



## Sample UCAS Personal Statement: Education

My mother was a primary school teacher, and she took great steps to ensure that I had the best, most nurturing educational environment possible. I remember several of my teachers fondly, from my cheery kindergarten teacher Mrs. Elm, to Mrs. Johnson in third grade, who ignited my love of reading novels, to high school teachers such as Mr. Davis and Mrs. Ecksley, who taught me to think about scientific problems in new ways. This is why I have decided to study education in the university. I feel at home in a classroom environment, and I would like to have the sort of positive influence on the younger generation that my past teachers have had on me.

Being a good teacher means more than simply understanding the subject matter of textbooks. Effective teachers must be able to deal with individual students' needs, present lessons to classes full of students of different levels, and find the most interesting, engaging ways to teach. Fortunately, my past experiences give me many of the skills that I will need to be a good teacher. For example, from past classes on psychology and social sciences as well as more general classes, I have had the chance to observe how a class works and how to use empathy to deal with people who seem different. When I joined my high school's Student Association, I learned to work with a group to solve problems and to consider various ideas simultaneously.

In my final year, I was elected President of the Student Association, an experience which gave me a new level of confidence in my ability to be a leader or a teacher. In this role, I needed to set goals and plan events, which meant not only assigning groups and leading meetings, but also coordinating with faculty and administration. I enjoy being in a leadership position and being forced to meet new challenges, as it pushes me to become a better person. I took great pride in my accomplishments in the Student Association, and the positive feedback I received convince me that I have natural talents for being in a leadership role.

By studying education in the university, I look forward to learning more about the theoretical aspects of education and digging into different approaches to pedagogy. I am also eager to begin practicing my teaching abilities through class exercises and later internships and work opportunities. My interest in education extends to both sides of the classroom, from student to teacher, and I am genuinely excited at the prospect of studying in a more advanced and challenging academic program, as this will make me much more effective when standing at the front of a classroom in the future.

My long-term goals involve following in my mother's footsteps and teaching classes at the primary level. I am interested in primary education specifically because of the profound effect teachers can have on students at younger ages. The classroom can be a magical place for young students, and a good teacher can open doors and inspire minds like no one else. The chance to work with young students and instill in them a passion for learning is an experience that will pay dividends for a lifetime, and it is a career that I view as enjoyable, meaningful, and endlessly rewarding.