



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT – STUDENT AFFAIRS

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Dear Applicant:

We are pleased that you are applying for undergraduate admission to the University of California for the fall 2009 term. We know there are many fine colleges and universities to choose from, and are happy that you are looking closely at the exciting opportunities available at UC. Completing your application will take some time and effort, but it will mean a chance to obtain an excellent education at the finest public university in the world.

As you begin your application, here are a few important reminders:

- The University prefers that you use the online application. We have found that this application method improves accuracy and completeness — it is definitely to your advantage to use it! Previous applicants have consistently commented on the ease of using UC’s online application. Make sure that you take advantage of the pop-up windows for additional tips and useful information.
- The University requires that freshman applicants complete the ACT Assessment with Writing *or* the SAT Reasoning Test and 2 SAT Subject Tests. As an applicant for fall 2009 admission, you must complete all admissions tests no later than December 2008. While you may self-report your test results in the application, you are required to submit official test scores. Please make sure you have taken care of this requirement no later than December 2008. Failure to submit official scores may jeopardize your chance for admission to the campus of your choice.
- The personal statement is your opportunity to provide additional information that can be helpful to readers who are reviewing your application. The information you provide should complement — not replicate — information you have provided elsewhere in your application. The most effective statements are about you — your accomplishments, personal qualities and aspirations — not about your best friend, favorite family member or cherished pet. Write about what matters to you. There is no single “right” answer.
- Competition for admission to certain UC campuses and programs can be intense. It has been our experience that students who research their options and choose several campuses on their application are more likely to be admitted to a campus they know they want to attend. We encourage you to explore broadly all of your UC options.
- The University does not require or request letters of recommendation. Please do not send additional materials unless you are asked to do so.

That’s it for the do’s and don’ts, except do stop for a moment to celebrate your achievements! You have worked hard to get to this point in your academic career. Best wishes for continued success in your senior year and in your college selection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Wilbur".

Susan A. Wilbur, Ph.D.
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