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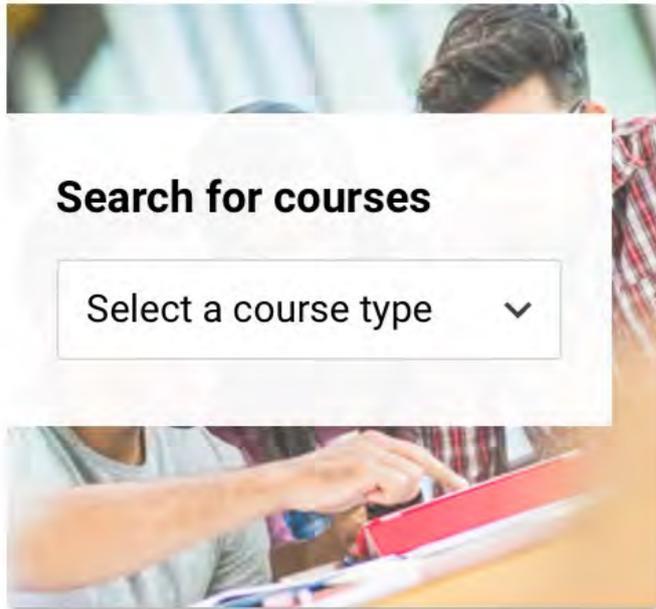


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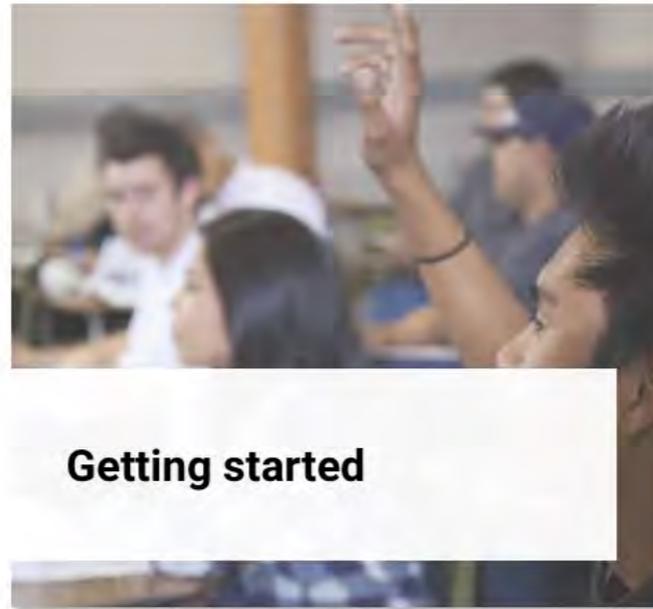
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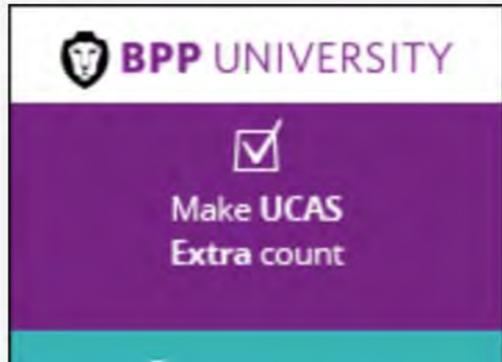
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Personal details

Course Choices

Full education
details
(Qualifications)

Employment history

Personal statement

Filling in your
UCAS
application





14ps - Early Bird



Key Dates

- May 2017 Apply opens
- 15th October Oxbridge/medicine
- 15th January UCAS deadline
- February Extra opens
- Early May Firm/Insurance choices





Tips - Early Bird



- Research your universities and courses. Plan ahead and use the summer productively.
- Offers can be given as soon as applications are in (they frequently are). Places will go before the final deadline.
- Get drafts of your personal statement in to your UCAS tutor and complete all sections online as soon as you can.
- Arrange necessary work experience, volunteering, extra-curricular activities now. Your statement should reflect what you have done NOT what you will do.



The Personal Statement

How to write a UCAS Undergraduate personal statement

The personal statement is an important part of the UCAS application. It's your chance to describe your ambitions, skills, and experience.

Relevant to **Undergraduate**

Starting your personal statement

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The Personal Statement – basics

- Chance to ‘sell’ yourself
- 47 lines
- 4,000 characters including spaces
- 1 statement for all 5 choices, focus on course not location
- Must be relevant and purposeful

1 start well



A strong opening sentence will make it clear why you have applied to study a course. Avoid being generic, using cliches and random quotes.



**make it easy
to read**

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



write it yourself

Make sure it reflects your personality. Don't copy or claim to do things you can't.

4 use examples eg

When talking about your strengths and qualities use examples to highlight your claims. Show your experiences.

5

let your
personality in



Make it original and ensure it reflects who you are. At the same time DON'T pretend to be someone you're not.



6

**demonstrate a
real interest**



**A significant amount (around 2/3)
of the statement should be
focussed on your chosen subject.**

? 7 answer the question

'Why should we give you a place on the course?' Don't just write and waffle about yourself. Show them you deserve a place.



8 value added skills & learning

What have you been doing that is relevant and beyond the requirements of your studies?



9 work experience

What have you learned from it? For some courses it is vital to have prior experience. Arrange it now.

10 write naturally in your own voice



**Your personality and your opinions, not a bunch of cliches and Google searches.
Correct spelling and grammar.**