Master of Arts Essays

Question 1: LEARNING AND CAREER OBJECTIVES

In a statement of 500 - 1,000 words, please respond to the following questions:

- Why do you seek a Master of Arts degree at Regis University?
- What do you expect to learn and what are your career or other objectives related to this learning?
- What learning modality or modalities do you prefer:
  - Academic independent study
  - Classroom (evenings or weekend intensives)
  - Online
  - Combination
- What will be your challenges in the Master of Arts program and how do you plan to meet them?

Question 2: CRITICAL ANALYSIS ESSAY

Write a short essay (1,000 - 1,500 words) developing a critical analysis topic. Define your topic and identify at least two alternative views.

Discuss: 1) your position, 2) the logic underlying your position, 3) and implications of your position. You may select any topic of your choice or use our topic of "Nature vs. Nurture" as outlined below:

Some psychologists, biologists, and others attribute behavior in general, as well as development and psychological health to "nature": that is, that genetic predispositions and/or inherent drives determine who we become. Others, like many sociologists and anthropologists, focus more on "nurture": the effect of the social environment in which a person finds him or herself (i.e., an abusive family or a warm, caring, affirming family) and experiences (such as traumatic experiences, and positive or negative role models). Another perspective often proposed by depth psychologists, artists and religious thinkers, is that "nature," both human nature and physical nature, is imbued with spiritual or soul forces that guide personal and historical development. Discuss and support your own theory of "nature vs. nurture." You may wish to focus on one specific issue, such as adult learning styles or male-female communications, or on the question in general.