

# UCAS Personal Statements

## Paragraph 1:

- Explain your choice of subject
- Outline why you are interested in the subject(s). Why does the content/ structure of the course appeal to you?
- Does your current study have relevance to your subject choices?
- Demonstrates that you are well motivated and enthusiastic about your chosen subject area

## Paragraph 2:

- Describe your suitability
- What transferable skills have you gained from your current study?
- How are these relevant to your chosen degree subject? Unsure? Check out course entry profiles (EP's) at [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)
- Has this study sparked your interest or affected your course choices at HE level?
- What have you particularly enjoyed?

## Paragraph 3:

- Longer - term career objectives
- Even if these are broad, include an outline of the field in which you hope to work
- Detail any work experience, placement or voluntary work, particularly if relevant to your subject choices
- Outline any summer schools attended
- Identify additional skills that you have gained through part time/ voluntary work

## Paragraph 4:

- The person behind the form
- Describe yourself to Admissions Tutors – your skills, strengths and personality-don't just list points
- Outline your academic/social achievements
- Describe your sporting and leisure interests
- Are you planning a gap year? If so, what are you planning to do?

## Paragraph 5:

- Summarise why you want to progress to university / onto your chosen courses.

## Top Tips:

- Accuracy – spelling and grammar
- Attention to detail
- Ensure that it is all your own work, UCAS do check each statement for plagiarism
- Use entry profiles (EPs) if you are unsure what to include
- Don't repeat yourself
- Use positive and enthusiastic language
- Give examples
- Ask for help with editing/redrafting