

# European Honors Program Statement of Purpose



## Implicit

- A considered, personal interest in EHP
- Understand the goals and benefits
- Strong student, mature, focused, and adaptable
- Prepared to travel and study away from campus
- Assurance you'll succeed, make good use of the opportunity

## Explicit

- Why you're interested in Rome/EHP
- Your commitment to multidisciplinary crits and/or interdisciplinary work
- Your vision for the semester (flexibly)\*
- What you'd get out of it\*
- What you'd contribute/give back\*
- Your capacity for \* above
- How well you work independently, in multidisciplinary contexts, and with site-specific resources

# Just getting started

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Turn one item on the implicit/explicit into a question and freewrite your answer; then...

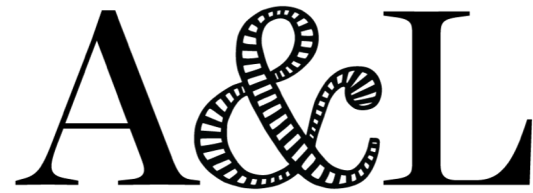
- Highlight the most important parts that need to go into your statement of purpose
- Highlight what to say explicitly in one color and what to say implicitly in another
- Try to summarize what you wrote into half the length; now down to three sentences; now down to one sentence. Which length feels the most appropriate for this one point? Are there others you can say in just one sentence? Which will require more word count?

# Got a draft already

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- Use this as a checklist for your existing draft. What is already successful? What's missing?
- Highlight your draft in two colors: one for things that should be said explicitly; another for things that can be said implicitly. What needs to change? What can stay the same? And what's left over—is there anything not worth keeping?

# Get help and feedback



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