UCAS

Personal statement

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After doing my research, looking through prospectus' and talking to my tutors about universities, I have decided to apply for this course specifically because it is a course that has had students create great bodies of work and reach great potential in their careers and work, something I would like to pursue.

I have had an interest in art for a while now, specifically concept art or illustration. I have thought all about the career since and have studied art at school, an art qualification outside of my primary high school education and games development at college in preparation for my career. A course that offers art and fundamental understanding of 3D space and modelling for design in order to prepare students for their careers appeals to me greatly due to the contents of the course and the progression students have made.

I think I am suitable for this course in particular because I am very deadline driven; While at college I have always submitted work on time to at least a merit level, even under stressful circumstances (both at college and home). Over time I have learnt how to manage my time efficiently so I can balance my education, work and home life in a healthy and balanced way. I am very committed to what I am passionate about and what I want to achieve and this is what drives me to try my best at all times.

Currently I am studying video games development at college, this course teaches us the fundamental skills of art, 3D modelling and programming. After teaching us the fundamental skills in all three subjects we then go and specialize in an area of our choice (I choose 2D art) the specialism side of art has made my digital art skills grow greatly over the last year. As well as this I studied GCSE art at high school (Graded level 6) and on top of my art GCSE I took part in a course with Trinity college London, exploring multiple different mediums and art eras. All of these courses have made my art evolve to where I am now. I went from using exclusively pens and pencils in traditional art to now using digital art in photoshop.

In my time at college I have attended career days, industry talks and EGX Rezzed (2019) and private art classes. EGX Rezzed is a video game convention for developers I went to with my college. I went for talks and portfolio reviews at this event, the portfolio reviews gave me valuable advice which has helped me improve my art greatly.

Over time I have learnt key communication skills with classmates and tutors, for example how to ask for help and advice to improve. I have life experience both around the house when it comes to doing laundry and organising myself and going out to find a job during university.

In college I have the position of course rep for my class, the position means I listen to the opinions of my classmates and pass them onto the student council so we can improve upon the issues brought up. For example, there were water leaks next to our computers, after telling the council about the issues multiple times the issue was fixed. As well as this I attended Sussex police cadets to help with my citizenship GCSE.

At the moment I am in part time employment for the co-oprative group, I have had this job since Summer 2018 and it has taught me lots about working in a team and communicate with others. As well as this I have done work experience at a language school teaching English. A private form of work I have done is art commissions, I haven't done anything big however it has taught me how to communicate with clients.

After I complete this course I would like to become a concept artist for games and film or an illustrator. I want to develop my current skills and develop new ones along the way on this course that will help me create the

best ideas I can for projects I get to work on. The course relates to what I would like to do as it teaches the skills needed for what I would like to do.

Dos when writing your personal statement

Do use your best English and don't let spelling and grammatical errors spoil your statement.

Do show that you know your strengths and can outline your ideas clearly.

Do be enthusiastic – if you show your interest in the course, it may help you get a place.

Do expect to produce several drafts of your personal statement before being totally happy with it.

Do ask people you trust for their feedback.

Don'ts when writing your personal statement

Don't exaggerate – if you do you may get caught out at interview when asked to elaborate on an interesting achievement.

Don't rely on a spellchecker as it will not pick up everything – proofread as many times as possible.

Don't leave it to the last minute – your statement will seem rushed and important information could be left out.