

### Personal Statement

When I was sixteen years old, I moved to Canada to fulfill my dream of studying abroad to receive unique experience and knowledge. Art and art history are my passion, and I plan to develop my career in the field of art business at the international arena. At the current stage, I can broaden my knowledge and develop skills by applying for the participation in the XX8905HF course. I have focused on this particular program because it allows for studying the European art while spending several weeks in Spain, which is one of the most interesting countries in Europe in terms of its cultural and historical heritage. Furthermore, this program will help me study art trends and specifics in a particular context (Seville), which is the important experience for a person who needs to learn more about art traditions in different countries. Therefore, the program fits my personal goals associated with not only receiving the degree in Economics but also examining how I can combine my knowledge of economics and art in developing my career in art business.

My academic background can seem to be unrelated to this program because I specialize in Economics. Still, I had similar experience when I studied at high school because I used all chances to learn about art, and I completed the art course. Moreover, I have been interested in art history with the focus on the Spanish art for many years, and I have the required knowledge to analyze art works with the emphasis on the Spanish art tradition. I should also state that this program fits my academic goals and requirements because this credit course will become one more step on the path of completing six courses to successfully graduate.

As I am an international student in Canada, I realize possible personal, cultural, or financial factors and challenges that can influence my experience of living abroad. However, I know how to adapt to these factors or what strategies to use in

order to overcome this or that challenge because of my interest in traveling and exploring unfamiliar places and cultures. To prepare for this program, I will ensure I have enough financial resources to live abroad several weeks, search information about using languages, transfers, money exchange, and other required details regarding living in Spain, and I will also study legal aspects.

I experienced situations when I needed to adapt to new environments. The most vivid example is associated with my moving to Canada. I was very young when I came to the country where I had no support and friends and where everything was unfamiliar to me. Despite personal fears and doubts, I realized why I had made that step, and I became open to new people and opportunities. I began to ask questions and ask for help, make contacts, and actively communicate with peers and instructors. This approach helped me overcome challenges and realize that good communication skills can help people adapt to new environments and cope with any problems abroad.