



Congratulations on your decision to apply to the University of Essex. As part of your application to the University of Essex, you are required to write an academic statement.

A well-written personal statement can make the difference between a regular application and an incredible one. The departments at the University of Essex 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 the University of Essex and the department(s) 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 department and course selection. You should discuss your reasons for applying, preparation you've done to be academically suited to the University of Essex, and specific study and research interests that you intend to pursue while abroad.

**Applicants need to complete and submit an academic statement along with the other forms included in this document. Applications are not considered complete until an academic statement has been received.**

The University of Essex academic statement does **not** replace the Personal Essays Form that was included in the IFSA-Butler general application materials. Both essays are required to complete an application.