
UCAS Personal Statement draft sheet

Paragraph 1 – How have you come to be interested by the subjects you want to study?

- List the subjects you are interested in studying. How did you initially come to discover these? → article, book, project, work experience, family conversations, visit, conference, business events...
- Can you explain why these subjects interest you? What interests you in these subjects?
- Explain why you want to study them at university. What do you expect to learn by studying these subjects?

Paragraph 2 - What have you learned at school that supports your interest in this subject?

- Tell us about your academic background
- How have your current or previous studies led you to want to study this subject? How have your “specialités” prepared you to perform well in your future studies? Give examples of chapters you studied in class and tell us why you enjoyed them and what you understood.
- Mention the academic skills you have developed which will be useful to you (analyses, critical thinking, argumentation, reasoning, quantitative skills, oral and written expression...)

Paragraph 3 - What other experiences have enabled you to develop your understanding of these issues and prepare you for university?

- Describe your internships. What did you do? What did you enjoy? What did you dislike? what did you learn? What were the main challenges that these companies faced?
- What wider reading have you done that supports your interest in these subjects? Think about videos, articles, books, conferences, podcasts... Has something in the news recently interested you?
- Is there a figure you admire and why?

Paragraph 4 - Other interests e.g. hobbies, sports etc.

- Tell us about your hobbies and interests, things you've done outside school – if not related to your subject, keep this brief, but do mention them. (e.g. babysitting, sports, charity work, clubs, activities, scouting, leadership roles, languages, international exposure...)
- What qualities have they enabled you to develop? Leadership, organization, open-mindedness...

Paragraph 5 - Where you want your studies to lead

- What are your career goals after university? What kind of career would you like to embrace? In which kind of role? Are there any important criteria you will be looking at (i.e. multicultural, product, corporate social and environmental responsibility...)

Paragraph 6 - Closing statement

- Most of your statement should already have been made
- Here, explain why you want to study in the UK rather than in your home country – what you hope to get out of a university experience abroad
- And, what you believe you will bring your future community of students (you can mention a student society you would join)