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University Applications

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Managing applications to UK higher education courses

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What's new?

Making sense of your offers

If you've received decisions from universities and colleges, learn what each one means and watch our video guide on the [Types of offer](#) page.

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What do universities look for?

- Students who will complete the course (retention)
- Students who will contribute to the course, the department and the University
 - Teamwork, flexibility, interest in wider world and evidence of an active life
- Students who will enhance the university's reputation


What goes on a UCAS form?

- Your GCSE grades
- AS grades and predicted A Level grades (or equivalent course)
- Reference from a teacher
- Personal statement written by you
- Most universities will use only this application to decide if they should make you an offer

Personal Statements

A good template

| Paragraph/s | Content |
|-------------|--|
| Opening | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why do you want to study the course? |
| 2 and 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How your interest in the subject/s developed• Include details of wider reading and exploration• Work experience relevant to the subject |
| Closing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra-Curricular Activities• Positions of responsibility• How you will make the most of your place outside your studies• Career goals |



Personal Statement

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| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Welcome | |
| Personal details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Choices | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reference | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pay/Send | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| View all details | |
| Help | |
| Options/Opssynau | |

Welcome > Personal Statement

Your personal statement must be written in English (however, if you are applying only to Welsh universities and colleges, it may be written in Welsh).

After pasting in text, click 'save' before doing any editing as some of the original formatting may be lost. Only text up to the character limit will be saved. You must preview your personal statement before you can mark this section as complete.

You have used 0 of 47 lines based on the preview and 0 of 4000 characters.

Key

Completed

In progress

Not started

Help

Use positive language

- I am a dedicated team member of...
- I excelled at...
- I am committed
- I have succeeded at...
- I persuaded...
- I achieved...
- I have experience of...

Opening sentences

1st few words of personal statements
(2000 surveyed)

1. I have always (808)
2. My interest in (372)
3. I would like to study... (363)
4. I have chosen (261)
5. My decision to (196)

Example: Computer Science

I would like to continue a study Mathematics but would also like to develop my interest in computing. I am especially interested in artificial intelligence systems as they incorporate aspects of psychology, linguistics and philosophy.

Example: Law

Guilty!!! I confess!!! I want to study Law!!!

What happens next?

- Tracking number from UCAS
- Universities must let you know their decisions by the end of March

- **Invitation to interview**
- **Conditional offer**
 - A place is offered if the applicant meets certain conditions, usually based on exam results
- **Unconditional offer**
- **Unsuccessful application**

Replying to offers

- Deadline will be displayed in Track
- Deadline is different for everyone
- Reply to each offer with one of the following responses:
 - firm acceptance
 - insurance acceptance
 - Only if first choice is a conditional offer
 - Do not need to have an insurance choice
 - decline
 - If you decline all offers, you are eligible for Extra or Clearing

What to do next

- Work to get the best grades that you can achieve
- Have a look at www.ucas.com
- Go on Open Days
- Ask advice from teachers/parents/Year 13s



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Thank you for your attention

Any questions?