

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Example Questions

1. What is special or unique about you or your life story?
2. What are your personal characteristics, skills, or unusual obstacles that you had to overcome?
3. When did you become interested in your field and what were you doing when you decided?
4. How have you learned about this field? (Write about classes, articles, seminars, work, or other experiences)
5. Who are you favorite writers, professors, researchers, etc.? What is the most important book, play, article, or film and how has it influenced you? What is the single most important concept you learned in college?
6. What are your short and long term career goals? How will a graduate education facilitate those plans?
7. What are you biggest accomplishments to date?
8. Research: Was your research published? What role did you play in the research? Describe the hypothesis and findings. What was the purpose of the research? What did you really learn (about yourself, working with others)?
9. Are you there any gaps or discrepancies in your academic record that you should explain?
10. Why might you be a stronger candidate in your program of study than other applicants?

Writing your personal statement for graduate and professional school, Career Development Center, Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania. Retrieved from <http://www.albright.edu/resources/careercenter/students-Grad-Prof.html>



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