First-Year Student Profile and Admission Information
2018 - 2019

USC Class of 2022
New first-year students 3,401
USC Mork Family Scholars (full tuition + stipend) 10
Stamps Scholars (full tuition + stipend) 6
USC Trustee Scholars (full tuition) 96
USC Presidential Scholars (half tuition) 440
USC Dean’s Scholars (quarter tuition) 143
Recipients of other USC merit scholarships 96
National Merit Scholars 265
First-generation college-goers 17%
Scions (legacy students) 19%

Students’ Declared Pre-Professional Interests
Pre-Medicine 15%
Pre-Law 8%
Pre-Health (Dent., Pharm., OT, PT, etc.) 2%
Pre-Teaching 1%

Race/Ethnicity
White 36%
Asian / Asian American 22%
Latinx / Hispanic 16%
International (student visa holders) 13%
Multiple Ethnicities 7%
Black / African American 5%
Native American or Pacific Islander <1%

Most Represented Public High Schools
Arcadia HS; Arcadia, CA 21
Foshay Learning Center; Los Angeles, CA 19
Mira Costa HS; Manhattan Beach, CA 18
PV Peninsula HS; Rolling Hills Estates, CA 16
South Pasadena HS; South Pasadena, CA 15
Troy HS; Fullerton, CA 14

Most Represented Independent & Parochial Schools
Loyola HS; Los Angeles, CA 22
Harvard-Westlake; North Hollywood, CA 12
Flintridge Prep; La Cañada, CA 12
Mater Dei HS; Santa Ana, CA 12
Punahou School; Honolulu, HI 12
Oaks Christian School, Thousand Oaks, CA 11

Most Represented Geographic Areas
U.S. States Outside U.S.
California China
New York India
Texas Canada
Illinois United Kingdom
Florida South Korea

Academic Distribution
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 37%
Marshall School of Business 20%
Viterbi School of Engineering 16%
USC’s Arts Schools 15%
(Dance, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts,
Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art
& Design, Thornton School of Music)
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 5%
Undeclared Major 4%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
Price School of Public Policy 1%
Iovine-Young Academy 1%
Occupational Therapy Program <1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%

Most Represented Geographic Areas

Fall Enrolls 3,401
Fall Admits 8,329
Fall Applicants 64,352

Middle 50% GPA (un-weighted, 4.0 scale) 3.70 - 3.97
Middle 50% SAT Reading & Writing 650 - 750
Middle 50% SAT Math 690 - 790
Middle 50% ACT English 28 - 34
Middle 50% ACT Math 30 - 34
Middle 50% SAT composite 1350 - 1510
Middle 50% ACT composite 30 - 34

From schools in California 41%
From schools outside CA, but in U.S. 44%
From schools outside the U.S. 15%

Different high schools represented 1,853

Cost and Financial Aid
USC practices need-blind admission. A student’s ability to pay has no bearing on his or her 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.

About 23% of the 2018 entering first-year class received a merit-based scholarship from USC. Over 60% received some form of financial assistance.

Although international students are not eligible to receive federal or USC need-based financial aid, they may be awarded merit scholarships and/or other departmental awards. Financial assistance is available for undocumented students who meet certain criteria; AB 540 students may be eligible to receive a Cal Grant.

Items Used to Determine Financial Aid Eligibility
• CSS Profile
• FAFSA
• Other specific information may be required, depending upon family’s situation

2018-19 Undergraduate Annual Cost of Attendance
Tuition and fees $56,225
Room and board $15,395
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation $2,005
Books and supplies $1,200
Annual Total $74,825

2019 First-Year Application Process
USC accepts the Common Application and does not offer early action or early decision admission programs.

Required Application Materials
• Completed Common Application form and USC’s Common Application Supplement
• Official high school transcripts, grades 9 – 11 (and eventually, final high school transcripts)
• Results from the SAT or ACT
• Personal statement and short answers
• Activities list
• Counselor/teacher recommendation form and letter

Other Items Required of Certain Applicants
• Supplemental materials and/or auditions, depending upon major.
• TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic results (required for international applicants whose native language is not English)
• Predicted IB or A-Level Exam results, from students following such curricula.

Important Dates and Deadlines
December 1, 2018
App. deadline for scholarship consideration
January 15, 2019
Final application deadline
February 13, 2019
PROFILE and FAFSA should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration
March 4, 2019
Deadline for Cal Grant application (California residents only)
April 1, 2019
Admission notification date
May 1, 2019
National Candidates Reply Date
August 21, 2019
New Student Move-in Day
August 26, 2019
First day of fall 2019 classes

USC admits students of any race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical/mental disability. USC’s full non-discrimination policy can be found online at policies.usc.edu.