

Law: School Submissions: Osgoode – York University

Let's take a look at Osgoode Hall Law School's application. It is part of York University.

At Osgoode, they are looking for a passion for learning & service. The committee reads a candidate's application entirely, so one person doesn't read Part A and another Part B.

In Part A, the 1st question requires an answer in 2000 characters: "Discuss any significant personal, academic work experiences or career/life achievements that you feel are relevant to your application"; some topics you can include are: community leadership & involvement, academic leadership and involvement, advanced academic work, athletic activities

In the second question in Part A, you have another 2000 characters to "Discuss why you are interested in pursuing a legal education & how you see yourself using your law degree in the future." For this question, a student who met with an Osgoode Admissions Advisor was told:

"if you are interested in some **other** kind of law than corporate/business law, you should DEFINITELY include this." In the personal statement you don't have to be specific about what types of law you're interested in, and you can demonstrate a variety of interests, but because they are such a big school, and are close to Canada's business hub, they get a lot of applicants who want to do corporate law. This is fine, but indicate in your personal statement **if** you want to do something other than corporate law. Osgoode really wants to diversify their student body.

Part B is optional, allowing you 2500 characters to "Discuss any applicable considerations listed in the question that are relevant to your application: a) equity, b) work or life experiences, c) performance considerations, d) diversity."

If an applicant provides information in part B that doesn't fit, Osgoode will not read it, and it may hinder your application.

Osgoode has great information on their website about what they are looking for in this section: Check out the personal statement page found under application components on the JD admissions page.

Again, make sure to complete the optional section **ONLY** if it applies to you. The optional section provides an opportunity to focus on what you can bring to the program, school, and law profession. Do not repeat information from the other section. If you are reaching in order to provide information in this section, this will be apparent to admissions.