Instructions for Applicants – Letter of Intent

Purpose: The letter of intent is a key component of your application to the *Master's in Second Language Learning* at the University of Talca. It provides insights into your academic background, professional experience, motivations, and future goals.

Language: English

Length: 500 to 600 words

Format:
- Font: Times New Roman, size 12
- Line spacing: 1.5
- File format: PDF
- Include your **full name** and **date** at the top of the document

Content Guidelines:

Your letter should address the following:

1. **Introduction**
   - Brief self-introduction
   - Reasons for applying to this specific program
2. **Academic and professional background**
   - Relevant experience in second language teaching, education, or related fields
   - Specific contexts in which you've worked (e.g., public schools, language institutes)
3. **Academic and pedagogical interests**
   - Key topics or areas you wish to explore
   - How these relate to the program's curriculum
4. **Professional goals**
   - How you plan to apply the knowledge gained
   - Potential impact on your institution or community
5. **Closing**
   - Commitment to the program and appreciation for the opportunity

Please **avoid duplicating** content from your CV.

Letter of Intent – Evaluation scale (in English)
Total points: 25

Criterion	Description	Max. Score
Relevance and coherence	The letter clearly connects the applicant's background to the program's focus; motivations are well articulated and grounded in experience.	5
Clarity of academic and pedagogical interests	Applicant identifies meaningful areas of interest related to L2 learning and connects them to the program's curriculum.	5
Professional goals and potential impact	The letter outlines realistic and thoughtful plans for applying what is learned in the program.	5
English language and writing quality	The writing is fluent, accurate, and appropriate for an academic context; minimal errors.	5
Structure and format	The letter follows the format, maintains clarity and organization, and stays within the required word count.	5