**Name:** **Date:**

*Attach this essay to your UAB Graduate School application.*

**Essay Questions**

*Directions: Please answering the following questions.*

1. Why do you want to be a part of IEM and what do you expect to gain?
2. Briefly describe the past five years in your career.
3. What could you have done differently during the past five years in your career to improve it?

1. What do you want to change moving forward in your career?

1. What was your most significant professional failure, and what did you learn from it?
2. What is your personal plan for self-improvement?

1. How much time per week, every week, are you willing to commit to the IEM Program?
2. Describe two situations in which you demonstrated analytical thinking and an ability to solve a problem.

**Program Expectations**

*Directions: Rank the following items (1 through 6) by* highlighting *or* **bolding** *in terms of what you would most like to gain from participating in the MEng with a Concentration in IEM (1 being the highest):*

Greater technical depth

1 2 3 4 5 6  
  
Greater technical breadth   
1 2 3 4 5 6

Entrepreneurial insights

1 2 3 4 5 6  
  
Improved leadership skills  
1 2 3 4 5 6

Improved communication skills

1 2 3 4 5 6  
  
Better understanding of how technology interacts with business operations and strategy

1 2 3 4 5 6

**Career Goals**

*Directions: Please rank your career goals (1, 2, 3, and 4 with 1 being your first choice).*  
  
I want to advance to the next level in my job.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ I want to change my career.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ I want to start my own business.   
  
\_\_\_\_\_ I am happy with my current career.