

Personal Statement Review

The Aim

To provide you with a comprehensive review of your personal statement which provides valuable detailed feedback in order to enable you to improve the personal statement immediately.

The Key

Helping you understand your personal statement review

- **Yellow**
 - The general content in the paragraph is relevant but can be improved
 - Comments at the end of yellow paragraphs apply to the whole paragraph
 - Comments inside the yellow paragraph apply to specific words or sentences

- **Green**
 - The content or idea is very good
 - The idea or example is very good
 - The idea or example is particularly well phrased

- **Red**
 - The content is not relevant
 - The word or phrase does not work in the context
 - The word or phrase is wasting character count and not adding to the quality of the personal statement

- **General Feedback Paragraph**
 - Positives should be kept and built upon in the second draft – do these more!
 - Improvements suggest changes which should be made in order to upgrade the quality of the personal statement

Personal statement

I am devoted to studying economics because it allows me to grasp an integral part of my everyday life. It fascinated me to notice that economics was happening all around me in the ever-changing economy. My decision to take economics beyond A-level comes from my keen interest in everyday issues and my desire to study independently and research further into the course. Studying economics at university will bring together my interests and talents in economics and mathematics. Specifically at AS-level I enjoyed improving my understanding of macroeconomic policy objectives and instruments used by the government; this comes from my passion towards the political side of economics. This topic demonstrates the close links between economics and my A-level subject government and politics allowing me to understand not only how the economy works but also the political issues that surround economic decisions and the power of government.

My love for economics is evident through my vast reading around the subject; I am up to date with the economic climate from my frequent reading of 'The Guardian' and subscription to 'The Economist' webpage. 'The toll of tragedy' focussing on the economic issues that have arisen as a result of the devastating spread of Ebola fascinated me. This was due to the fact that it became vastly apparent that Ebola is not simply a medical emergency but an economic one due to the effects in terms of people not being able to work and the disruptions to travel. The article expanded on the significance of suitable healthcare and the inadequacies in the healthcare systems' linking with the ethical side of economics and highlighted the severe universal problem of inequality. The use of figures and graphs allowed me to grasp just how important healthcare is on the economy.

Recently, I read an article from the webpage 'common dreams' focussing on US sweatshops following the 'Rana Plaza' disaster in 2013, which brought to light the abusive mistreatment of workers in factories; my interest came from the severe economic problems demonstrated as aims of low costs for firms are overtaking the ethical side of economics. Studying economics is about so much more than just reading books, its about getting involved and witnessing everyday changes; my recent visit to the Bank Of England museum displayed the crucial relevance of economics in the modern world. My highlight of the museum was the way it exposed the history of the bank as well as the various exhibits that showed how decisions made at the Bank of England influence the wider economy.

I am certain that success in a subject relies on a genuine passion for it. My aspiration to have a future career in banking was confirmed in my work experience in a Barclay's office in

Commented [DR1]: What changes interest you? Be more specific

Commented [DR2]: What do you want to research? Be more specific to make it more personal

Commented [DR3]: "everyday" is said too many times in this paragraph. The point you are making here can be said more succinctly in about two lines! This paragraph wastes too many words

Commented [DR4]: This is a nice sentence, very direct and to the point, perhaps start the personal statement here!

Commented [DR5]: To save words and be more specific, perhaps change this to "fiscal and monetary policy"

Commented [DR6]: "love" is too romantic, use a different adjective

Commented [DR7]: This opening section of the paragraph can be slimmed down without losing content.

Commented [DR8]: Really liked this paragraph, shows a lot of interest and knowledge and also very current as well as relevant to university and A-Level Economics courses

Commented [DR9]: Possibly remove this, as it does not add much to the paragraph

Commented [DR10]: This is not bad but doesn't relate particularly well to your course. University Economics courses do not spend much time on ethics, it's more a Business degree subject

Commented [DR11]: This is a good sentence as it relates A2 course content (cost minimisation) to the real world and shows you are able to learn something in class and apply it to the real world. But "economic problems" is too vague be more specific.

Commented [DR12]: This paragraph needs improving. The content it tries to communicate is good but is not communicated in a personal way i.e. what particularly interested YOU about the Bank of England's history.

Commented [DR13]: This sentence does not add value to paragraph about work goals and past experience

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Canary Wharf. During the week I spent there I observed meetings and gave my informed input. Purely just experiencing the superior and demanding environment made the prospect of my future career extremely exciting. I gained further experience when I was selected to take part in an apprentice style workshop; the day focused on creating a business idea and expanding on it; this helped me to develop leadership and team working skills. Further university style mathematics lectures gave me an insight into the style of learning at university.

Commented [DR14]: Be more specific to make it more personal, which department were you in? What tasks did you do? What did you learn about banking?

Further achievements have included completing a counselling course, which improved my responsibility and listening skills when dealing with people and listening to their issues, being elected as form and environmental captain and voluntary work including 'crisis at Christmas', babysitting and helping with reading in a primary school. I previously had a part time job in a bridal shop and often assist with the accounts of a family construction business; both of which taught me communication and punctuality as well as improving my self-confidence when communicating with people. Ultimately, I am dedicated to maximising my academic potential in the broadness and depth of economics to pursue my ambition of a successful financial career.

Commented [DR15]: This paragraph has important content but none of the key achievements are elaborated on. It is too much like a rushed list. Talk about less of your achievements but give more details on the ones you do mention

Commented [DR16]: Sentence reads awkwardly but has good content, re-phrase it

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General Feedback:

Positives

- The structure is good
- The content (i.e. ideas and examples) which have been included are very good

Improvements

- Possible content that could be included to improve your personal statement:
 1. Which content of your degree are you looking forward to studying?
 2. What can you/ will you contribute to the university?
 3. Needs more about your academic skills particularly Mathematics and statistics as university economics demands a lot of maths and stats
 4. There is a lot of word wastage, sentences can be shortened and things can be said more succinctly

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