



Western
Law

Canadian Armed Forces Access Category

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW
PERSONAL STATEMENT
For Entry September 2017**

Name: _____ Date: _____

All applicants must submit a personal statement with their application. The maximum length of the statement – for both Parts A and B below – must not exceed **6000 characters**.

Part A. (Maximum 4500 characters)

The personal statement allows you to expand upon information provided in your law school application. Suggestions are provided below. Note it is not necessary to address all these items. Choose what is most relevant to you.

- your strengths in academics and/or the armed forces
- how your academic program(s) and/or employment have prepared you for the study of law
- your interest in legal study and how you plan to use your Western law degree
- personal and/or professional achievements
- excellence in non-academic endeavours
- life experiences that provide evidence of maturity, focus, leadership, self-discipline, creativity, or the ability to overcome adversity
- details of any disadvantage or barrier that may have affected your academic studies or Law School Admission Test, if applicable
- any other information you would like the Admissions Committee to consider

Part B. Required response to a selected question (Maximum 1500 characters)

In the preparation of your personal statement for Western Law you are also required to select and write about one of the following options.

- 1) In your opinion, what does it mean to be a professional?
- 2) What rigorous research/writing project have you completed and what did you learn from it?
- 3) What challenging ethical issue have you encountered and how did you resolve it?
- 4) How might you contribute to the diversity of the law school in terms of your background and experience?

Note: While review of your personal statement by others is acceptable, the statement must be written by you alone. Extensive editing or rewriting by others is not permissible. When you submit your personal statement to Western University Faculty of Law you are confirming that you are the true author of the statement.