

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 daughter of a career diplomat, I have traveled and been educated in many different countries, such as Uruguay, Panama, United States (New York), Poland, Honduras and Taiwan. I had the opportunity to experience different cultures, people, religions, languages, etc.

During the past years, the schools I studied, mostly in American schools, and countries I stayed in, offered multinational students and teachers with different backgrounds and languages. These experiences built up my ability to adapt to different cultures, also my language skills and proficiency in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

I am a senior undergraduate student majoring in International Trade in the College of Business in Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan. I have learned quite a lot in business and fields related to it; however, my interest in languages, especially in English, has never diminished. I find it more enjoyable and amusing to pursue a career in teaching rather than as a business woman.

I started my teaching career two years ago, as a part-time teacher in a cram school in my hometown, SanXia, Taiwan. I felt proud of myself and for students too whenever I saw them learn and progress. I gained more confidence and fascination in this field. I am still working at the cram school and I am taking more challenging classes of different grade levels. Although I know I have the skills and ability to teach, it is not enough -- I need professional training in the field of TESOL.

My experiences instilled in me the desire to pursue a career in teaching English in the future. I learned, from your website, that you are offering a Teaching English to Speakers of Other languages (TESOL) program in the College of Education, courses including second language acquisition theories, TESOL methods and materials, linguistics, bilingualism, and multicultural education, which are all designed to meet my needs to obtaining my goal.