



Congratulations on your decision to apply to University College London. You have applied to one of the most prestigious universities in the U.K. UCL is a highly competitive program, and we want our students to do everything they can to strengthen their applications. As part of your application to UCL, you are required to write an academic statement.

A well-written academic statement can make the difference between a regular application and an incredible one. The departments at UCL admit applicants who are driven, motivated and prepared for an academically rigorous semester. Writing a strong academic statement will strengthen your application and help differentiate you from other applicants.

Think of your statement of purpose as a college admissions essay. Your academic statement should be about 500 words and outline the reasons why you want to study at UCL and the subjects you've chosen. A statement can be especially useful for providing additional information which is not immediately apparent from your transcript and which is relevant to your course and departmental selection.

You should discuss your reasons for applying, preparation you've done to be academically suited to UCL and specific study and research interests that you intend to pursue while at UCL. Mention a course you'd like to take at UCL and discuss why it's important to you: Is it not available at your home university? Is it in an unusual or interesting subject area that would be inaccessible outside of the U.K.? Why will studying at UCL broaden your academic horizons?

Your statement should also describe how and why a study abroad year/semester at UCL will assist you in achieving your academic and professional goals. For example, if you are applying to the political studies department because you want to be a political analyst in your future or to graduate school and study political science, mention this. If taking a specific psychology course offered at UCL will round out your academic background for your application to graduate school, mention this.

You must complete and submit your academic statement along with the other forms included in this document. Your application is not considered complete until you have sent in an academic statement.