## **What is a Letter of Intent**?

A letter of intent, also known as a statement of purpose, is written to the admission panel in a department and articulates your career path and goals, while explaining why you want to study in a program.

## **Why is the Letter of Intent important?**

The letter of intent helps the admission committee assess your take on life, your career goals, beliefs, subject knowledge, and your vision. A well-written letter of intent also reflects how well you can express your thoughts using your writing skills.

## **What should be included in the Letter of Intent?**

There are several elements that are vital for your letter of intent. These include:

* Personal background
* Academic details
* Immediate and long-term academic goals
* Reasons why you wish to study this program in Bar-llan University

**Format and opening**

One page is the acceptable length.

Your name and contact information comes at the top of the letter (either the top left or right of the page) followed by the date and department to whom you are addressing the letter (on the left of the page).

*The following is an example:*

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To Whom It May Concern

Application for Double-Major in English Linguistics

*The content of your letter will then follow here – after the subject.*