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Writing your UCAS Personal statement- also a great way to prepare CV

What you need to include, brainstorm and plan each of these sections out.

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| <p><u>Reasons for choosing the subject</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current studies and how these relate to your subject.• Readings on your subject.• Refer to details of the course you are applying for.• What modules are you looking forward to?• Have you attended an open day or online virtual meet?• How does this subject and course fit in to your life career plans | <p><u>You your skills, interests and experience</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What excites you about the course?• Have you got any work experience?• What life experiences have you?• What challenges you, be honest?• What achievements have you that make you proud?• What skills do you have that make you suitable for the course and career?• Don't tell, show case them, give examples. |
| <p><u>Techniques to include in your statement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening, how will you hook without going over board?• Don't exaggerate.• Use reflection and anecdotal evidence.• Be factual, persuasive and personal.• Have a strong conclusion.• Show curiosity <p><i>Perfect grammar, vocab and sentences, make it flow. Grammatical errors, there is no room for these, ask people to read it or get help writing it.</i></p> | <p><u>Mistakes when writing your personal statement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't re tell your life story in chronological order, be selective, align your examples to the course and career.• Don't repeat information already on your UCAS form, for example predicted grades in your subjects.• Don't be too personal, yes showcase yourself and be confident but be factual also.• That you don't highlight your capable of study university level, so quoting an article/ reading will show you are capable indirectly.• Don't use cliches.• You just list experiences and don't reflect on these experiences. |

