

Fall 2018 Honors Essay Prompts

Please respond to one of the following essay questions. Your essay will be evaluated for the quality of your writing and your ability to provide a focused response to the question you choose. Your response should demonstrate intellectual curiosity and academic rigor, and should be thoughtful, well-organized and free of grammatical and spelling errors. Please limit your response to 500 words.

1. American Indian writer Sherman Alexie wrote, "Life is a constant struggle between being an individual and being a member of the community." How do you understand this struggle in your own life?
2. Is learning for learning's sake valuable? If so, why? If not, what is more valuable?
3. *Tell us about your biggest failure and what you learned from it.

Optional: Extenuating Circumstances Statement

The following section of the application is completely optional.

"Is there additional information about yourself, your family, your background, or any adversity (e.g. financial hardship, illness, etc.) you would like us to take into consideration while reviewing your application?"

Please limit your response to a maximum of 150 words.

**This prompt may be used for both the University Honors and SELF Engineering program applications.*