

Personal letter of motivation

Dear Sir/ Madame,

My name is Alexis Somanji and I´m studying Intercultural Communication and Business in my third semester at Justus- Liebig University. It is with great interest that I am applying for the semester abroad at your university to deepen, improve my language skills, and expand my intercultural knowledge.

My strong interest in seeking new cultural experiences sparked my interest in a semester abroad. I travelled to the UK, France, and Belgium. Therefore, potentially studying in one of these countries does not seem too unfamiliar. However, through this exchange, I hope to gain authentic experiences through the eyes of the local people. Being able to study abroad at your university does not only benefit to my educational purposes but also my future by improving my employment prospects. A significant reason for me to study abroad is my interest in immigrating to another country or staying for a period of time after graduation.

To enable a good and safe stay abroad researching local laws and etiquettes, setting a budget, managing finances as well as gaining cultural sensitivity of the country are key aspects to me.

Studying abroad at your university offers me an excellent opportunity to become more culturally competent which perfectly matches my professional and personal goals. The semester abroad at your university will help me achieve my personal goals like, improve my language skills, increase my self- confidence, enhance leadership skills, boost my academic achievements, and expand my global mindness.

Coming from a strong African background and growing up in Frankfurt am Main, a multicultural city has enabled me to getting in touch with other cultures from early years through school, sports, and work. Also, I travelled to different continents like Africa, Asia, the UK, and Europe which helped me gain more cultural knowledge. I believe that my diverse background and travel experiences have equipped me with fundamentally skills to meet and exceed the demands to study abroad at your university. My adaptability and appreciation for culture are key strengths that will assist my acclimation to study abroad. I am an open- minded person with a passion for new experiences, and I believe that my acceptance into your university will be influential in helping me realize my personal and professional dreams.

I would like to close my letter of motivation for studying abroad by thanking you for evaluating my application. I would be honored to be considered for a seat in your program. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

Alexis Somanji