Goal Statement Checklist

☐ A “hook” that demonstrates your passion for the field

☐ A segue into your background in the field

☐ Description of your academic background in the field

☐ Specific classes you have taken in the field (identify by name)

☐ Specific professors you have had, especially if well known in the field

☐ Identify your first and second choices from the four concentration areas available

☐ Explanation of what you are hoping to learn and gain from the program

☐ Publications or other professional accomplishments of yours in the field (i.e. conference presentations, public readings, etc.)

☐ Explanations about background issues (if needed); discuss how you can help solve these with the use of this degree

☐ Explanation of why you have chosen Case Western Reserve University

☐ Specific features of the graduate program that you are most interested in