

Personal Statement Worksheet



Instructions:

This worksheet will help you to think about the information you would like to include in your personal statement. Write your thoughts for each section in the boxes below and use this information as a guideline to complete your essay.

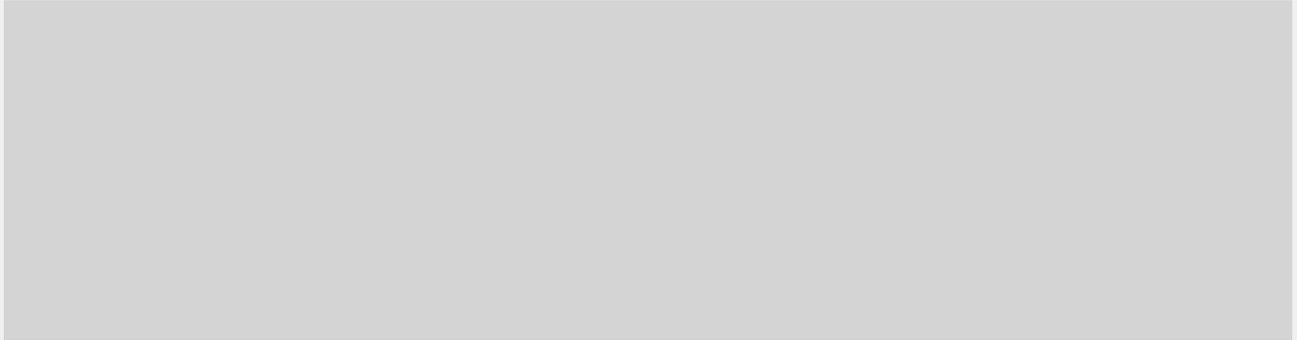
About The Course

Why did you apply for your chosen course(s)?

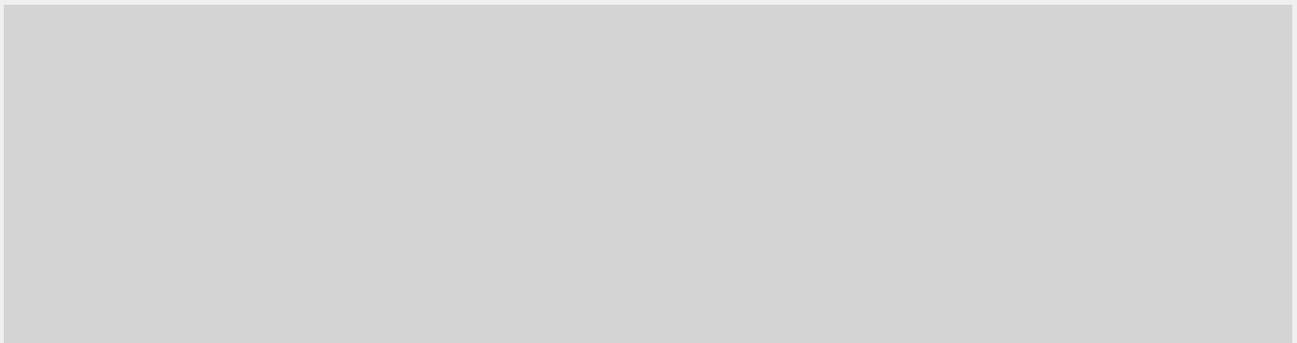
Why does the subject(s) interest you? Try to show that you have a good understanding of what is required to study the course(s).

Does your current studies relate to the course(s)? If so, how?

Why do you think you are suitable for the course(s)? Do you have any relevant experience that will help you to stand out?

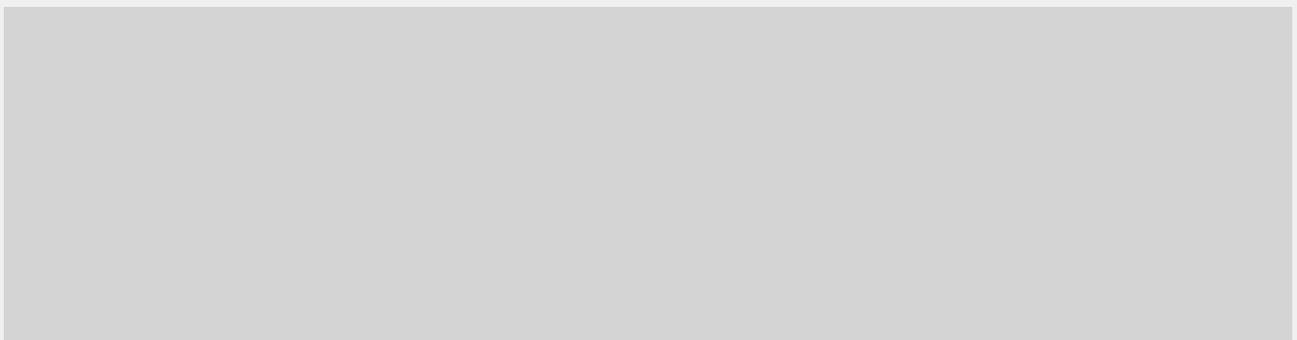


Have you taken part in any activities to show your interest or experience in the subject(s)?



Skills, Qualities & Achievements

What skills or past experience do you have to help you on your desired course(s)? This can include voluntary work, accredited / non-accredited courses or hobbies.



Are there any achievements that you are proud of? Think of any responsibilities that you have held both in and outside of school.



Work Experience

Include any details of voluntary work, online courses, training, clubs or awards you were a part of. Try to link this experience to the course(s) you are interested in studying.



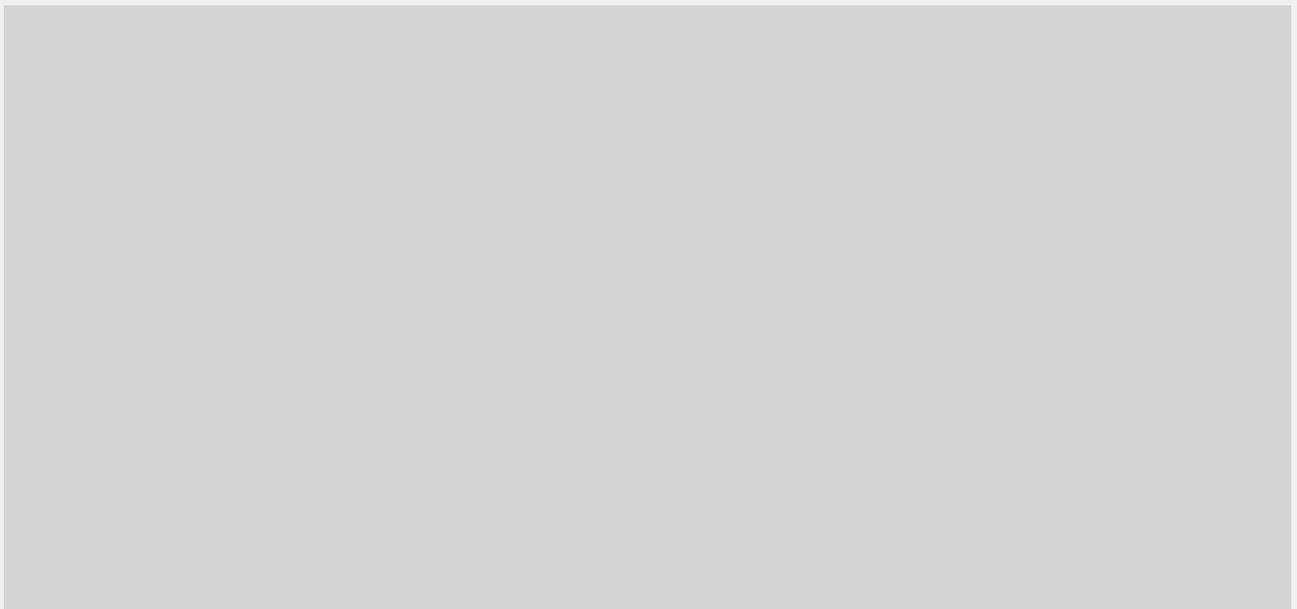
Hobbies & Interests

Make a list of your hobbies, interests and social activities. Think about how they show off your personality and abilities. Remember to link them to the course(s) you are applying for.



Your Future Goals

Think about what you would like to achieve after completing the course(s). Explain how the knowledge and experience you will learn fits in with your future goals.



Writing Tips

Did you know that the deadline for your university application is 15 January? Don't panic! Here are some of our top tips to help you complete your personal statement on time.

✓ Do's

- Stand out from the crowd. Show off your personality and passion for your chosen course(s), alongside your range of interests and experience.
- Show your enthusiasm for the course(s) you wish to study. This may help you to secure a place at the university.
- Check that your grammar and spelling are both accurate. You can ask your friends, teachers and parents to read over the essay and double-check it before submitting the final draft.
- Back up your essay with examples of personal experiences from in and outside of school. This will help your essay to stand out to the admissions team.

✗ Don't's

- Don't be tempted to copy or use similar personal statement from family, friends or online. If it is flagged up to the admissions team it could affect you getting an offer.
- Don't leave your essay to the last minute. You might forget to include important information that could help your essay to stand out.
- Don't exaggerate any information. You may get caught out though interview questions at the university.