Fall 2025 Entering Transfer Class

New undergraduate transfer students	1,544
From California Community Colleges	56%
From U.S. Colleges Outside California	23%
From UC or CSU	10%
From California Independent Institutions	7%
From Colleges Outside the U.S.	4%
From Colleges in Europe with USC Articulation	42
Average age on first day of USC classes	21
First-generation college-goers	28%
Scions (legacy students)	22%
U.S. Military Veteran	59
U.S. Military Reservist / National Guard	24

Gender

Male	53%
Female	46%
Another gender	1%

Race / Ethnicity

White	28%
Asian / Asian American	27%
Latine / Hispanic	20%
International (student visa holders)	11%
Multiple Ethnicities	7%
Black / African American	5%
Ethnicity Not Reported	2%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	<1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	<1%

Most Represented Sending Institutions

Santa Monica College, CA	126
Pasadena City College, CA	92
Glendale Community College, CA	55
El Camino College, CA	37
Irvine Valley College, CA	32
Los Angeles Pierce College, CA	28
American University of Paris, France	27
Mount San Antonio College, CA	26
East Los Angeles College, CA	23
College of the Canyons, CA	22
Fullerton College, CA	21
Saddleback College, CA	21

Academic Unit Distribution

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences	43%
Marshall Sch. of Business & Leventhal Sch. of Acct.	23%
Schools of Visual, Performing & Creative Arts (Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art & Design, Thornton School of Music)	10%
Viterbi School of Engineering	10%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism	7%
Price School of Public Policy	2%
Academic Explorer/Undeclared	2%
Gould School of Law	1%
Iovine-Young Academy	1%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies)	1%
Mann School of Pharmacy & Pharm. Sciences	<1%
Davis School of Gerontology	<1%

	Applicants	Fall Admits	Fall Enrolls
	10,827	2,929	1,544
		27.1% admitted	52.7% yield
Middle 50% transferable college GPA	3.44 – 3.93	3.73 – 4.00	3.68 – 3.95
Middle 50% transferable semester units	29 – 59	32 – 60	32 – 59
From 2-year institutions	52%	63%	60%
From 4-year institutions	48%	37%	40%
From colleges in California	61%	71%	73%
From colleges outside California, but in U.S.	35%	27%	23%
From colleges outside of the U.S.	4%	2%	4%
Different Colleges Represented	1,269	471	340

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.

Approximately two-thirds of the 2025 incoming class 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/Meal Plan	$8,028
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation	$2,420
Books and supplies	$650
Annual Total	**$99,139**

2025 Transfer Application Process

USC accepts the Common Application.

Required Application Materials
- Completed Common Application form.
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended.
- Official high school transcripts, showing graduation date.
- Personal Statement and responses to short answer topics.

Other Items Required of Certain Applicants
- Supplemental materials and/or auditions, depending upon major.
- TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic or Duolingo English Test results required for international applicants whose native language is not English.

Important Dates and Deadlines

December 1, 2025
Application deadline for all BFA Dramatic Arts programs, all Music programs, the Dance program, and all BFA programs in Cinematic Arts.

February 15, 2026
Application deadline for all other majors. All transfer applicants who have applied by this date will also be considered for USC merit scholarships.

March 2, 2026
PROFILE and FAFSA should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration. Also the deadline for Cal Grant application (California residents only).

May 31, 2026
Transfer applicants will receive a final decision, or a request to see applicant's spring 2026 grades, by this date.

August 24, 2026
First day of fall 2026 classes

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