

Statement of Purpose

Your statement of purpose is one of the most important elements of the EAP application.

Please read these instructions carefully.

Audience: During the application process, your statement may be read by numerous entities including UC and/or host institution faculty and staff. Your statement should be sensitive to the host culture and contain well-researched, accurate information relating to the host country.

Format: Your statement of purpose is to be written in standard essay format with your name, country of interest, and page numbers on each page. The essay must be 2-3 pages in length, (minimum of 2 pages, maximum of 3 pages) typed and double-spaced.

Content: Within one cohesive essay, respond concisely to the following questions.

What are your educational goals for your EAP option?

Keeping in mind the academic focus of your EAP option, include ALL of the following in your response:

- ⌚ What attracted you academically to the program or host institution?
- ⌚ How does the program complement your studies at UC (credit for your major, minor, general education (GE), or breadth requirements, and/or academic work outside your major field of study)?
- ⌚ What types of courses and other educational opportunities available abroad are not offered at UC?
- ⌚ What is your level of proficiency in the language of the host country in each of the areas of reading, writing, speaking, and listening comprehension? In what areas do you seek improvement? (Not applicable for programs where English is the national language.)
- ⌚ How you are preparing to achieve your educational goals on EAP?

What are your personal goals/interests for your EAP option?

In your response, you may want to consider the following topics:

- ⌚ Any relevant political, cultural or social issues that interest you at home and in the host country
- ⌚ Your interests or life experiences which have influenced your choice of EAP program/country (e.g., Have you ever visited your host country?)
- ⌚ How the program relates to your future goals
- ⌚ How you are currently preparing to achieve your personal goals on EAP

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