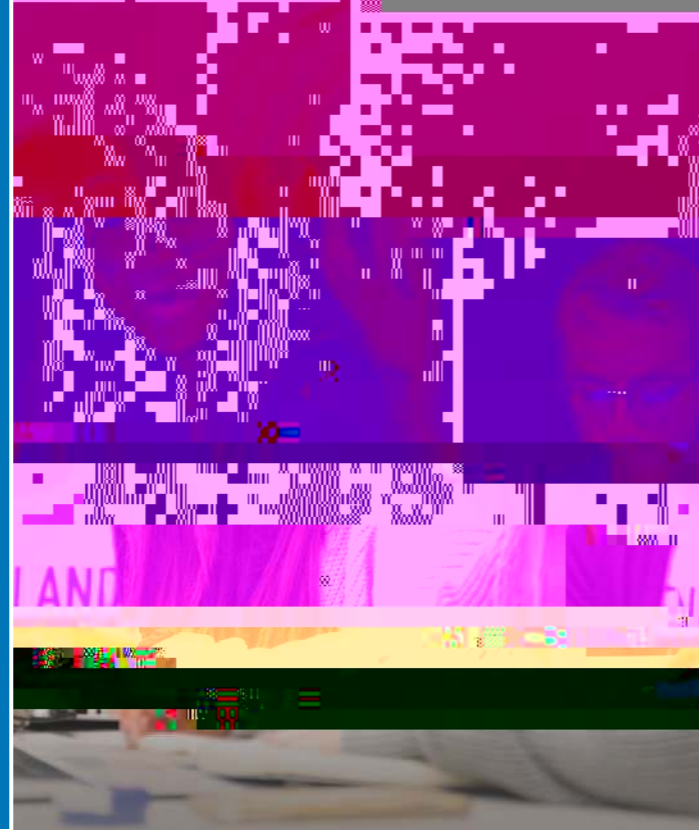


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What is a personal statement?

A personal statement forms part of your UCAS application to study in higher education. **It must be no longer than 47 lines and consist of no more than 4000 characters.**

You get the chance to express your passion towards your chosen course and demonstrate your skills, experiences and interests. It is your opportunity to sell yourself in an academic setting to your chosen higher education providers.

What do universities want to see in an applicant?

The most difficult part of writing a good personal statement is getting started.



Paragraph 1. Introduction

Start with a short and punchy introduction on what motivated you to study in higher education. Why did you pick this specific subject/course? What inspired you to expand your subject knowledge in this specific field of study? You don't need to list exam results/grades as this will be written on your UCAS application but you can talk about the subjects you did previously. Do not name any universities within your personal statement as the same application is sent to every university.

Paragraph 2. About the course

This paragraph is about your current courses and how these subjects have encouraged you to want to continue learning at university. Make sure, you include your academic skills. Be specific and give examples where possible. What knowledge do you have on the subject, be sure to showcase research you've done on it in preparation for your further studies.

What subjects are you currently studying?

- How have they influenced your desire to study the course you're applying for?
- What relevant skills did you gain that can be transferable to your studies?
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Paragraph 5. Summary

This last paragraph is to tell your chosen university, why you are the best candidate to study at their establishment and what you can bring to their university. It is an opportunity to sum up the type of person you are and distinguish yourself from other applicants.

Why you think you would make a good student

- What qualities and attributes would you bring to the university?

WHAT MAKES ME UNIQUE?

Subject specific help for University of Chichester courses

English and Creative Writing

- How have you gone above and beyond your studies to further your knowledge?
- Are there any plays or books etc that you relate to that have inspired/influenced your decision to do this course?
- Try to balance the inclusion of extra-curricular activities with academic engagement and the relationship between the two.

Fine Art

- Tell us what you're passionate about.
- What art/artist(s) inspire you?
- What makes you unique in terms of the art industry?

History and Politics

- What have you done in the last six months to engage with your chosen degree route?
- What specific area of your subject is most interesting to you?
- Avoid referring to experiences before sixth form or college. It's about you now and in the future.

Law

- Provide evidence of situations where you have relied heavily on English skills to perform a task.e.g. EPQ?
- Any experiences where problem solving skills resulted in a situation being dealt with successfully and how these skills can help apply the law logically?
- Have there been any situations that relied heavily on your research skills?

Music

- Include information about performance experience and practical qualifications.
- Indicate whether you play any musical instruments.

Musical Theatre and Performance

- What inspired/motivated you to want to do this course?
- What creative or artistic practical experience do you have?
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