

Class of 2029 – USC's 146th entering class

New first-year students 3,759

Recipients of USC merit scholarships 546
National Merit Scholars 122

First-generation college-goers 21%
Scions (legacy students) 15%

Female 53%
Male 46%
Another Gender 1%

Race / Ethnicity

Asian / Asian American 24%
White 22%
International (student visa holders) 21%
Latine / Hispanic 17%
Multiple Ethnicities 7%
Black / African American 6%
Ethnicity Not Reported 3%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native <1%

Most Represented Public High Schools

Foshay Learning Center; Los Angeles, CA 31
Mira Costa HS; Manhattan Beach, CA 24
La Cañada HS; La Cañada Flintridge, CA 20
Orange County HS for the Arts; Santa Ana, CA 17
Crescenta Valley HS; La Crescenta, CA 14
Portola HS; Irvine, CA 13

Most Represented Independent or Parochial Schools

Loyola HS; Los Angeles, CA 21
Valley Christian HS; San Jose, CA 13
Brentwood School; Los Angeles, CA 12
Crean Lutheran HS; Irvine, CA 12
Milken Community School; Los Angeles, CA 11

Most Represented Geographic Areas

<u>U.S. States</u>	<u>Outside U.S.</u>
California	China
New York	India
Texas	Canada
Illinois	South Korea
Washington	United Kingdom
New Jersey	Taiwan
Florida	Hong Kong

Academic Program Distribution

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 43%
Schools of Visual, Performing & Creative Arts 16%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts,
Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art
& Design, Thornton School of Music)
Marshall Sch. of Business & Leventhal Sch. of Acct. 16%
Viterbi School of Engineering 12%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 5%
Irvine-Young Academy 2%
Price School of Public Policy 1%
Academic Explorer/Undeclared 1%
Mann School of Pharmacy & Pharm. Science 1%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
Gould School of Law 1%
Occupational Therapy Program 1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%

	<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Fall Admits</u>	<u>Fall Enrolls</u>
	83,488	9,345	3,759
		11.2% admission rate	40.3% yield rate
Middle 50% GPA (un-weighted, 4.00 scale)	3.59 – 3.97	3.87 – 4.00	3.79 – 4.00
SAT and/or ACT score submitters	39%	57%	44%
Middle 50% SAT (super-scored)	1450 – 1540	1490 – 1550	1470 – 1540
Middle 50% ACT (super-scored)	32 – 35	33 – 35	32 – 35
Applied Early Action	42,119	3,524	1,252
Deferred to RD	34,983	2,018	942
Applied Regular Decision	41,369	3,803	1,565

Students' Declared Pre-Professional Interests

Pre-Medicine 14%
Pre-Law 10%
Pre-Health (Dent., Pharm., OT, PT, etc.) 4%
Pre-Teaching 2%

Cost and Financial Aid

USC practices need-blind admission. A student's ability to pay has no bearing on their admission.

USC has a long tradition of fully meeting the USC-determined need of undergraduates through a combination of merit scholarships, need-based grants, Federal Work-Study, and loans. Under USC's Affordability Initiative (affordability.usc.edu), admitted first-year students from U.S. families with an annual income of \$80,000 or less, with typical assets, will attend USC tuition-free.

About 15% of the 2025 entering first-year class received a merit-based scholarship from USC. Approximately two-thirds received some form of financial assistance.

Although international students are not eligible to receive federal or USC need-based aid, they may be awarded merit scholarships and/or other departmental awards. Students who meet California Dream Act requirements or undocumented students who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status may be eligible for need-based aid.

Items Used to Determine Financial Aid Eligibility

- CSS PROFILE
- FAFSA
- Other specific information may be required, depending upon family's situation.

2025-26 Undergraduate Annual Cost of Attendance

Tuition and fees	\$75,162
Housing	\$12,879
Food/M meal Plan	\$8,028
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation	\$2,420
Books and supplies	\$650
Annual Total	\$99,139

2026 First-Year Application Process

USC accepts the Common Application.

Required Application Materials

- Completed Common Application form.
- Official high school transcripts, grades 9 – 11 (and eventually, final high school transcripts).
- Personal Statement & responses to short answer topics.
- Activities list.
- Counselor/teacher recommendation form and letter.

Other Items Required of Certain Applicants

- Supplemental materials and/or auditions
- TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic, or Duolingo English Test results are required for international applicants whose native language is not English.
- Predicted IB or A-Level Exam results from students following such curricula.

SAT / ACT Optional

- Applicants decide whether to submit scores.
- Applicants without scores will not be disadvantaged/penalized in USC's holistic admission or scholarship selection processes.
- 44% of fall 2025 enrollees submitted scores.

Important Dates and Deadlines

November 1, 2025	Early Action (EA) & scholarship application deadline for most majors
	Early Decision (ED) admission & financial aid application deadline (Business majors only)
December 1, 2025	Regular Decision (RD) & scholarship application deadline for audition/portfolio majors
December 12, 2025	EA Financial Aid deadline (PROFILE & FAFSA)
Mid-December, 2025	ED admission notification date (Business only)
January 10, 2026	Regular Decision (RD) application deadline
Mid-January 2026	EA admission notification date
February 4, 2026	RD Financial Aid deadline (PROFILE & FAFSA)
March 2, 2026	Deadline for Cal Grant app (CA residents only)
April 1, 2026	RD admission notification date