Dear J Orenberg,

We are very pleased that you are considering enrolling at San Francisco State University, and particularly pleased that you are interested in our undergraduate programs in chemistry/biochemistry. The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at San Francisco State University offers undergraduate students exciting and exceptional educational opportunities.

Our students experience excellent classroom and laboratory instruction, extensive hands-on experience with modern instrumentation, and close personal advising and attention from an interested and dedicated faculty. Many of our students take advantage of special opportunities to participate actively in research investigations of significant chemical or biochemical problems under the direct supervision of faculty who are recognized authorities in their fields of chemical or biochemical specialization. We encourage this activity early in a student's academic career, continue it through the Summers, and hope that your lab research experiences will be an important part of your academic endeavor throughout your undergraduate days at San Francisco State.

If you have any questions regarding our program, you may contact me or the department staff by phone (415.338.1288), e-mail (chemist@sfsu.edu) or drop by for a visit (Thornton Hall 806). Another source of information about the Department and our courses may be found on our Web page located at: http://chembiochem.sfsu.edu

Information on any University course or other aspects of the academic program, or just general information about San Francisco State may be obtained at the University web page: http://www.sfsu.edu/

Upon entering our program, you will be assigned a permanent faculty adviser whom you can consult anytime while you are a student at SFSU. Questions regarding courses, prerequisites, and University policies can be addressed with your assigned Chem/Biochem adviser. Career advising is a frequent subject of these sessions.

Graduates of the Chem/Biochem Department are particularly successful in gaining admission to professional and health related graduate schools (medical, dental, pharmacy, and veterinary) as well as graduate schools in chemistry and biochemistry. A degree in chemistry and biochemistry opens a multitude of employment opportunities in companies within and outside of the Bay Area.

Please come to the department office, TH 806, and speak to one of our office staff. They will assign you an adviser whom I hope you will seek out at your earliest convenience and introduce yourself. You may meet with your assigned adviser during his/her posted office hours.

I hope that you will give full consideration to enrolling at SFSU. We would be very pleased to welcome you into our program as a chemistry or biochemistry major.
Sincerely,

James B. Orenberg, Ph.D.
Professor and Department Chair