

The unique experience the Middle Eastern Studies Program proposes will assist me in my academics as well as in my surrounding communities. Being an economics major it is very important for me to understand how economies work. As a citizen one must understand what countries the United States has imports and exports with for those are the countries by which we benefit in socio-economic terms. A student whose life goal is to become a lawyer in New York City I believe it is very critical and grand to have an exposure to different faiths and not just different faiths but with the fellow students who are of different faiths it's a very essential and valuable experience. I am planning for my thesis to focus on economics and this trip will be a insight of countries that are oil producing countries and countries that the United States has economic relations with. This program will enlighten me about other faiths and broaden my horizons whilst making interfaith networks with my fellow American students.

The motive of my life is not just to become a lawyer but to excel in law and go further to become a judge. For the time being I need to educate myself, meet new people, expand my perception and take on new challenges. This program will quench my thirst for knowledge in a very exclusive way. Judges take into consideration a lot of things and in order to be successful and stand out from the crowd one needs to be informed and enlighten their self interest, particularly in the field of religion for that is the main gate to empower cross cultures and thus the qualities of a leader. With the experience from this program not only will it expand my perception and compensate in my thesis but also my career as a lawyer with a concentration in international law.

Reading the newspapers it has come to my attention that people with different ethnic backgrounds have their cases treated differently by attorneys, as the future attorney of New York I plan on treating all my clients equally. I also plan on starting an organization that will promote cross cultures and interfaith networks among college and high school students. I plan on advocating students who have been a part of the Middle Eastern Studies program and have been through this life changing experience from which they have broaden their spectrum of the Middle Eastern culture and will be the thought leaders of the future, from which I really would like to be a part of and become an informed citizen that will also be in the betterment of the American life.

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