

**Directions:** Answer the following questions. Be specific but concise. The word count for all of your responses should not exceed 1500 words. Only the **first two** pages will be read by the selection committee. Do NOT alter the formatting, font, and font sizes.

You are applying for the PhD in Economics majoring in (**check only one**):

- Quantitative Economics    Western Economics    Finance

Why are you applying to the program you checked above and what have you learned about this field? (max 5 lines)

Which specific areas of this program interest you? (max 4 lines)

Are there any professors you may want to work with if you are admitted to our graduate program? Here is the list of our faculty members: (max 2 lines)

1. WISE: <http://wise.xmu.edu.cn/english/people/faculty>
2. Chow Center: <http://chowcenter.xmu.edu.cn/english/people/faculty>
3. School of Economics: <http://soe.xmu.edu.cn/english/people/faculty>

What courses related to the program you checked above including advanced mathematics courses did you take? Which of these courses did you like? (max 6 lines)

How did you perform in these classes? (max 4 lines)

Which courses were hard? How did you overcome the difficulty? (max 3 lines)

Describe a research project you've undertaken. This could be your master's thesis or about a project you have worked on as a research assistant, some term project, or some publication.  
(max 12 lines)

What did you find interesting about working on the project and the results of the project? (max 6 lines)

What was hard? How did you overcome the difficulty? (max 6 lines)

Is there any other information that you would like the selection committee to know as to your motivation to join the program and other relevant qualifications that make you more suitable for the program? (max 4 lines)

What do you want to do with the degree in the future? (max 3 lines)