

top 10 tips for writing your UCAS personal statement

1 start well



A strong opening sentence will make it clear why you have applied to study a particular course

2 make it easy to read



Don't write in one long paragraph. Clearly define experience, additional qualifications and aspirations

4 use examples eg

When you are talking about your strengths and qualities use examples to highlight your claims



3 write it yourself

Make sure it reflects your own personality and individuality

5 let your personality in



Make it original and ensure it reflects who you are as an individual.

6 demonstrate a real interest



A significant amount of the statement should be focussed on your chosen subject

8 value added skills & learning



What have you been doing that is relevant and beyond the requirements of your A levels.



7 answer the question

'Why should we give you a place on the course?' Don't just write about yourself.

9 work experience



What have you learned from it?

10 write naturally in your own voice



Your personality and your opinions, not a bunch of clichés