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Home Campus: **UCLA**

Major: **Political Science**

Program: **Public Policy, Summer 2011**

UCCS Internship Location:  
**Office of Senator Bill Emerson**

### **Why did you decide to participate in the UC Center Sacramento program?**

After I graduated from UCLA, I went out in search of a program that would help me take my academic knowledge and skills and apply them to real world situations. The University of California Center Sacramento (UCCS) allowed me to do just that. The internship I obtained through UCCS provided me with invaluable professional experience that I will use throughout my career.

### **How has your internship affected your after-college plans and beyond?**

Not only did my internship help expand my knowledge and skill set, it also put me in a place where I could network and build relationships that eventually led to a full time job. I was able to use my experience and connections to become a Legislative Aide in another office, a move that jumpstarted my career and put me on a pathway to success.

### **What was a typical day for you in your internship?**

As a Legislative Intern I responded to constituent correspondence regarding key policy issues, staffed the Senator on the Select Committee on Emergency Management, wrote policy analyses targeted toward local chambers of commerce, attended policy briefings, organized monthly Inland Empire Caucus meetings, prepared talking points for adjourn in memories, and performed administrative duties such as answering phones and sorting mail.

### **What did you most like about the program/internship?**

One of the best things about the UCCS internship was the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at how a public official's office functions and an in depth perspective of the legislative process. It was also exciting being in the State Capitol, the place where it all happens, when important bills were either approved or voted down. I was able to see important outcomes before the they were even reported by the media.

### **Do you have any advice regarding housing or transportation? Or Did you live at the EastSide Lofts? If yes, how did that work out? How did you commute to and from your internship?**

My family lives in the greater Sacramento area, so housing wasn't a problem for me. However, I would highly recommend the light rail system as an affordable, efficient means of transportation. I continue to take it on a daily basis for my commute from Folsom, CA. The California Senate offers affordable monthly passes and traffic is never an issue.

### **What would you say to a student who's thinking about applying to the UCCS?**

I highly recommend the UCCS policy program for anyone looking to get directly involved in California government or any related field. Not only can you obtain internships in the offices of elected officials, you can also be placed in a number of non-profits or government agencies surrounding the State Capitol in Sacramento. It will open doors for you by providing opportunities that few people are able to experience.

### **Anything you'd like to add?**

If I could give any advice to an incoming intern, it would be to always be professional and never stop learning.