

Personal statement guidance for all MSc and PG Certificate TESOL courses

Applicants for all TESOL-related courses must submit a personal statement as part of the application process. There are several topics which should be covered in the personal statement, in separate paragraphs. There is no required word length or limit but as a general rule, the admissions team will be more interested in content than length.

Topics to cover

- Explain why you are interested in the qualification you are applying for. This should include discussion of any relevant work experience, paid or voluntary, that you might have. If you are intending to change the direction of your studies, for example from an Engineering undergraduate degree to a Master's in TESOL, you should explain why you would like to make such a change.
- Provide some information about your intended career after gaining the qualification.
- Explain why you are interested in studying at the University of St Andrews, and, if appropriate, why you are interested in studying in the UK.
- Include any other relevant information which you believe would support your application. This section may be quite short.