenting logical, systematic, and good ideas. This course can also help her prepare to continue her studies at a US campus so that she will prepare thoroughly with good planning and be able to adapt better to the education system in the US.

Grace Natalia Bornok Siahaan

Location: Jakarta, DKI Jakarta

Desired Program: JSD in Environmental and Energy Law (Equivalent to Phd in Law)

Grace Siahaan is currently working at Christian University of Indonesia as a permanent lecturer. She held a Bachelor's degree in Law from Trisakti University, and Master of Laws from University of Indonesia and University of New South Wales (UNSW) Australia. She is highly interested in international law, particularly international environmental law. At work, she teaches international law courses (Bilingual in English and Indonesian). What makes her most excited about this course is the opportunity to learn more about critical thinking and digital literacy, and to sharpen these two vital skills while receiving constructive feedback from the course instructor with the purpose of boosting her US graduate school application and gain admission to the JSD program at New York University School of Law for Fall 2024 intake, not to mention having the chance to connect with other participants to further explore ideas that will make her application stand out.





Indira Pradnyaswari

Location: DKI Jakarta

Desired Program: MS in Energy Management

Indira is an Associate Research Analyst in the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) under the department of Energy Modelling and Policy Planning. She dedicates herself to energy modelling, climate change, and sustainability aspects. She is also involved under the ASEAN Climate Change and Energy Project (ACCEPT). With a strong academic background and expertise in the field, she actively contributes to cutting-edge research projects addressing regional energy challenges within the ASEAN region. Notably, Indira has achieved recognition for efforts in the green sector by winning a grant competition worth USD 23,000 from the Canada Embassy. This accomplishment reflects her commitment to community building and her innovative approach to promoting sustainability. Through her work and achievements, Indira continues to make valuable contributions towards a greener and more sustainable future in renewable energy and climate.



Kornelius Sembiring

Location: Ciputat, Tangerang

Desired Program: MBA, Marketing and Sustainability

Konel is a youth enthusiast in humanity and forced migration issues and founded the Karo Juara community in 2019. This Community has focused on giving space to improve education access for youth who experienced natural disasters in his hometown and joined RDI UREF as a volunteer for young refugees in Indonesia. Besides, he is passionate about Digital Marketing and has three years of experience as a Search Engine Optimization (SEO) consultant. Since 2019, he volunteered as a social media microsite for the Directorate General of Culture, Ministry of Education and Culture, Republic of Indonesia. Now, Kornel just helped 30 communities and NGOs in the digital marketing sector by co-founding C4SCADE as a platform for social actors to learn digital marketing.



Ledi Anggara

Location: Jakarta Pusat, DKI Jakarta

Desired Program: MSc in Medical Physics

Known as a passionate medical physicist, Ledi Anggara, or Angga, works as a Business Development Lead at a Radiation Therapy Devices distributor in South Jakarta. He helps hospitals tailor the best quality Radiotherapy Services for patients fighting cancer by providing product knowledge and consultation on nuclear technology-related licensing. Aspiring to help and give hope to more cancer patients, Angga is preparing his Master's degree in Medical Physics at the University of Pennsylvania to advance his medical physics and radiation therapy knowledge. He is participating in USINDO GRASP Mini Intensive Course Batch 8 to experience U.S. graduate-level learning culture. Besides, he is keen to master essential skills for his graduate study application and U.S. academic experience in the future, such as critical thinking and digital literacy.



Lesa Maria Triyanti

Location: Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara

Desired Program: M.S.Ed in Learning Design and Technology

Lesa Maria Triyanti, 24 years old, is an English teacher at MTs Alam Sayang Ibu in West Lombok, West Nusa Tenggara. She earned her Bachelor's degree in English Education from the University of Mataram in 2020. Prior to her current career, she volunteered as an English teacher at Yayasan Inspirasi Lombok Berkarya where she taught English to young learners and teenagers. Her main interest is digital education and online teaching in which she found that incorporating technology can be a powerful tool for learning and designing engaging activities for her students. Her proposed study is related to educational technology as the course offers skills, knowledge, and techniques to design interactive learning experiences using the technology. One of the main reasons she is genuinely excited to join this course is because she wants to delve deeper into a comprehensive understanding of critical thinking and digital literacy to support her interest in studying at the US university.



Mega Wulandari

Location: Yogyakarta, Special Region of Yogyakarta

Desired Program: Ph.d in TESOL/EdTech

Mega Wulandari is a lecturer of English Language Education Study Program at Teachers Training and Education Faculty, Sanata Dharma University. She gained her Master's degree in Educational Technology from English Studies, Sanata University. Her academic interests include language teaching media, educational technology, e-learning, and English material design. She has authored 2 books, some articles published in national and international indexed journals, and papers submitted to international conferences. I'm thrilled about this course because it provides an opportunity to enhance my digital literacy and critical thinking skills while virtually connecting me with people from diverse regions across Indonesia.



Meilia Sari

Location: Pekanbaru

Desired Program: MA/MBA in Education and Business Administration

Meilia Sari is an English teacher in a private school in Pekanbaru. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Atmajaya Catholic University and she has been teaching English for about 6 years. She is interested to learn and experience the teaching methods, the classroom environment in an English-Speaking country. She believes that having an opportunity to teach and learn in a diverse learning environment such as in the United States, enable her to keep teaching and learning. Besides, by implementing her various teaching strategies in a formal school setting, she is also teaching students privately and actively being a mentor for competition in regional and national competition. In term of non-academic experience, she values the richness in culture in form of traditional food, dance, and music. In and out of school, she is also actively introduced local food from her hometown by selling it to her community which sharpens her entrepreneur skills and abilities



Mispa Naftali Surbakti

Location: Bandar Lampung, Lampung

Desired Program: MPA of Development Practice or MSc in International Development

Mispa Surbakti held a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Universitas Sumatera Utara. After working in several business companies, she found her true passion when she was trusted to manage development projects funded by Japanese Governments. She admires the power of international aid in helping marginalized people. Although currently busy taking care of family's business, she really determines to continue her study in International Development and believes that the power of education will open her more windows of opportunity to bring equal access and equip her with more capabilities to develop Indonesia in the future. She realizes that having a proficient skill in critical writing is important to continue her study, that's why she felt so grateful to be chosen as a participant. She admires the experiences from the teachers' team and looks forward to learning from them.



Muhammad Afif Izzatullah

Location: Bandung, Jawa Barat

Desired Program: Master of Business Administration

Afif held a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Institut Teknologi Bandung. He had worked in a multinational business consulting company and several startups in financial technology and property technology before building his own startup. He really has a high interest in the intersection between business and technology and aims to combine them to create a meaningful impact in Indonesia. He was awarded LPDP scholarship in the first phase of 2023 and plans to apply to an MBA program in the US, especially in the entrepreneurship and technology track.



Muhammad Yusuf Abdillah

Location: Cilegon, Banten

Desired Program: Master of Environmental Management

Yusuf works at Chandra Asri Petrochemical as an R&D Engineer focusing on product stewardship. Before joining CAP, he was also a product stewardship officer at Holland Colours. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Indonesia in January 2021. He expects this course to build a supportive network of like-minded peers. He eagerly anticipates engaging with the course's dynamic content and fostering a collaborative learning environment where all participant grows and succeed together.



Munawir Aziz

Location: Malang, East Java

Desired Program: Social Data Science, Ph.D

Munawir Aziz currently works as a strategic media consultant for several government ministries and institutions in Indonesia. He has a background as a journalist at Times Indonesia and has also served as an international contributor at LKBN Antara in London. Additionally, he has experience as the editor of the weekly Opinion section at Media Indonesia. Munawir Aziz is actively involved in public diplomacy, public policy, political analysis, and public communication, with a particular focus on media strategy and digital leadership.



Nina Afria Damayanti

Location: Medan, Sumatera Utara

Desired Program: PhD in Program Evaluation

Nina is currently working as a full-time lecturer under the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology. She is now registered as a lecturer in Early Childhood Teacher Education Program at Universitas Negeri Medan. In the daily basis, she teaches program evaluation, social research methodology, social statistics, and assessment. She completed her master's degree in the program of MSc Educational Research and Evaluation from University of Bristol, United Kingdom, in 2020. She is really keen joining this critical and digital literacy program because she is expected to meet people who have the same interest to continue studying in the US. By joining the program, she will keep being motivated to reach her dreams.



Nini Salwa Istiqamah

Location: DIY

Desired Program: PhD in International Relations

Nini accomplished her Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Hasanuddin University and secured a scholarship from the Indonesian Government to pursue her master's degree majoring in International Relations at the University of Melbourne. She expanded her insight and knowledge through volunteering. Currently, she is working as a lecturer at UIN Sunan Kalijaga Yogyakarta. Her research interest is in the Asian Studies, particularly China's foreign policy and Islam in Indonesia. Nini hopes this course becomes a bridge to achieving her dream in pursuing her PhD at one of the US universities.



Pinastika Prajna Paramita

Location: Malang, East Java

Desired Program: Ph.D in International Law

Pinastika is currently working as a lecturer in Faculty of Law, Universitas Islam Malang (Unisma Malang), teaching mostly on the field of International Law. She is also currently acting as a Head of Career Development Center for Unisma Malang. Pinastika complete her bachelor degree in Law Studies in Universitas Brawijaya, dan complete her master degree in International Law in University of Sydney. She is excited about this USINDO mini course because of her strong desire to pursue doctoral degree in the US.



Puspita Anggraini Kaban

Location: Tapanuli Tengah Regency, Sumatera Utara, Indonesia

Desired Program: MS Environment and Sustainability

Puspita is a trained statistician with strong analytical skills and a data-driven mindset. She has worked for Statistics Indonesia since 2019, where she has actively contributed and been appointed to diverse roles in various census and survey activities. In addition to her practical experience, Puspita has made valuable contributions to academic research, with several publications in prestigious journals and forums. Her work includes the application of Geographic Information Systems and remote sensing data for land analysis, quantitative assessments of social vulnerability, and the use of night light data for small area estimation, among others. In her pursuit of higher education, Puspita is looking to enroll in a Master's program in the United States, where she aims to deepen her knowledge in geospatial analysis.



Ruth Ninajanty

Location: DKI Jakarta

Desired Program: MA in Cultural Anthropology

Ruth Ninajanty graduated from University of Missouri – Columbia, with a degree in Journalism and Religious Studies. She spent her early career days as a journalist before settling down in marketing for the past decade. Aside from working full-time in a startup company, she is currently volunteering in Single Moms Indonesia Community as the Learning and Development Head. Finding passion in community management and program development, she is planning to further her study to enhance her skill and help empower single moms in Indonesia. A single mother herself, her 17-year-old son's college enrollment is what encouraged her to revisit her postponed academic plan. A blogger who enjoys drinking her coffee black while listening to Kpop, her dream is to someday get her Master's Degree. USINDO GRASP Mini Intensive Course marks her first step to return from her academic break.



Taria Andhiani

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Desired Program: PhD in Public Policy

Taria entered a Master Program of International Cooperation Studies at the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences (GSFS), The University of Tokyo in October 2023. She has a bachelor degree in Japanese Studies and graduated under the remark of a summa cum laude with GPA 3,83 of 4,00. Also, Taria did a one-year exchange program to Kyoto University in 2018, studying Japanese Culture and Liberal Arts. She is continuing her studies regarding foreign nurses and caregivers working in Japan.



Willy Sofyan Simamora

Location: Tangerang Selatan, Banten

Desired Program: MSc in Financial Engineering

Willy currently works at Citibank N.A., Indonesia as a Risk Management Analyst. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the Bandung Institute of Technology. He has always been interested in the idea of making the world a better place. He works in a team of 5 people, with the scope of work of his current job includes the risk management aspects of consumer lending by analyzing data on day-to-day basis. He wants to improve his fundamental knowledge in his current role (or field) and wants to focus his career in the medium term in the field of finance, which is why he wants to pursue a Master's degree in Financial Engineering in the US. He is interested in various fields, such as programming, classical music, energy, development policy, and philosophy. He also likes watching series in his free time, such as crime, documentaries, anime, etc.



Wiwil

Location: Pontianak, Kalimantan Barat

Desired Program: Master of Library and Information Science

Wiwil currently works as a librarian at the Kalimantan Theology Seminary. She completed Bachelor's Degree in the Library and Information Science program at Satya Wacana Christian University, Salatiga, Indonesia. Initially she was interested in digital libraries and took a media specialist concentration, but her work experience made she interested in user services because it was quite challenging, apart from providing information and resources for users she could also learn new things and that could be shared with others. Sometimes, if there are no users asking questions, Wiwil comes to them and asks what they are currently studying and gives some collection recommendations. The cycle is continuous and it is enough to build relationships with users and understand what they need. However, Wiwil's abilities and knowledge were still limited, so she felt the need to study further by taking further master's studies. Through this course she hopes it can help her prepare for his dream campus.



Yohana Wuri Satwika

Location: Surabaya, Jawa Timur

Desired Program: PhD in Educational Psychology

Yohana Wuri Satwika completed her master's degrees in Psychology at Airlangga University Surabaya. Yohana has worked as a lecturer in the Department of Psychology, Surabaya State University for 8 years. Yohana also practices as a psychologist for children, teenagers, and school. Her interest in Educational Psychology and students with special needs, has led her to do a lot of community service in similar fields. Yohana wants to increasing her expertise and expand her network and research experience so that she can contribute more optimally to education, especially for students with special needs. Yohana has made preparations to continue her doctoral studies. One of the things is prepare to write a research proposal which will be used as a requirement for finding a research supervisor at the desired university. Yohana wants to join this course because she needs to perfect her proposal and learn a lot about the details of academic writing.



Yohanes berlian Triwidakdo

Location: DKI Jakarta

Desired Program: MBA in Yale University

Berli, currently employed as a Product Development and Data Analysis Staff at PT Sterna Nusantara Prabhuvasu, earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Universitas Airlangga. With a deep passion for advancing animal healthcare in Indonesia, Berli has dedicated their career to the digitalization of veterinary health services. Their work involves leveraging data-driven insights and innovative product development to enhance the well-being of animals. In pursuit of their mission, Berli is excited to undertake a course in digital literacy and critical thinking. They understand that these skills are paramount in effectively harnessing technology to improve animal health outcomes. As they continue to explore the intersection of veterinary medicine and digital innovation, Berli remains committed to creating meaningful change in the field, ultimately benefiting both animals and their owners in Indonesia.