



ENGLISH STUDIES

WRITING YOUR ADMISSIONS ESSAY

BACHELOR EN CULTURES EUROPÉENNES / UNIVERSITY OF LUXEMBOURG

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The admissions essay plays an important role in your application. It is your chance to tell us why you want to take our programme and it will help us to assess whether our programme is suitable for you. Indeed, although you will specialise in *English Literature and Linguistics*, about one third of your studies will be focused on other academic fields and their relation to English. Writing this essay will encourage you to think about the study programme you are applying to, and ultimately, our aim is to help you decide whether studying English Literature and Linguistics is what you want to do.

WHAT YOU SHOULD WRITE ABOUT

Your admissions essay must address the following points:

- 1. YOUR SPECIALISATION** 350-400 WORDS
In this, the most important, part of your essay, we would like to find out more about your decision to study English Literature and Linguistics. Please explain your choice by writing about the *text, person* or *situation* that inspired your choice.
- 2. EUROPEAN CULTURES** 250-300 WORDS
You have chosen the *Bachelor en Cultures Européennes* (BCE), an interdisciplinary programme with a specialisation in English Studies. Please check out *Common Curriculum in European Cultures* (<http://bce.uni.lu>) and choose one course in any one of the *EU Modules* that is not part of the English Studies specialisation. In your essay, please show how the subject of this course could be *relevant to the study of English literature or linguistics*.
- 3. PREVIOUS STUDIES (OPTIONAL)** 150-200 WORDS
Have you started studying or completed a university degree in another field and/or another university? If this is the case, please let us know why you wish to change fields and/or universities. Please answer this question only if you have attended university before.

WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT WRITE ABOUT

You are applying for a study programme that focuses on English Literature and Linguistics, and we want to know why you are interested in this subject. Unless it has a direct bearing on your choice, you should not write about:

- + what your career plans are;
- + the fact that English is a world language; and
- + personal information that is directly available in your application form.

HOW YOU SHOULD FORMAT YOUR ESSAY

The form of your admissions essay matters. Please make sure your admissions essay meets the criteria specified below:

- + identification: please include your name and Personal Identifier issued by the University of Luxembourg.
- + language: English
- + length: 600-750 words, excluding point 3. Please make sure your admissions essay is between 600 and 750 words. Essays that exceed this limit will be disqualified.
- + precision and proofreading: make sure you check your essay for language errors before you submit it.
- + essay title: If you wish, you can give your essay its own subtitle. This is optional, however.

Your Name Personal Identifier issued by the University of Luxembourg Date
Admissions Essay Subtitle (optional)
Text of your essay
Word count: ... words

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