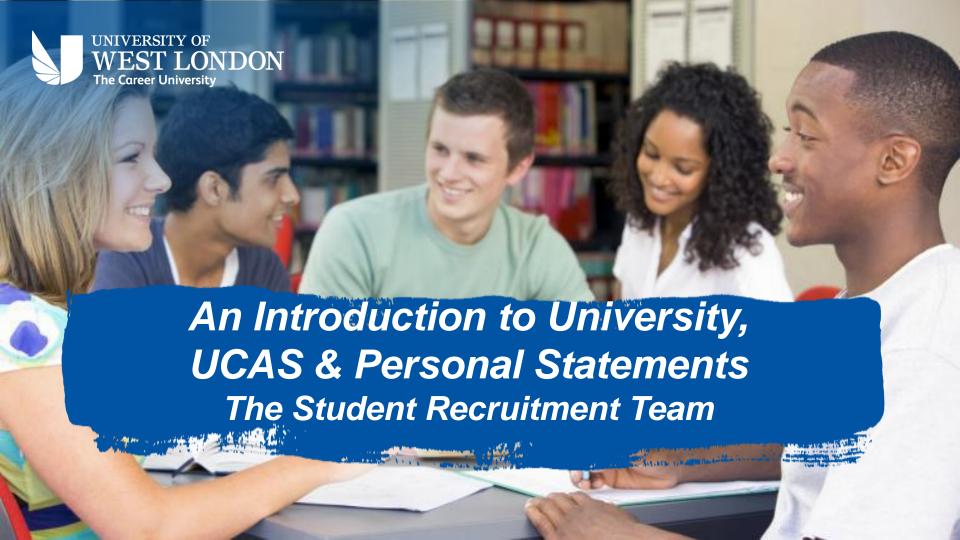


Thank you for joining. The webinar will begin shortly





What we will be covering today:

- What to think about when choosing your university/course
- A Student's Journey applying through UCAS
- Personal Statements
- Useful additional resources
- How to get in touch





Factors to consider



- Location
- Accommodation
- Facilities
- Social Life
- Support



Location

Campus or City? Location- Best of both worlds

Vibrant local community and stunning green spaces a stones throw away with the benefits

of central London easily assessable via the London Underground.

Close to home or move away?

Large or small university?









Accommodation

Thinking about living options as a student is another important aspect of decision making

when considering your university choice.















Facilities

Libraries and study spaces

Course specific facilities

Does the university have spaces dedicated to your course?

Is there a large number of work spaces?

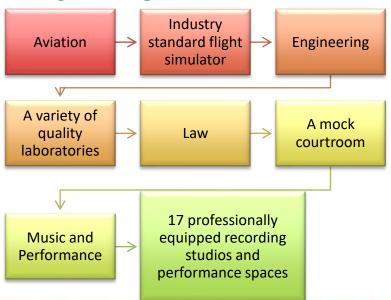
Are the facilities up to date?

Are there any unique facilities?





Course Specific Facilities











Social Life

Students' Union

Surrounding areas

Societies

Town/city

Culture









FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Support

STUDENT ADVICE SERVICES

CAREERS SERVICE

WELLBEING SERVICES

MENTOR SCHEMES





A Student's Journey

UC/S

When applying, you'll be asked to provide:

- Personal information
- Your course choices (up to 5)
- Education history from secondary school onwards
- Employment history (if you've had any paid jobs)
- A personal statement
- A reference (from a teacher, adviser or professional who knows you academically)
- Payment £22 for one choice, £26.50 for two or more choices (for 2022 entry)



A Student's Journey through **UCAS** September 2022 entry

Remember that some courses have earlier start dates such as February and April 2022.

15 October 2021

Deadline for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry.

26 January 2022 Entry deadline for all other Undergraduate courses.

> 25 February 2022 UCAS Extra Opens.



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September 2022 entry







What is a Personal Statement?

It is your opportunity to explain why you have chosen your discipline and it is key to demonstrate your enthusiasm and knowledge of the subject.

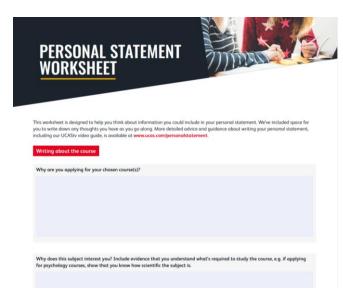
As well as being the important part of the process, it can also be the most difficult.



How are Personal Statements used?

Universities use Personal Statements to:

- Consider applications
- Formulate interview questions
- Decide the status of near-miss applications.





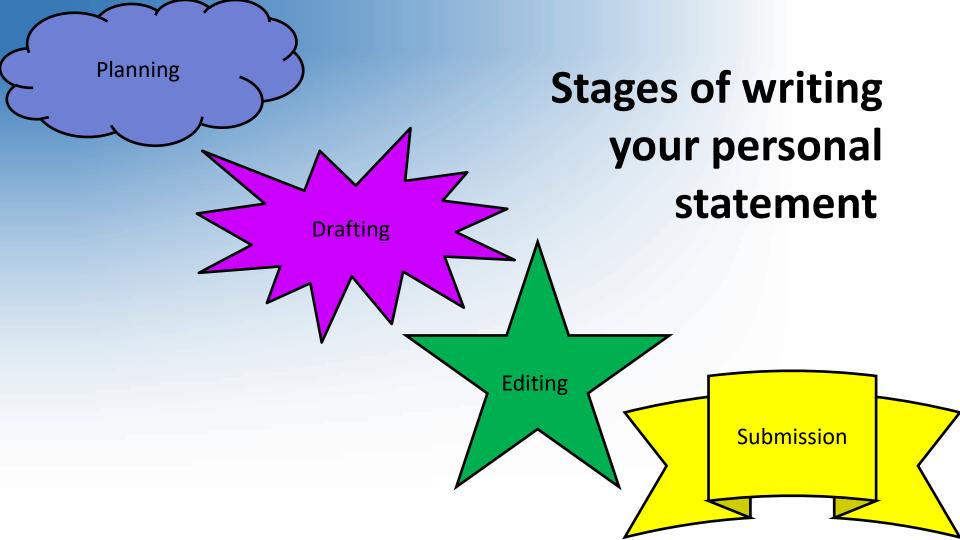
Personal Statement Guidelines

You write only **ONE** personal statement for all of your five choices



You are limited to <u>4000</u> characters or <u>47</u> lines (including spaces and paragraph breaks)

Make every word count and use them wisely!









Specific areas of the course that interest you - i.e. modules Personal experiences and interests that have led to your decision to study the subject, e.g. part time jobs, books/articles you may have read or people who inspire you (why??)

Relevant work and voluntary experience

What are your career aspirations?

Skills and
Knowledge what you have
and hope to
develop



What UCAS Say!

"The strongest applicants are those who can link their extra-curricular activities to their proposed course of study" UCAS.com







Structuring your Personal Statement?

- **1** Explain the reasons for your choice of subject
- 2 Explain why you are suitable for the course

3 Discuss your career aspirations

4 Describe the person behind the application

5 Conclusion





ABC Rule - Activity, Benefit, Course



Activity

Volunteering at a local Hospital or Community Centre.

Benefit

Experience in health and social care has allowed you to develop communication and interpersonal skills.

Course

This experience has not only developed your core skills to become a nurse, but has also confirmed that studying an Adult Nursing course is the correct path for you.



Personal Statement Tips



Personal Statement tips



Use Microsoft Word to write your statement.

Take your time when writing the statement to allow for proofreading and editing before the final submission.



Use careers websites such as the National Careers Service to research the sort of jobs you would enjoy and the recommended routes into those careers.







Why you've chosen this course?

Why you're right for this course?

What makes you a good student for this course?



What can you start to do now?







- ✓ Take this time to research courses and different universities
- ✓ Look out for opportunities
- ✓ Continue to draft your personal statement
- ✓ Get second opinions and invite other people to read through your personal statement











Online Resources

Social Media platforms

National Careers Service

vinspired.com

UCAS Personal Statement Tool

University Websites





Feel free to get in touch via

Student Recruitment Team: student.recruitment@uwl.ac.uk

Admissions Team: undergraduate.admissions@uwl.ac.uk





Thank you! Q&A Time