

# How to get into university?

1. Use a mindmap to collect information on your skills, qualities, hobbies, passions, volunteering and work experience.

**Skills**

**Qualities**

**Hobbies**

**Passions**

**me**

**Volunteering**

**Work experience**

**2. Explain why you want to study this subject.**

<b>Why I want this course.</b>	<b>My career plans.</b>	<b>Why I love this subject.</b>
<i>I want to study journalism because I'm very interested in current affairs.</i>	<i>Become a journalist.</i>	<i>I love writing (I have a blog) and also everything to do with the news.</i>

**3. Explain why your previous studies are relevant to this subject.**

<b>What I've studied.</b>	<b>Why it's relevant.</b>
<i>AMC</i>	<i>Made me interested in politics and current affairs.</i>

## 4.

a. Choose from the skills and qualities suggested below those that describe you best.

Circle them.

motivated • enthusiastic • energetic • determined • persevering • punctual • curious •  
hard-working • works well in teams • a teamleader • good with deadlines

b. Give some examples of times when you used them.

Skill / quality	For example
<i>teamwork</i>	<i>group project at school</i>

c. Make phrases using these skills and qualities.

*Leading complicated group projects at school has helped me develop my team building skills.*

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5. Now write your own personal statement.

a. Start your introduction with an interesting phrase that will keep the reader interested.

b. Be positive and enthusiastic but don't show off.

c. Use the conclusion to reinforce your motivation.

d. Remember to check your grammar, spelling and punctuation.

e. In total it should be around 4,000 characters (47 lines) long.

f. Be original – computer software will pick up plagiarism!

