

UCAS PERSONAL STATEMENT

Preparation

- Create a list of ideas
- Start drafting it early
- Ask people for their feedback
- Check uni and college websites and Course Search for the criteria and qualities they want me to have

Why?

- Why did you pick the subject?
- Do you feel suitable for the course?
- Why does it interest you?
- What is your understanding of the subject?
- What have you done previously that shows this?

Evidence

- Give evidence of the skills you have that are required to study your chosen subject
- Show your understanding and enthusiasm for the course
- Show your knowledge and how it will help you

International students

- Why do you want to study in the UK?
- What communication skills do you have?
- Give evidence on how you could successfully complete a higher education course in English: Have you previously learnt in English?

Presentation

- Keep it organised!
- Encouraging opening statement
- Conclude well - show you're committed
- Show enthusiasm!
- Make it interesting!
- Check Spelling and Grammar

Achievements

- Include your hobbies, interests, and show the practical skills you have.
- What makes you 'you'?
- Have you got any non-accredited skills or abilities?

Special Attributes

- What makes you Unique and Interesting?
- What makes you a good asset to the course?
- What positions of responsibility have you had/been put in throughout your life?

Experience

- Details of placements, work or past jobs
- Concentrate on those relevant to the course!
- Explain why an experience or activity makes you an excellent candidate for the course

What do I want?

- Why do you want to head off to university, or go to college?
- What are your future plans?
- How will you use the knowledge you gain?

Technicalities

- You only get 1 personal statement regardless of how many courses you apply for, make it count, and don't copy anyone else's!
- Up to 4,000 characters
- Approximately 600 words
- Around 47 Lines