

PART 1 (10-15% total statement)

In this section you should show why you have chosen to study that subject and try to answer questions such as:

- **What attracted you to this subject?**
- **What aspects of it have interested you sufficiently** to want to study it at degree level?

You should definitely show any further reading you may have undertaken and link it to your desire to study that degree or subject at university.

TIP: Give a definition or a quote that, to you, defines this subject and demonstrates that you have done further reading.

PART 2 (70-80% total statement)

This section should be divided into two different sections: academic and personal interests. Here, you need to explain why you are a great candidate and why the university you have chosen should offer you a place above everyone else.

The academic part of this section should have a much bigger weight than the personal interest one and it should include:

- Evidence of knowledge of the chosen subject (further reading)
- Additional subjects (how do your other A levels benefit you and apply to your chosen degree)
- How can you apply all this knowledge and the skills gained through your studies to your chosen degree?

TIP: Don't forget this is what is known as an 'Academic Personal Statement' and, therefore, the language has to be more formal and you need to be able to demonstrate all the further reading and the existing background knowledge by reflecting on academic concepts and linking them to the interest and passion that you have mentioned previously.

The personal interest part is vital in order to show that you are a well-rounded individual that is about to rise to the challenge.

- This section although still extremely important should be much shorter than the academic part
- Here you should mention things like lectures, events or conferences attended, maybe mention the titles of some of the books you have read and what you found interesting about them.
- Here you can also talk about competitions or activities you have taken part in. However, don't just list them, make sure you demonstrate that you have gained a wider skillset from these activities.
- Don't forget to mention any related work experience and what you have learnt from it.
- Part time work in what would seem 'unrelated' can also be relevant by identifying a set of transferable skills gained through this job.

PART 3 (10-15% total statement)

This section is extremely important. Although it may be the shortest it is the last thing that the Admissions tutors are going to read about you.

- Make sure that it summarizes everything what you have already said: why you want to study this course and why you will be a better candidate than anyone else.
- Try to avoid repeating words or whole sentences; look for ways to rephrase the attributes, reasons and skills you have already given.