

# Undergraduate Studies Admissions Essay

We would like to know something about you in order to help you in defining your path at Antioch. That's the purpose of the application essay. It gives our faculty reader a window into your unique background and interests.

Before beginning, relax, we are not looking for a masterpiece. Start by sketching out a few ideas on a notepad to guide your writing. Then write a first draft in easy-going prose. Next, read it through and make additions and revisions to sharpen your intended meaning. Lastly, proofread your essay and polish it up with final tweaks. The essay should be yours and yours alone, without the assistance of family or friends.

Now here are the specifics. The essay should be typed, double spaced, in 12 point font, and about three pages in length. The questions we would like you to tell us about are these:

1. Why are you interested in completing your bachelor's degree at Antioch University Los Angeles? What is it about our institution that matches your needs?

Please include the following:

- a. If you are applying to the **BA in Liberal Studies Program (see \* below)** program, which area of concentration best matches your interests?
- b. If you are applying to an **Applied Studies Program (see \* below)** program, what are your reasons for this choice? What background do you have such as work, vocational training, or life experience that is related to your major?

2. What past learning experiences have shaped your current academic and/or career goals? These might include learning in a college classroom or in other settings such as a job, community work, military service, travel, or some other life experience that had an impact on your life.

3. If your GPA is below 2.5, tell us about the factors that may have contributed to your past academic performance and how, specifically, you have addressed or will address these factors to be successful at Antioch University.

\* Concentration/Degree Options

- BA in Liberal Studies areas of concentration are: General Liberal Studies, Addiction Studies, Business and Social Entrepreneurship, Creative Writing, Psychology, and Urban Studies. Minor include all of the above options plus Child Studies and Queer Studies.
- Applied Studies degree options are: BA in Applied Studies, BA in Applied Arts and Media, Bachelor of Applied Arts in Urban Communities and Justice, or BS in Applied Technology and Business Leadership.

**\*Unsure which bachelor's degree program is the best fit for you? Once enrolled, all students will have the opportunity to consult with a faculty advisor and to change programs if necessary.**