

Additional Coursework by Major

A strong application for admission will show solid progress toward your intended degree. The curricula of many undergraduate majors require lower-division, introductory coursework often available at other institutions. Students wishing to be more competitive in the applicant pool should consider completing the suggested courses listed for their major. For majors in business and architecture, completion of these courses is required for admission. Science and engineering majors can become stronger candidates for admission by completing the additional coursework listed.

The course numbers listed below are USC course numbers. Please visit arr.usc.edu/transfercrredit to find an equivalent course at the college you attend.

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Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences / dornsife.usc.edu		
MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Astronomy	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 226 (Calculus III); MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); PHYS 153 (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics)
Biological Sciences, Biochemistry	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 135b (Physics for the Life Sciences II) or PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); MATH 125 (Calculus I) <i>Additional lower-division courses in mathematics are required for B.S. programs.</i>
Biophysics, Chemistry, Physics	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 226 (Calculus III); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); PHYS 153 (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics) Additional requirements per major: Biophysics also requires: BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I) Physics also requires: MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I)
Computational Neuroscience	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I); PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology); MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); PHYS 135ab (Physics for the Life Sciences I and II)
Earth Sciences	✓	GEOL 105 (Planet Earth) or GEOL 107 (Oceanography); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I); BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); CHEM 105b (General Chemistry II) or PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I)
Economics	✓	ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I)
Economics/Mathematics	✓	ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations) or MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); MATH 226 (Calculus III)
Environmental Science and Health	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II) <i>See website for details regarding other course requirements.</i>
Geological Sciences	✓	CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); GEOL 105 (Planet Earth); MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) or BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); PHYS 135b (Physics for the Life Sciences II) or PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism) or BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology)
Health and Human Sciences	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I)
Human Biology	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II)*; MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus); MATH 125 (Calculus I)*; PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics)* <i>*Not required for the B.A.</i>

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MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
International Relations	✓	Requires a fourth-level course of foreign language.
International Relations (Global Business)	✓	ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus)
International Relations & the Global Economy	✓	
Mathematics, Applied and Computational Mathematics	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations); MATH 226 (Calculus III); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics)* *Only required for the B.S. in Mathematics.
Neuroscience	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I); PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology); MATH 125 (Calculus I) <i>The B.S. program in Neuroscience also requires CHEM 105b and PHYS 135ab.</i>
Physics/Computer Science	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations); MATH 226 (Calculus III); MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism)
Political Science	✓	POSC 100 (Theory and Practice of American Democracy); POSC 120 (Comparative Politics)
Psychology	✓	PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology); MATH 114 (Foundation of Statistics)
Sociology	✓	SOCI 200 (Introduction to Sociology)
All other majors	✓	Courses vary. See website for more information.

Iovine and Young Academy / iovine-young.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation (B.S.)		In addition to the Common Application, applicants are required to submit a video proposal and a portfolio of creative work. The application deadline is December 1. Select candidates will be invited to a required interview that will take place in February. Please visit the Iovine and Young Academy website for complete details: iovine-young.usc.edu Transfer students are welcome to apply but should be aware that the Academy curriculum is cohort-based and requires a full four years to complete at USC.

USC School of Architecture / arch.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Architecture		Required for admission: MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus) Recommended course: PHYS 125 (Physics for Architects) or PHYS 135ab (Physics for the Life Sciences I & II) The five-year Bachelor of Architecture program is a professional degree accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB). All transfer applicants must submit a portfolio directly to the School of Architecture via uscarch.slideroom.com . Consult the School of Architecture program website for instructions. Placement level and the amount of time to complete the studio sequence are dependent on skill level, not unit count. Submit a recommendation from a college/university instructor or your college academic advisor via Slideroom. Letters from high school teachers or counselors will not be accepted. When selecting General Education courses, please focus on Categories B, C, D, G and H. If you are admitted to the B.Arch program, Categories A, E and F will be fulfilled by major requirements.

Roski School of Art and Design / roski.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Art (B.A.) Design (BFA) Fine Arts (BFA)	✓	All transfer applicants must upload a portfolio of 10-15 images of recent artwork (completed within the past two years), prompt-based artist essay, and a list of creative accomplishments to roski.slideroom.com . See Roski website for more details. Submit two letters of recommendation from current or former art instructors via Slideroom. When selecting General Education courses, please focus on Categories C, D, E or F. Categories A, B, G and H will be fulfilled by major requirements. All studio courses taken outside USC are subject to an online portfolio review by Roski faculty prior to granting credit for them. For this reason, if you are admitted, prepare to submit additional portfolios of appropriate artwork and syllabi for each art or design course taken.

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Marshall School of Business & Leventhal School of Accounting / marshall.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Business & Accounting		<p>Required for admission: WRIT 130 (Analytical Writing); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p> <p>These courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester for admission consideration; fall completion is preferred.</p> <p>All upper-division business core courses and major electives must be taken at USC. Business courses completed at another college or university may earn general elective credit.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>It is recommended that students complete General Education courses, as well as financial and managerial accounting.</p> <p>Please note that prospective Accounting majors must first enter the Marshall School of Business as Business Administration majors. A formal request to transfer to the Leventhal School of Accounting can be made once the resident accounting course or courses are successfully completed.</p>

USC School of Cinematic Arts / cinema.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Animation & Digital Arts (BFA)		<p>To better prepare for all Cinematic Arts majors, students are encouraged to complete the transferable General Education categories, in addition to the Math, Writing and Foreign Language requirements. Cinematic Arts programs are project intensive, and completion of transferable General Education courses will allow students to better focus on Cinematic Arts courses.</p> <p>Animation & Digital Arts applicants: The undergraduate animation program is a four-year sequential program of study. General Education and elective units may count in transfer. Animation applicants are not required to complete a foreign language requirement.</p> <p>Film & Television Production applicants: To be considered for admission, applicants must first obtain 48 transferable semester units (excluding AP & IB). This total may include units in progress during the fall or spring semester.</p> <p>Media Arts + Practice applicants: Transfer applicants are admitted into the sophomore year cohort, and the program will require three years of study to complete. General education and elective units may count in transfer.</p> <p>Writing for Screen & Television applicants: The undergraduate writing program is a four-year sequential program of study. General Education and elective units may count in transfer. Writing applicants are not required to complete a foreign language requirement.</p> <p>The deadline for the Animation & Digital Arts and Writing for Screen and Television programs is December 1, 2020. The transfer application deadline for all other programs is February 1, 2021.</p> <p>In addition to the Common Application, all undergraduate applicants must submit a SlideRoom application for supplemental and portfolio materials. Visit cinema.usc.edu/admissions/apply.cfm for detailed information regarding required supplemental materials.</p>
Cinema & Media Studies (B.A.)	✓	
Film & Television Production (B.A.)	✓	
Interactive Entertainment (B.A.)	✓	
Media Arts + Practice (B.A.)	✓	
Writing for Screen & Television (BFA)		

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism / annenberg.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Communication	✓	<p>The best preparation for an Annenberg major is progress toward completing the USC General Education program and having completed at least one level of a foreign language. You may transfer in a maximum of 64 units of credit for all majors.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>Submit a letter of recommendation from a college instructor or college academic advisor.</p> <p>Include a 250-word response to the Annenberg supplemental question.</p> <p>Communication applicants: Communication courses taken at another college or university will not count toward the Communication major.</p> <p>Journalism and Public Relations applicants: You may transfer in a maximum of 12 units of advertising, journalism and public relations courses for elective credit only.</p> <p>Please visit annenberg.usc.edu/admissions/undergraduate-applicants for the complete Annenberg transfer guidelines.</p>
Journalism	✓	
Public Relations	✓	

Kaufman School of Dance / kaufman.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Dance (BFA)		<p>In addition to the Common Application, all applicants are required to submit the Kaufman School Supplement, which includes a pre-screening video, a dance résumé and photographs, via SlideRoom.</p> <p>Select students will be invited to audition.</p> <p>Please visit kaufman.usc.edu/admission for complete details.</p> <p>Please note that although current USC and transfer students are welcome to apply, the BFA program requires four years to complete at USC.</p> <p>The deadline for Dance is January 15, 2021.</p>

USC School of Dramatic Arts / dramaticarts.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Theatre (B.A.) Theatre (BFA)	✓	<p>Creative submission videos are required. The B.A. deadline for transfer applicants is February 1.</p> <p>An audition and interview is required to be considered for the BFA program. Applicants will be notified of the dates and locations for auditions and interviews after the departmental application is received. The BFA deadline for all applicants is December 1.</p> <p>In addition to submitting the Common Application, all applicants must complete a SlideRoom supplemental application via usc.dramaticarts.slideroom.com.</p> <p>Additional information is available at dramaticarts.usc.edu.</p>

Viterbi School Of Engineering / viterbiadmission.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Engineering & Computer Science (all majors)		<p>Applicants to any engineering or computer science degree program are strongly encouraged to review the detailed instructions and transfer course plans at viterbiadmission.usc.edu/transfer. Specific instructions and counseling vary by degree program.</p> <p>Math courses: All applicants must complete MATH 125 (Calculus 1) and MATH 126 (Calculus 2) at a minimum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester to be considered for admission to the following fall semester. Students who have completed these courses should refer to the above Viterbi School transfer website for further advanced courses based on desired major. <p>Science or Computer Programming courses: All applicants must complete lab-based science or computer programming courses as determined by their desired major at USC. Please see the above Viterbi School transfer website for specific course advisement.</p>

Davis School Of Gerontology / gero.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Human Development and Aging (Health Science track)		<p>Courses recommended for the Health Science track include:</p> <p>BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); MATH 125 (Calculus I); PHYS 135ab (Physics for the Life Sciences I and II); CHEM 322ab (Organic Chemistry I and II)</p>
Human Development and Aging (Social Science track)	✓	<p><i>There is no foreign language requirement for the Health Science track.</i></p>
Lifespan Health	✓	<p><i>Students pursuing the Human Development and Aging (Social Science track) and Lifespan Health degrees must meet a foreign language or computer programming requirement.</i></p>

Keck School of Medicine / keck.usc.edu | hdp.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Global Health	✓	<p>BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry); ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p>
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	✓	<p>BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry); MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I) (required for pre-health students); PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology)</p>

Thornton School of Music / music.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Music Industry (B.S.)		<p>The B.S. in Music Industry requires four units of Economics coursework, which can be satisfied with any ECON course number 100-499.</p>
Music (B.A.) Jazz Voice	✓	

USC School of Pharmacy / pharmacyschool.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Pharmacology and Drug Development (B.S.)		<p>MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus); MATH 125 (Calculus I)*; BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry); CHEM 105b (General Chemistry)</p> <p><i>*Required for pre-pharmacy students.</i></p> <p><i>See our website for additional requirements for transfer students on the pre-pharmacy track.</i></p>

Price School of Public Policy / priceschool.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Public Policy Real Estate Development Urban Studies and Planning		<p>MATH 117 (Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Economics) and ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics)</p>