

# **Personal Statement Outline**

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1. Trace the history of your interest in this area  
Professors, classes, research, interests, etc.  
When reporting your undergraduate research, do not be banal!  
Name your advisors
2. Prove your capacity to perform  
Talk about the difficulty of work and how you handled it
3. What do you want to study/do? This is 80% of your essay.
4. Become a person  
Discuss activities, sports or leisure time activities (be brief)
5. Why here? Why do you want to go to this school?
6. End with a statement of vision/mission  
Ex: You'll succeed whether you get into this school or not