

UoB's approach to personal statements

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- **Course structure**

Core skills for bioscience

10 credits

Through a combination of lectures, small group workshops, and individual and group assessments, you will become familiar with and practised in a range of key academic skills necessary for both your studies and future careers. These include: effective study skills, scientific communication (data, written and oral presentations), literature searching, referencing and citation, numeracy, an introduction to computer programs, general scientific principles and a careers perspective.

Year 1

Compulsory unit

Controversies in psychology

20 credits

Explore controversial issues and debates in psychology. You'll gain experience in writing, developing and presenting arguments, evaluating psychological evidence and presentations, while discussing professional ethics in psychology and how to avoid

credits

10 credits

**Psychology research
methods and design 1**

credits

Evidence

Skill/Knowledge/Quality/Behaviour	Example experience
Mathematics for economics Quantitative economic analysis	Pathway to Bath, A level Maths, A level Economics,
Microeconomics Game theoretic concepts	A level Maths, A level Economics, EPQ, A book (put the title)
Professional skills Quantitative skills to apply to real-world economic challenges	A level Maths, A level Economics, work experience, TED talks, MOOC



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Explanation

Link

I actively seek to deepen my understanding of current affairs, key political debates, and the complex dilemmas facing policymakers. My day begins with Radio 4's Today programme and I keep track of breaking news via the BBC News app. I regularly read 'The Week' to explore diverse viewpoints on pressing issues. Podcasts such as 'The Political Party' by Matt Forde and documentaries like 'Blair and Brown: The New Labour Revolution' enrich my understanding and provide historical context. This practice has given me a good grounding and awareness of key debates and global issues, and how they shape domestic politics. I am able to explore different media and alternative views, which allows me to analyse these issues from different perspectives. These skills will allow me to contribute and explore these issues further through the debate, case studies and comparative analysis involved in the study of politics.