Statement of Purpose

Name:  First Last  January 4, 2010  Civil Engineering (Structural specialty)

I am an Assistant Lecturer in the Structural Engineering Department, Faculty of Engineering, XYZ University, Beruit, Lebanon. I am currently a Visiting Scholar (structural engineering specialty) in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Missouri (MU). I hold a BSc and MSc both in Structural Engineering, from XYZ University, Lebanon and I am looking forward to pursuing my Ph.D. in structural engineering at MU. I wish to be admitted to your doctoral program (structural specialty) and I look forward to joining onto a research project at the earliest opportunity.

- I want to study in the United States, to learn the latest technology in civil engineering, especially in regard to structural engineering.
- In Lebanon there is no potential to perform any experimental work for a dissertation.
- I am willing to participate in any research project at the MU, so long as I can make the results helpful to the U.S and Egypt.

My plan for getting the degree of Ph.D. in Civil Engineering (structural specialty) at MU is to be accepted by the graduate program of MU’s Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering as a degree student.

1. One-page Statement of Purpose is strongly encouraged. Statements must not exceed 1.5 pages in length.
2. Format: 12 point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margin on all sides, 1.5 line spacing
3. Address the following in the Statement of Purpose:
   a. First paragraph: Introduce yourself, provide a brief background and state your immediate career goal/objective
   b. Second paragraph: Explain what led you to your interest in specific studies.
   c. Third paragraph: If applicable, provide a brief description of your engineering practice, e.g., jobs, internships, etc.
   d. Fourth paragraph: Briefly describe any other experiences that either helped you to decide on graduate studies in your designated area or helped to prepare you for graduate studies.
   e. Closing paragraph: Very briefly describe your long-term career goal(s).