

# UIS CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## Personal Statement Critique Form

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CDC Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1 – Excellent**

**2 – Average**

**3 – Recommend Revising**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attracted the reader’s attention in the first paragraph.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Concluded with a strong, memorable conclusion in the final paragraph.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Answered all prompted questions completely using details and examples.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Contained a unifying theme that is clearly visible throughout the Personal Statement.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Used specific examples to explain general concepts and statements and avoids general statements whenever possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Demonstrated a clear knowledge of your field of study.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Created a generally interesting and engaging read.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tailored specifically for the college it is being sent to.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Took into consideration who its target audience is.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avoided controversial topics such as political beliefs or religious affiliations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Used a conversational yet professional tone, and avoided condescending, flowery, or inappropriate tones.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Was not an autobiography. Did use all personal experience to specifically support a point or answer one of the prompted questions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avoided cliché in both its specific examples and general themes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Written efficiently and concisely by avoiding redundancy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Met the program’s minimum and maximum guidelines for length.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proofread and is error free (no grammar or spelling errors).

Other comments/suggestions: