Statement of Purpose Instructions

Your statement of purpose is one of the most important elements of the UCEAP application. During the application process, your statement may be read by numerous entities, including UC and 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 or program.

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 1 to 2 pages in length (minimum of 1 page, maximum of 2 pages), typed and double-spaced. Within one cohesive essay, respond concisely to the following questions.

Content

What are your academic, career, and personal 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? Will you take courses towards your major(s), minor, general education (GE), breadth requirements, or general elective credits outside of your major field of study?
- Describe your possible research projects for this program.
- Are there requirements must you satisfy on EAP in order to stay on track for graduation?
- 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 are you preparing to achieve your educational goals on EAP?
- What are your future career goals, and how do they relate to this EAP option?
- Describe your extracurricular activities and interests.