



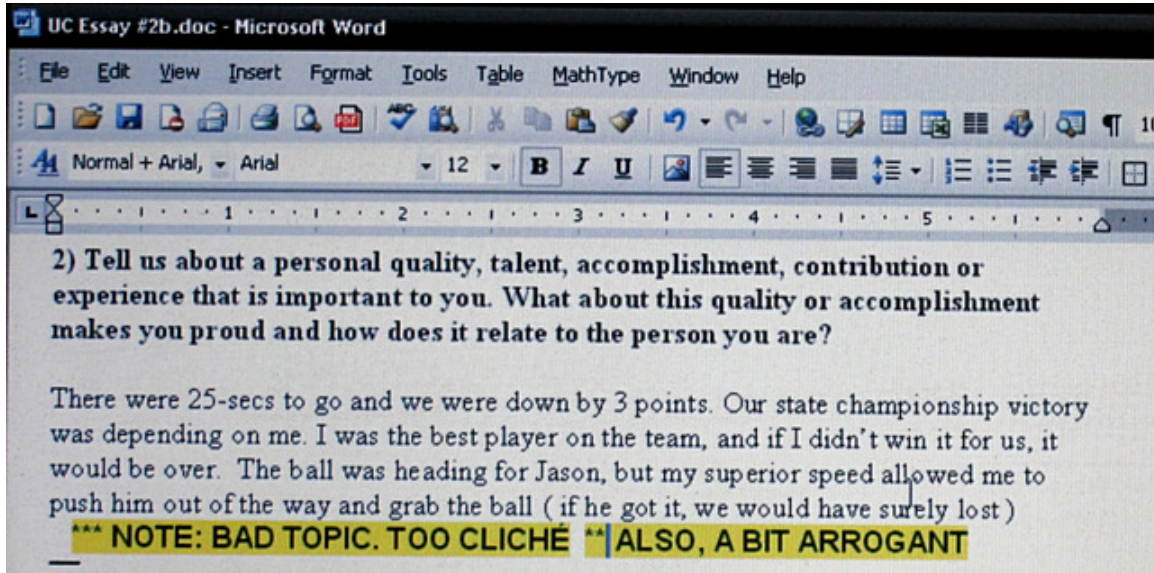
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College Application Essays

A lot of students have 4.0 GPA's and 2000 SAT / 30 ACT scores. How, then, do college admissions staff decide who to admit or reject among the pool of well-qualified applicants? What would you do if you had to decide?

The college application essay is essentially a written interview, which gives you the chance to show what you have that other applicants don't. Not only that, but it also shows admissions officers that you possess a reasonable ability to communicate and write. Thus, a good essay can be the deciding factor between two equally qualified candidates.

WARNING: Parents & friends, though well-intentioned, are not usually able to determine what makes a good college admissions essay. THERE IS A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ESSAY THAT SOUNDS GREAT and an essay THAT COLLEGES WANT.



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Our College Application Essay Help

Being in the unique position of having read hundreds of college admissions essays and also knowing who got accepted to what college, we know what a good essay looks like.

Step 1:

We help you pick out a topic, and look at the other essays in your essay "set" to make sure the topics combined represent YOU in a holistic manner. We point out overused and cliché topics to help you pick out something that is uniquely you and highlights your strengths.

Step 2:

We help you outline and write your essay. (We NEVER write the essay for you. That's your job, and we want YOUR personality and YOUR voice to come through)

Step 3:

We proofread the essay, work on the style and tone, help you word it better, and fix any grammatical errors. We make sure your essay doesn't sound too weak, too dramatic, too arrogant, or too "sophisticated"

(Instead of the "one-size fits all" pricing approach of other companies, we charge based on how much help you actually need)

Usually we meet with the student for about 30 minutes to discuss topics. Then the student emails us with their essays, and we spend time reading and editing the essays (usually 10 - 15 minutes). Essays needing less work take less time, and essay taking more work take more time.



The UC Essay Prompts

Prompt #1 (freshman applicants)

Describe the world you come from — for example, your family, community or school — and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.

Prompt #2 (all applicants)

Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

The Common App Essay Prompts

Personal Essay

Please write an essay (250 words minimum) on a topic of your choice or on one of the options listed below. Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box. This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person and student, apart from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.

- 1) Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.
- 2) Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- 3) Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- 4) Describe a character in fiction, a historical figure, or a creative work (as in art, music, science, etc.) that has had an influence on you, and explain that influence.
- 5) A range of academic interests, personal perspectives, and life experiences adds much to the educational mix. Given your personal background, describe an experience that illustrates what you would bring to the diversity in a college community, or an encounter that demonstrated the importance of diversity to you.
- 6) Topic of your choice.

The Universal App Essay Prompts

Short Essay

Tell us more about one of your extracurricular, volunteer, or employment activities (100-150 words). If you need more space, please attach your response to the end of the application.

Personal Statement

Please write an essay (500 words or fewer) that demonstrates your ability to develop and communicate your thoughts. Some ideas include: a person you admire; a life-changing experience; or your viewpoint on a particular current event. Please attach your response to the end of your application

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JUDITH L. SMITH

Dean and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

March 18, 2009

Hello and congratulations on your admission to UCLA! You were admitted to UCLA for your superb talents and commitment to intellectual achievement, and you should feel very proud.

I am sending you this package to give you a sense of the extraordinary choices available for your academic career at UCLA. We offer an unmatched range of undergraduate programs because we believe that there is no typical UCLA applicant, student, or faculty member—the only common denominator at UCLA is an appetite for excellence.

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Berkeley



University of California, Berkeley
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OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

March 26, 2009

Dear _____

Congratulations! I am pleased to offer you admission to the College of Letters and Science at the University of California, Berkeley for the fall semester 2009.


In light of the outstanding credentials you presented in your application, you and your family have every reason to be proud of your academic and personal achievements. The Admissions staff reviewed more than 48,000 applicants of extraordinary quality before selecting you for

Actual UC Berkeley admission letter of SAT Solutions Student

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March 19, 2009

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March 12, 2009

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Dear _____

Congratulations! You have been admitted to the University of California, Davis, in the Biotechnology major. I am delighted to welcome you to our campus for fall quarter 2009. Your outstanding record of academic and personal accomplishments has prepared you well for the UC Davis undergraduate experience. UC Davis is named one of the nation's best values in public education and will prepare you for any career or graduate degree.

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