



Newcastle
University

Writing your Personal Statement

Your personal statement is the most important part of your university application.

Here's how we would recommend structuring your statement and the important information to include.

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Your Personal Statement

Remember: This is your opportunity to tell universities more about you as a person and why they should offer you a place.



The Course

- Why does this course interest you?
- How do your current studies relate to the course?
- Show that you understand what the course requires- you can find out more about the course content on university websites



Skills

- Research your course using the university website and think about the skills required for the course
- E.g. A course with group projects will require good teamwork skills
- Give examples of how you've gained these skills



Achievements

- What have you achieved that you are proud of?
- What positions of responsibility have you had?
- What makes you interesting or unique?
- Examples: Prefect, sports, music qualifications, charity work, Duke of Edinburgh Award, head boy/girl, drama etc.



Hobbies & Interests

- Make this section interesting by talking about your own experiences
- Add in anything that relates to your course
- Think about how your hobbies might demonstrate your skills & abilities



Work Experience

- Include any examples of work experience you have. Talk about the skills you gained and how this would help you on your course
- Examples: Placements, part-time jobs, helping out school/college, volunteering, shadowing etc.



Conclusion

- Summarise your key selling points
- Mention any future plans- do you have a career path in mind?
- Focus on the course for this part of the personal statement
- What can you offer the university?

Top Tips: Write several drafts of your personal statement, double check for any spelling/grammar errors and ask for feedback from your teachers.