

Personal Statement Brief

In your personal statement indicate the reasons you are applying for the MSc Accounting programme at UCL and how this course will assist in any future career goals or ambitions. Please include any information about relevant working, academic, extracurricular (etc...) experience that you find applicable to this programme and its requirements. This personal statement should be no more than 700 words. Please display the word count at the bottom of your document.

Programme Entry Requirements

- The MSc programme accepts students with a 2.1 from a related undergraduate course (such as accounting, finance, mathematics, economics, business, etc).
- Proven research, analytical and data-based skills are essential.
- Clear motivation to enter an accounting related field in the future.

Personal Statement - Sam Jones

During my undergraduate studies in Business Administration, I was exposed to a variety of accounting focused modules, was involved in my university accounting society and a Deloitte insights week programme. Through the course of my learnings in these different settings I developed a true passion for accounting within a business focused setting and learning more about this complex interesting field. Due to my strong interest, am now motivated to further my education by applying to the Master's in Accounting programme at University College London (UCL).

Over the past few years in my Business course, I engaged in a few module that touched on accounting topics. In my 'Financial Accounting' course I collaborated with 3 students on a research project where we examined financial reports from the perspective of the user. Over the course of this term long project, I learned about fundamental concepts of the financial reporting system, and did thorough research to better understand the role of financial reports. I collaborated with my team to analyse and interpret the data presented in these reports and saw how this technical information could be applied in a real-world setting. This report received a 1st overall and was a key driver in my desire to learn more about accounting.

Seeking out further opportunities, I joined the accounting society. As a member of this society I attended meetings, met fellow team members and attended events with industry professionals. From this society engagement I learn about the Deloitte insight programme which focused on accounting focused work. I was selected for this programme, and during this past summer I spent 1 week with Deloitte working on a case study set by industry leaders. This case study reinforced my teamworking skills, new accounting knowledge and skills all while gaining industry experience where I could apply my previous business and accounting academic knowledge.

This accounting programme is one that appeals to me in particular appeals to me due to the UCL resources, module variety and professor expertise. UCL is a top institution specifically for accounting, and the quality of alumni resources will be sure to set me up for success in the future. There are a number of modules that relate to accounting and business which combine my two academic and professional interests. Doctor Carlisle's recent publication

'Accounting Industry Trends and Predictions' was a fascinating read, particularly the section dedicated to the importance of developing technical skills. This report closely aligns with my current dissertation project, so collaborating with Dr. Carlisle in the modules they teach would give me the ability to work with a leading academic mind who shares similar interests.

In the future I hope to become a Chief Financial Officer for a start up business. Working in this setting I would be able to apply my learnings from my previous business degree, and future accounting course. With the learning from the MSc course, specifically in the elective modules and course facilitated networking sessions, I believe this programme will provide me with the skills necessary to succeed in this role.

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