

Example of a Personal Statement for a Masters

Describe your reasons for wanting to study this particular course and what you believe you will gain from it.

I am applying for a place on the course at the University of because I am very interested in the topics covered particularly and My interest in these areas was first aroused during my undergraduate studies at the University of Exeter where I studied and I chose to do a final year research topic on During my research I sourced documents relating to and my interest was further aroused when reading Your course not only covers the above topics but will also introduce me to the new areas of and which will broaden my knowledge and understanding of the topic as a whole. I achieved a very high grade for my dissertation and I am keen to build on my interest in research during the dissertation element of the course. I am expecting to attain a high 2.1 or first class degree which I hope will demonstrate my academic ability to study at this level.

My work placement at during the summer of 2008 reinforced my interest in the areas of and I was able to experience the effects of applying Government legislation in a working environment. My main role was to monitor the effects of through market surveys and to analyse the data using statistical packages such as SPSS. I wrote a report on my findings which was well received by my organisation. This experience helped me to develop relevant skills in constructing questionnaires, managing my time effectively and writing succinctly.

I am particularly keen to study at the department of In the University of because of your research interests in and your reputation of excellence in these fields. The international reputation of the department attracts such a variety of students and I believe it will be a stimulating environment in which to study at masters level. Your university also provides excellent working and recreation facilities for graduate students which demonstrate your commitment to the graduate student body.

Following the MA course I would like to pursue my interest in research in the area of either through doing a PhD or possibly researching with a government department or other public sector body.