



Western  
Law

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW  
PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part A (maximum 5,000 characters, including spaces)**

We are striving to bring together a diverse class of talented, well-rounded, intellectually curious people, who will conduct themselves with honesty, integrity and professionalism.

The Personal Statement is an opportunity for you to help the Admissions Committee get to know you better. It is a chance to tell the Committee more about the experiences, qualifications, aspirations, ideas and/or skills that you would contribute to the law school community. It is also an opportunity to describe or explain any aspects of your application that you believe are particularly important, distinctive or unusual.

There is no required content for Part A of the Personal Statement. You are in the best position to decide how to present yourself to the Committee. Keep in mind we read the Personal Statement as part of your application as a whole. You may wish to highlight, elaborate on or explain information that is found elsewhere in your application, but repetition should be avoided. We always read applications fully and holistically.

Strong writing skills are also a strength of an application. The Personal Statement is an example of your writing and you should keep in mind whether it reflects your writing style. Being attentive to matters like grammar, spelling and organization, and providing examples, context where needed and sincerity, will likely strengthen your Personal Statement.

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**Part B – Response to a Selected Question (maximum 2,000 characters, including spaces)**

Please select and answer 1 of these questions:

1. What do you hope to learn in law school? What do you plan to contribute to the Western Law community?
2. Is there a work of art (i.e., music, literature, film, TV show, painting, poetry, etc.) that has had a significant impact on you? Please explain.
3. Discuss a challenging ethical issue or a serious interpersonal conflict that you have encountered and explain how you resolved it.
4. Describe your journey in accomplishing a longer-term goal and how you dealt with obstacles in your path.
5. Discuss 1 or more experiences when you felt out of your depth. How did you react to this/these situation(s)?

**Part C (maximum 1,000 characters, including spaces)**

If you are an:

**Access Applicant:** Discuss the disadvantage or barrier for which you are seeking special consideration that may have affected your academic studies or LSAT score(s). Include specific information relating to the timeline, if applicable.

**Indigenous Applicant:** Discuss your ties to your Indigenous community.

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**Note:** While review of your Personal Statement by others is acceptable, it 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.