

My UCAS personal statement

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Preparation

- You can only write one, so don't mention a uni or college by name
- Check uni and college websites to see what skills and qualities they'd like you to have
- Make a list of things you want to include
- Start drafting early

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What to include

- Why you're interested in the subject
- Your enthusiasm for the subject
- How your previous studies relate to the course(s)
- Relevant aspects of jobs, placements, work experience or volunteering
- Demonstrate you're a great candidate and you have skills and qualities they're looking for
- Activities or hobbies that show your interest in the subject
- Any training or achievements that show your skills

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How to write it

- Introduction – start with an opening sentence that encourages the reader to read on
- Structure what you want to include in an order that's most relevant to what the unis and colleges are looking for
- Conclusion – reinforce your commitment, enthusiasm and skills suited to uni / college life
- Check your grammar, spelling and punctuation
- Leave time to get feedback and redraft

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Technical details

- Length – up to 4,000 characters or 47 lines of text (including spaces and blank lines)
- Make sure you don't copy – our software detects any similarities and this could jeopardise your application