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opportunities,
in and outside
the classroom.
Access to world-
class faculty
and the ability
to conduct your
own original
research. Real-
world experience
through service-
learning and
internship
programs...**



Meet USC

**The possibilities
are endless.**

Whatever you can imagine, you can achieve...

At USC.

We are delighted by your interest in the University of Southern California!

This booklet will introduce you to the unique advantages of a USC education and help guide you through the application and admission process.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us. You can find the USC counselor who covers your school or region by using the Find Your Counselor search tool on our website: admission.usc.edu/find-your-counselor.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Fight On!



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USC at a Glance



1880
FOUNDED



229
SIZE OF CAMPUS IN ACRES



\$956 million
SPONSORED RESEARCH
(2020-21)



21,000
UNDERGRADUATES
ENROLLED



28,500
GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENTS ENROLLED



9:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO



26
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE



23
LIBRARIES



4,624
FULL-TIME FACULTY



131
COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP
(REPRESENTED BY STUDENT BODY)



450,000+
ALUMNI WORLDWIDE



World-Class Academic and Professional Programs

USC commits itself to excellence in undergraduate education. We offer top-ranked programs in virtually every field you can think of—and many you may have never imagined. Are you looking to pursue the visual and performing arts? Or are you more interested in science and technology? Maybe you're looking for ways to improve the lives of the elderly or help patients return to full functionality after an injury or illness. Whether your passion is art or occupational therapy, computer science or the life sciences, you will have opportunities to explore, to challenge, and to distinguish yourself.

Even if you're unsure about which path to pursue, USC offers a broad range of majors and minors for you to explore and encourages students to combine their studies across disparate fields. By pursuing unique major-minor combinations or dual-degree programs, students expand their abilities and gain fresh insights into meeting the challenges of the modern era.

Global Education

A global outlook has never been as vital as it is today. When you graduate college, you will need the knowledge, experience and skills to navigate an increasingly diverse and interconnected world. At USC, you will be encouraged to engage with other cultures and languages, and to examine key concepts within an international or multinational framework. You will also be able to choose from numerous study-abroad programs offered in 50+ cities on five continents.

Academic Diversity

An interdisciplinary approach is the hallmark of a USC education. At USC, you can select from more than 150 majors and minors. Our General Education program will introduce you to fields of study ranging from the arts and letters to science and its principles. Many students develop passions for and go on to major or minor in subjects outside their usual comfort zones.

Research

At USC, you will have numerous opportunities to contribute to the creation and discovery of knowledge. Each year, USC sets aside several million dollars to fund undergraduate research through stipends, fellowships and tuition remission.

Internships

From cultural venues to Fortune 500 and biotechnology firms to film studios and talent agencies, the city of Los Angeles provides students with numerous opportunities to extend their learning outside the classroom. Most undergraduate students participate in more than one internship during their time at USC. Many others participate in volunteer, service-learning and community service programs—in Southern California, across the U.S. or around the world. Whatever your interests, you will find ways to expand your professional network, develop new skills and effect positive social change.

Innovative Collaborative Learning

At USC, you can learn how to engage complex challenges and drive societal innovation. Collaborative environments are specially designed to teach you to connect knowledge across various sectors and disciplines. The USC Iovine and Young Academy offers a unique Bachelor of Science in integrative innovation across design, technology, business and communication. Groundbreaking programs at the schools of Music, Cinematic Arts, Business, and Engineering will teach you to think creatively, and communicate and inspire others across two or more disciplines.

Our Schools

Students thrive in an interdisciplinary, learner-centered environment that combines classroom theory with practical, real-world experience, including internships, community service or study abroad. Students find access to technologies and facilities that rival those of professional environments.

Liberal Arts

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

The academic heart of the university, USC Dornsife combines the intimacy of a liberal arts college with the intellectual excitement of a research university. Students can choose from 100 majors and 95 minors across the humanities, sciences and social sciences, and many opt to pursue research as soon as their first year. Others explore the human condition; study the natural world; and develop the writing, communication, and critical-thinking skills necessary to become effective leaders. Designed with an interdisciplinary focus in mind, Dornsife majors and minors complement your studies, adding depth and breadth to your knowledge and abilities.

Notable alumni include: Ego Nwodim (actor, *Saturday Night Live*); Neil Vora (physician, Conservation International, leader in pandemic prevention); Troy Polamalu (former professional football player).

Business and Accounting

Marshall School of Business and Leventhal School of Accounting

With a focus on entrepreneurship, innovation, collaborative research and social responsibility, the Marshall School of Business and Leventhal School of Accounting prepare students to become world leaders in business and beyond. Our university research and experiential learning facilities, including the **Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurial Studies** and the **Experiential Learning Center**, allow you to take business discovery and innovation into your own hands. Graduates go on to contribute their leadership and business acumen to U.S. and global companies, non-governmental organizations, as well as technology firms involved in the research and development of A.I.

Notable alumni include: Dan Bane (Chairman/CEO, Trader Joe's).

Communication, Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

The USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism prepares students to inquire, innovate and lead at the global crossroads of media, technology and culture. The school's academic rigor, experiential learning opportunities, unparalleled network, and state-of-the-art facilities allow students to develop intellectual, professional and ethical depth as they engage with expert faculty. USC Annenberg prepares students to advance in the fields of communication, journalism and public relations.

Notable alumni include: Brenda Gonzalez (USCIS Acting Chief of Public Affairs, Department of Homeland Security); Rachel Scott (ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent).



Engineering

Viterbi School of Engineering

Through more than 30 unique majors and areas of emphasis ranging from aerospace engineering to computer science and mechanical engineering, students in the USC Viterbi School engage in a collaborative environment focused on creating new technologies to engineer a better world for all humanity. The curriculum balances theory and hands-on work while also engaging students in a full, traditional university experience. We want to see you pursue a minor or double major outside of engineering while learning in a diverse and interdisciplinary education we call “engineering +.”

Notable alumni include: Abdulaziz Bin Abdullah Al Zamil (Industrial Engineer); Andrew J. Viterbi (Founder, Qualcomm Inc.); William Wang (Founder/CEO, Vizio).

Integrated Design, Business and Technology

Iovine and Young Academy for the Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation

The Academy offers a first-of-its-kind Bachelor of Science for integrated learning in human-centered design, technology, entrepreneurship, and communication. Students develop expertise in strategic leadership, product innovation, and experiential computing for purpose-driven societal change. Established with a visionary gift from entrepreneurs Jimmy Iovine and Andre “Dr. Dre” Young, the Academy merges academic rigor with immersive, real-world challenges with leading companies and institutions to prepare students to thrive in an ever-changing global economy.

Notable alumni include: Arjun Mehta (Founder and CEO, Moment).

Law

Gould School of Law

Among the nation’s top-ranked law schools, USC Gould is redefining excellence in legal education. Gould’s undergraduate programs, which include the Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies, offer rigorous academic training, guided by renowned professors who are leading experts in their fields. Students learn to become critical thinkers, gaining an in-depth understanding of the U.S. legal system and its societal impact.

Notable alumni include: Doug Emhoff (Second Gentleman of the United States); Amy Trask (former CEO, Oakland Raiders).

Medicine and Health Sciences

Davis School of Gerontology

Founded in 1975, the USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology is the oldest and largest school of its type in the world. Gerontology is the interdisciplinary study of human development and aging, integrating fields such as biology, psychology, sociology, policy, medicine and business. With nearly one-third of the U.S. population reaching retirement age, there has never been a better time to study this rapidly growing field.

Notable alumni include: Laura Trejo (Executive Director of Aging and Community Services, Los Angeles County); Morgan Levine (author, *True Age: Cutting-Edge Research to Help Turn Back the Clock*).

Keck School of Medicine

There is perhaps no better place than USC for students to prepare for advanced studies or careers in the health professions. The Bachelor of Science in Global Health and the Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies foster multidisciplinary approaches to the study of health and allow students to tailor their coursework to their professional goals. Students graduate prepared for advanced degrees in health and medicine, ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Notable alumni include: Dr. Paul Nassif, M.D. (world-renowned plastic surgeon); Norman Topping (former Associate Director of the National Institutes of Health, former Assistant Surgeon General, and former President of USC).

Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Ranked #1 by *U.S. News and World Report*, the accelerated bachelor’s to doctorate degree in occupational therapy prepares students for clinical practice. This six-year program is for students who are committed to pursuing a career as an occupational therapist. Students receive individualized mentorship and training to prepare them to be global leaders in the field of occupational therapy and contribute to the quality of life for people around the world.

Notable alumni include: A. Jean Ayres (pioneer of Sensory Integration theory); Rhonda Windham (former general manager, WNBA’s Los Angeles Sparks).

Why USC

USC Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Founded in 1905, the Mann School of Pharmacy has played a key leadership role in both the advancement of the field of pharmacy and in the education of new generations of pharmacists. The School offers the Pharmacology and Drug Development major in addition to two minors—Science & Management of Biomedical Therapeutics and Foundation in Regulatory Sciences—all of which are designed to prepare undergraduates focused on pre-pharmacy, pre-medicine and other health-related professions.

Notable alumni include: Megan Estes (former Senior Clinical Research Scientist, Johnson & Johnson); Hovik Gukasyan, PhD (former Senior Principal Scientist, Pfizer).

Public Policy

Price School of Public Policy

Fostering leadership, collaboration and innovative thinking, the USC Price School of Public Policy works to improve the quality of life for people and their communities around the world. Students enjoy the resources of a large research university, combine classroom knowledge with practical real-world experience, and gain a multidisciplinary perspective that facilitates effective problem-solving. Students go on to careers across the public sector and in non-governmental organizations.

Notable alumni include: Aja Brown (former mayor, Compton, California); Hilda Solis (former U.S. Secretary of Labor).

Visual and Performing Arts Schools

USC School of Architecture

The USC School of Architecture is dedicated to educating the future leaders of the design professions. It promotes cutting-edge research, design, and fabrication while emphasizing the importance of a strong commitment to social and ecological justice. The School trains design professionals, scholars, and citizen architects who are deeply committed to making the world a more just and beautiful place.

Notable alumni include: Frank Gehry; Mark Lee; Mark Rios; Thom Mayne.

Roski School of Art and Design

The Roski School of Art and Design offers areas of study across all media and encourages students to explore and move freely among them. Roski School undergraduates do not major in a specific medium or concentration (e.g., ceramics, painting, critical studies, etc.). Instead, students are empowered to mix and match their skillsets as they discover what is relevant to their needs and interests. Graduates go on to careers as artists, designers, and museum curators.

Notable alumni include: Herman Bailey; Kenneth Price; Timothy Olyphant (actor).

USC School of Cinematic Arts

Founded in collaboration with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in 1929, the USC School of Cinematic Arts has fueled and mirrored the growth of entertainment as an industry and an art form. The School offers comprehensive programs in film and television production, writing, cinema and media studies, media arts and practice, animation and digital arts, and interactive media and games, all backed by a broad liberal arts education and taught by leading practitioners in each field. Graduates go on to careers as writers, directors, producers, game and interactive media designers, and crew members across a range of companies and organizations.

Notable alumni include: Shonda Rhimes (*Grey's Anatomy*, *Inventing Anna*); Ryan Coogler (*Creed*); Kevin Feige (President, Marvel Studios); Paul Bellezza (Producer, Riot Games, *League of Legends*, *Valorant*); Lee Unkrich (*Coco*, *Toy Story*).

Glorya Kaufman School of Dance

The USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance combines a conservatory environment and interdisciplinary practice with the academic rigor of a major private research university. Its hallmark is the innovation of a hybrid movement model expressed in new media, scholarship, studio practice, music and choreography. Through its BFA programs and numerous minors, the School offers a robust performance repertory and strategic career skills, as well as opportunities for artistic development and collaboration with world-renowned artists in Los Angeles and beyond. Graduates pursue careers as dancers and choreographers, dance media specialists and journalists throughout the concert, commercial, music, theatre and film worlds.

Notable alumni include: Jake Tribus (Gibney Dance, Princess Grace Award Winner 2022); Rachel Harris (Parsons Dance, 2023, Bessie Award Nominee); Luke Qualls (2022 Radio City Christmas Spectacular ensemble).

USC School of Dramatic Arts

The USC School of Dramatic Arts nurtures the talents of multi-hyphenated artist-scholars who are driven to imagine and shape the future of the entertainment industry. Through its media-agile, interdisciplinary and entrepreneurial approach to training, the School provides students with exposure to diverse styles and mediums, equipping them with the skills and mindset needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving landscape. Our faculty of working artists from the screen and stage foster a close-knit, supportive environment, and students gain practical experience through productions and opportunities throughout Los Angeles. We are the first drama school with a dedicated Professional Development Center devoted to supporting students and recent graduates.

Notable alumni include: Forest Whitaker (*Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, *Last King of Scotland*); Deborah Ann Woll (*Daredevil*, *True Blood*); Danny Strong (*Dopesick*, *Empire*).

Thornton School of Music

As the music profession changes, the USC Thornton School of Music offers an innovative education that prepares students for careers at the highest level as performers, composers, educators and industry leaders. The School's three exceptional divisions (Classical Performance and Composition, Contemporary Music, and Research and Scholarly Studies) offer cross-genre experiences unique among the country's top music schools. We also make the most of our location in Los Angeles, the nation's center for creativity and original art of all kinds. Students gain practical experience in live performances on campus or in L.A.'s thriving arts scene. They go on to careers as musicians, composers, singers and producers throughout the entertainment and music industries.

Notable alumni include: Elizabeth Rowe (principal flutist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra); Gerald Clayton (jazz pianist and composer); Bear McCreary (composer).





Trojan Voices

“I never feel restricted in my educational pursuits. I came into USC knowing my passions, but being able to take courses in other schools allowed me to find new passions along the way.”

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Graduate With Honors

Our signature academic programs attract and reward motivated students who demonstrate exceptional leadership, dedication, creativity, global awareness and scholarly research—both inside and outside the classroom. Learn more about how you can distinguish yourself: ahf.usc.edu

Engage With World-Class Faculty Every Day



Your classes are taught by world-renowned experts in their fields: leading scholars and active professionals who continue to explore new ideas, develop new technologies and contribute to the world's store of knowledge.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your ideas, receive feedback on your class projects and be personally introduced to the worlds of high-level research and creativity.

USC faculty are winners of hundreds of academic and professional honors, including the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes; the Pritzker Architecture Prize; Academy, Emmy and GRAMMY awards; and awards from the National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Seventy-one faculty have become members of the prestigious National Academies, advisors to the nation on science, engineering and medicine.

Other measures of our faculty's intellectual clout include the amount of sponsored research funding they receive—\$956 million for the 2020-2021 academic year—and their long list of life-changing inventions, celebrated books, prize-winning performances, and media appearances and mentions.

Faculty-Led Research Projects

Through USC's institutes and initiatives, our faculty are pursuing research with the potential to transform lives—and the world we live in. Current research covers a range of concerns from biological adaptations to climate change, to diversity and inclusion in entertainment, to the early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease, and using A.I. to tackle our most difficult societal problems, particularly those affecting low-resource communities, both in the U.S. and around the world. Learn more: research.usc.edu

At USC, you can explore every imaginable interest. You will discover new opportunities to express your political views, write for a student publication, worship with your religious community, explore a creative activity and enjoy a wide variety of recreational sports.







Get Involved

At USC, you will join one of the most diverse and dynamic student populations in the U.S., representing all 50 states and more than 130 countries around the world. You will meet artists, performers and writers. Scientists and athletes. Activists, leaders and innovators. They will not only enrich your academic experience, but also challenge you and broaden your perspective outside the classroom.

1,000+

STUDENT-RUN ORGANIZATIONS

100+

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS
AND COMMUNITIES

90+

STUDENT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

22%

FRATERNITY AND SORORITY INVOLVEMENT
ACROSS 50+ ORGANIZATIONS

50%+

COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT

Student Organizations

More than 1,000 clubs and organizations give students opportunities to pursue special interests, develop leadership skills, help others and just have fun.

USC fosters a culture of service. More than half of USC students volunteer with local schools, community groups and businesses; participate in Alternative Spring Break programs; or otherwise learn to apply academic skills to solving real-world problems.

Reflecting the diversity of our backgrounds, more than 100 campus organizations and communities bring together students to explore politics, culture, spirituality and academic or professional interests.

Although non-sectarian, USC is home to a vibrant multifaith community of more than 90 student religious groups, representing most of the world's major denominations, as well as comprising a strong Interfaith Council.

USC maintains a long tradition of celebrating and supporting the visual and performing arts. The Visions and Voices initiative brings the world's best writers, musicians and performers to the USC community each year. Students can also find numerous free film screenings, art exhibits, lectures and performances through our visual and performing arts schools.

Learn more: campusactivities.usc.edu.



USC Athletics

Athletics

The scholar-athlete tradition is strong at USC. More than 80 percent of our undergraduates participate in at least one varsity, club or intramural sport, ranging from football to foosball. USC students have also achieved exceptional records in our 21 men's and women's NCAA Division 1 sports.

Varsity teams

9
MEN'S VARSITY TEAMS

12
WOMEN'S VARSITY TEAMS

135
TEAM NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

112
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

420
INDIVIDUAL NCAA TITLES

Intramural Sports

9,600+
ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS

Football Championships

11
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

37
CONFERENCE TITLES

4
DIVISION TITLES

Club Sports

50+
CLUB TEAMS

Pro Athletes

534
NFL PROS

119
MLB PROS

64
NBA AND WNBA PROS

Olympics

511
ATHLETES

153
GOLD MEDALS

96
SILVER MEDALS

77
BRONZE MEDALS

68
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



The background of the slide is a photograph of a large, multi-story red brick building. The building features several rows of arched windows and decorative architectural elements. A large yellow rectangular box is superimposed on the right side of the image, containing text. Below the yellow box, the lower portion of the image shows a group of students walking across a paved area, possibly a crosswalk, in front of the building. The students are dressed in casual attire, and some are carrying backpacks. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky in the background.

**Students
benefit from the
resources of a
major research
institution and the
intimate feel of
a smaller liberal
arts college.**

The University Park Campus

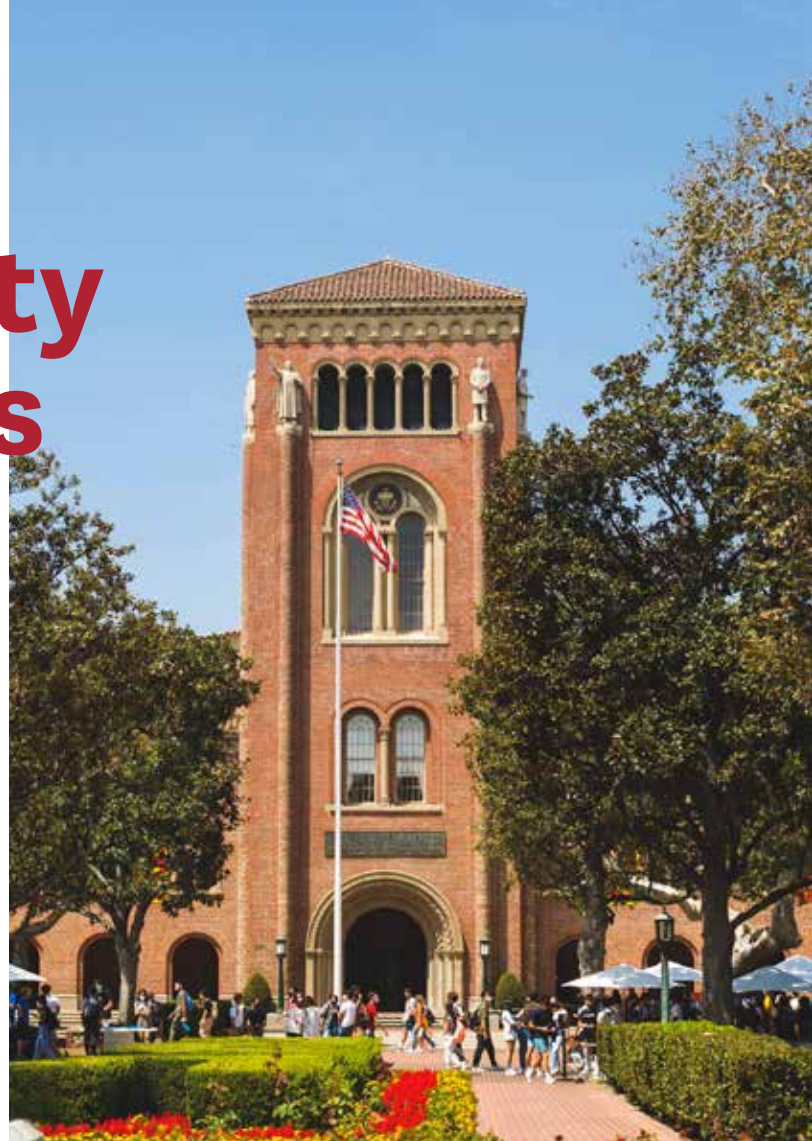
USC is a residential community where most undergraduate students live on or near campus, typically within a short walk or bike ride. On- and off-campus cafés, restaurants and dining halls offer meal options from kosher to vegetarian, buffet-style to grab-and-go snacks. Popular venues host open mic nights, USC Thornton jazz combos, talent shows and other events, such as the “What Matters to Me and Why” speaker series. Additionally, from engineering programs that promote the design and development of green technologies, to our rideshare and commuter services, to healthy dining options, USC remains committed to the environment and sustainability.

USC’s Student Equity and Inclusion Programs (SEIP) are student support services and organizations that facilitate dialogue and community building with a focus on intersectionality, belonging and well-being.

Some programs include:

- Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS)
- Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA)
- First Generation Plus Success Center
- Latinx/Chicanx Center for Advocacy and Student Affairs (La CASA)
- LGBTQ+ Student Center
- Veterans Resource Center

seip.usc.edu





Living Learning Communities

- **APIDA Leaders** (Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi American community)
- **El Sol y La Luna** (Latinx community)
- **Rainbow Floor** (LGBTQ+ community)
- **Somerville Place** (Black/African American community)
- **Sustainable Living Floor**
- **Veteran Housing**
- **WiSE: Women in Science & Engineering**

Learn more: resed.usc.edu/resources/lc

Living at USC

Most first-year students are housed in our residential colleges with faculty in residence.

Offering special on- and off-campus activities, from dinners with guest speakers to community service opportunities, each residential college encourages students to continue their education outside the classroom, meet new people and hone leadership skills.

You can also choose to live in one of our Living Learning Communities, which bring together students with specific academic interests, hobbies or cultural backgrounds. Options range from various cultural communities to sustainable living.

In typical years, around 98 percent of first-year students live in USC residence halls, even though it's not required. Floor plans include traditional one- and two-person rooms, suites accommodating up to eight residents, and one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Most USC housing options include required meal plans, which allow students to purchase meals in the residential restaurants, or spend Dining Dollars in retail cafés around campus.

Learn more: housing.usc.edu

USC Village

The USC Village comprises a town center providing 1.2 million square feet of retail and residential space, including a full-service grocery store, restaurants and recreational spaces. Eight residential colleges provide 2,500 beds for USC students in the Village. With expanded social, residential and academic opportunities being added nearly every day, the USC Village is transforming the undergraduate experience at USC.

History, Culture and Nature in a Vibrant Urban Setting

As a USC student, you will experience life in a thriving cosmopolitan center that stands at the crossroads of the Pacific Rim and Latin America.

The region's diverse terrain creates a remarkable climate and makes possible a wide range of outdoor activities. No urban area in the country is as densely populated yet has so much open space, from the miles of sun-drenched beaches to the horse-riding trails and famous observatory of Griffith Park.

Three miles from campus is the heart of Downtown Los Angeles, an area enlivened by a sophisticated arts scene, numerous entertainment venues and world cuisine.

Just across the street from the University Park Campus, students can explore the cultural and historical offerings of Exposition Park, including the Natural History Museum, the California Science Center, the California African American Museum, and soon, the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art.

A world leader in aerospace, entertainment, fashion, technology, telecommunications, biomedicine and trade, Los Angeles offers prime internship and service learning opportunities.

Getting Around

L.A. is famous for its "car culture," but USC students can take advantage of many different university and L.A. Metro transportation options to navigate the campus or the city. Daily shuttles operate between the University Park and Health Sciences campuses, with stops at Union Station. The Metro E Line train connects Santa Monica and the beaches with USC and Downtown L.A. The university also has a carpool program, in addition to partnerships with Lyft rideshare, Zipcar, and Enterprise car rental. At USC, you will always be able to get wherever you need to go, quickly and inexpensively.

Learn more: transnet.usc.edu.





“ USC introduced me to film and to a lot of the great filmmakers I’d never been exposed to. The school helped me make a lot of friends who became my comrades-in-arms as I went through the film industry. It taught me the obvious technology of the craft, but even more important, it encouraged me to explore the art of storytelling.”

GEORGE LUCAS

Inclusive, Supportive and Accessible

For many of us, “family” is more than simply a matter of blood and heritage. At USC, you will discover a whole new meaning for the word.

If you value the free and open exchange of ideas and genuinely respect cultural differences, you will discover kindred spirits. You will connect with those who share your interests, experiences and passions, as well as with those who appreciate and need your talents in all manner of endeavors—from academics to political action, from athletics to religion.

You will discover lasting friendships among the thousands of USC faculty, academic advisors, staff and alumni. Some of these individuals will become mentors—guides who will help shape the course of your life.

Whatever your goals, whatever your interests, whatever your aptitudes or personal style, the Trojan Family will be there with you, lifelong and worldwide.

Ready to Join a Tradition of Excellence?

What We Consider

We are interested in those students we believe will thrive at USC. Our application process is designed to discover your individual story so that we might see how you would take advantage of the many opportunities available at USC. Like many highly selective universities, we conduct a comprehensive, holistic review of your application to consider academic and personal characteristics. We will review your performance in school, the rigor of your program, your writing skills and your test scores. We also consider personal qualities, as revealed through community involvement, leadership and achievements.

The admission process reflects our community, and USC students represent a vast array of interests and passions.

USC students are bold, driven, curious and creative. They pursue ambitious intellectual and professional goals.

Our most successful students pursue studies across disciplines, taking advantage of the diversity of programs available. They are willing to venture outside their comfort zones. Our students are interested in the world, in other peoples and cultures, and they wish to examine important issues from a global perspective. Many study abroad to experience other parts of the world firsthand.

USC students are unafraid to speak up in class to make others think or fight for a cause. They get involved by participating in student organizations and connecting with others. They seek to grow to their fullest potential, and they seek to serve others in the community along the way. They strive to make an impact, both in and out of the classroom.



ADD USC TO YOUR
COMMON APP LIST

Academics

Incoming first-year students demonstrate superior academic performance—and the potential to do more. Most admitted students are ranked in the top 10 percent of their graduating classes. Outside of mathematics, no specific curriculum is prescribed or required, though students offered admission typically pursue the most rigorous program available to them in English, science, social studies, foreign language and the arts. Students are expected to have earned a grade of C or better in at least three years of high school mathematics, including Advanced Algebra (Algebra II). Careful attention is paid to preparation for the intended major. The review is not formulaic—we try to envision your performance at the next level.

We are also looking for your potential to make an impact: willingness to go beyond the requirements, to dig deeply into texts, to explore ideas and become a lifelong learner. Ultimately we look for students who will become enthusiastic partners in learning and research.

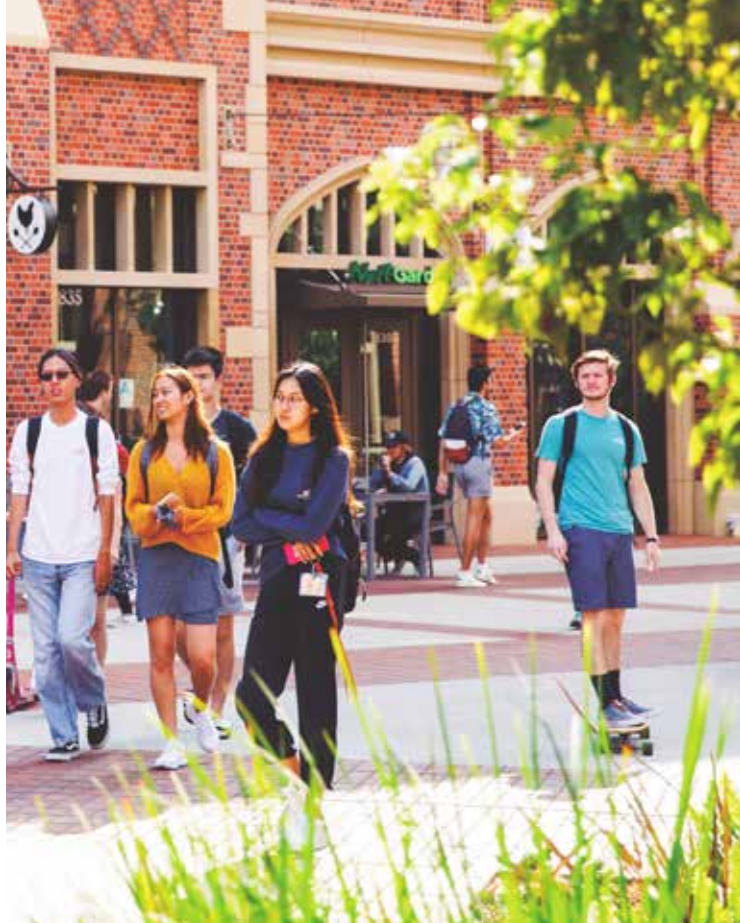
Applicants to some majors must submit a portfolio or audition. In some cases, you will need to submit these by November 1. Our final decision is based in part on the feedback we receive from the faculty of these programs. Some of these programs are particularly competitive, so we will consider students for their second-choice majors as well, or we may admit them as Undecided/Exploratory.

Personal Characteristics

We strive to enroll a diverse group of students who represent a vast array of perspectives and passions and who will enrich one another's education by challenging one another, inside the classroom and out.

Your essay and short-answer responses will help us get to know your personality and your voice. Teacher and counselor recommendations speak to your academic success and the contributions you might make to the classroom, the broader learning environment and the community at large. These materials will reflect the things you value, as will your activities list.

We pay close attention to your personal narrative, background and circumstances, realizing that each student is unique and has something to offer. Your application will paint a picture of who you are and how you might contribute to the community, tradition and spirit that make USC the dynamic place it is.



Scholarships

Roughly 21 percent of the fall 2023 first-year class received merit scholarships, ranging from a few thousand dollars all the way to full-tuition awards.

To be considered for USC Merit Scholarships, applicants should meet one of the following deadlines:

First-Year Early Action: November 1. For majors not requiring a portfolio or audition. Final deadline for the World Bachelor in Business.

First-Year Regular Decision: December 1. For majors that require submission of a portfolio or audition materials.

Transfer Regular Decision: February 15. For transfer applicants to majors not requiring a portfolio or audition.

Other USC scholarships sponsored by organizations outside the Office of Admission may require a separate application.

Learn more: admission.usc.edu/scholarships



Application Deadlines for Admission and Scholarships

First-Year Applicants

Early Action

November 1, 2023

Early Action (EA) is non-binding, non-restrictive, and is not available for majors requiring a portfolio or audition. Most students who wish to be considered for USC Merit Scholarships must apply EA. However, students applying for majors requiring a portfolio or audition will be considered for USC Merit Scholarships as part of their Regular Decision process.

Please note that November 1 is also the final deadline for the World Bachelor in Business program.

Early Action vs. Regular Decision

For more information about Early Action and Regular Decision admission, and other deadline information, please visit our Dates and Deadlines page at admission.usc.edu/deadlines.

Regular Decision

For majors requiring a portfolio or audition

December 1, 2023

Final deadline to apply for admission to the following programs:

Iovine and Young Academy; School of Architecture; Roski School of Art and Design; School of Cinematic Arts; Kaufman School of Dance; School of Dramatic Arts; and Thornton School of Music.

Candidates applying to these programs by December 1 will be considered for USC Merit Scholarships.

All other majors

January 15, 2024

Spring Admission

Although we do not accept applications for the spring semester, we do offer spring admission to a small number of fall applicants each year.

Application Checklist

☐ The Common Application

USC uses the Common Application. Please visit admission.usc.edu/commonapp for detailed information.

- ☐ Essay, short essay and short-answer responses.
- ☐ Activities list.
- ☐ School report (first-year applicants only).
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from teacher or counselor. Required of all first-year applicants. May be required for some transfer applicants, depending on major.
- ☐ Portfolio, resumé, letters of recommendation and/or additional writing samples if required by major. Performance majors may also require auditions. See below for a list of programs requiring additional application materials.

☐ Official High School and College Transcripts

☐ AP, IB and A-Level Exam Scores (optional)

Please visit arr.usc.edu/transfercredit to find out which exams may fulfill USC course requirements.

☐ Mid-Year Report/Fall Grades

International Students

☐ Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support

☐ TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic, or qualifying ACT/SAT scores

Required from students whose native language is not English. See below for details and information about submitting scores from tests taken at home.

SAT and ACT

Students who apply to the fall 2024 academic year will not be required to submit SAT/ACT scores, although they may still submit them if they wish. Applicants will not be penalized or put at a disadvantage if they choose not to submit SAT or ACT scores. Learn more: admission.usc.edu/test-optional-policy-faq

Additional Application Requirements

The following programs require supporting materials in addition to the Common Application.

Typically these materials are submitted through **Slideroom.com**. A link to the site is provided through the Common Application. See each department's website for details.

USC School of Architecture
arch.usc.edu

Roski School of Art and Design
roski.usc.edu

Iovine and Young Academy for Arts,
Technology and the Business of Innovation
iovine-young.usc.edu

Marshall School of Business (World Bachelor in
Business only)
marshall.usc.edu

USC School of Cinematic Arts
cinema.usc.edu

Glorya Kaufman School of Dance
kaufman.usc.edu

USC School of Dramatic Arts
dramaticarts.usc.edu

Thornton School of Music
music.usc.edu

Requirements for International Students

TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic, or qualifying ACT/SAT scores:

Submit scores from one of these tests taken within two years of your application date, if:

- You are an international first-year or transfer applicant; and
- Your native language is not English.

At this time, we cannot accept the TOEFL ITP Plus for China. Also note that although a score of 120 or above on the Duolingo English Test may be submitted as proof of proficiency, applicants who submit Duolingo results will still be required to take USC's International Student English (ISE) Exam prior to registering for courses.

For acceptable minimum test scores, refer to our website below.

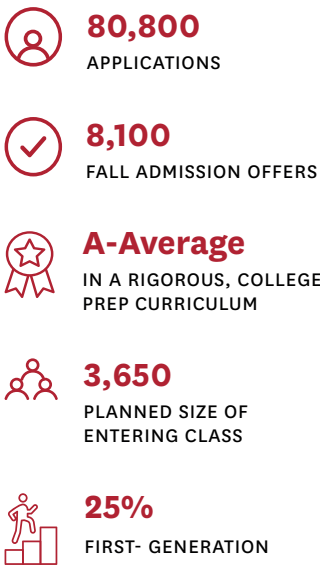
Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support:

Per U.S. government regulations, international students are required to submit proof of their ability to pay for their first year of studies. This requirement must be satisfied before USC can issue the documents necessary for obtaining a student visa.

For full details regarding English proficiency requirements and to download the required financial statement, please visit: admission.usc.edu/international.

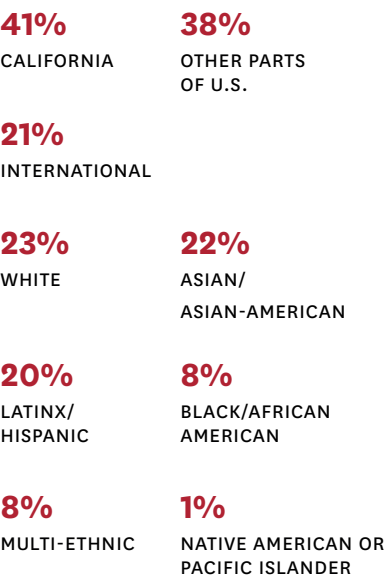
2023 Student Profiles

2023 First-Year Student Profile*



*AS OF JULY 2023

Demographic Breakdown



2023 Transfer Student Profile*





Financial Aid at USC

Administering one of the largest financial aid programs in the country, USC helps families cover the cost of a student's college education through the coordination of private, school, state, and federal funds. We have a long tradition of fully meeting the USC-determined need for undergraduates who satisfy all eligibility requirements and meet all deadlines. Two-thirds of USC undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, including merit scholarships, need-based grants, Federal Work-Study and loans. Additional financing options are also available through Student Financial Services at sfs.usc.edu.

USC'S Affordability Initiative

Newly admitted first-year students from U.S. families with an annual income of \$80,000 or less (with typical assets) are able to attend USC tuition free. This initiative boosts opportunities for students whose families earn too much to qualify for adequate aid but too little to afford a top-tier college education.

affordability.usc.edu

Financial Aid Calculators

Find out if you might qualify for need-based financial aid. Visit our Financial Aid Calculators to receive an estimate of your cost, based on your family's financial circumstances. financialaid.usc.edu/calculators

How to Apply

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): fafsa.gov
- Complete the CSS Profile: cssprofile.collegeboard.org

Deadlines

First-Year Early Action: January 12, 2024

First-Year Regular Decision: February 7, 2024

Transfer Deadline: March 4, 2024

The financial aid application process is the same for students who apply Early Action or Regular Decision. Once the USC Financial Aid Office receives your applications, we will contact you via email if we require additional documents or information. Learn more: financialaid.usc.edu

Financial Aid Facts

- In 2022-2023, more than \$814 million in financial aid was awarded from all sources.
- More than 80 percent of financial aid awarded in 2022-2023 comprised grants and scholarships—gift aid that does not have to be paid back.
- **A student's ability to pay, or interest in obtaining financial aid, will not affect their admission to USC.**

2023-2024 Estimated Cost of Attendance

The following are estimated two-semester costs for a full-time USC undergraduate (taking 12-18 units each semester) living on or off campus:

Tuition	\$66,640
Fees	\$1,597
Housing*	\$11,910
Food and meal plan*	\$7,290
Books and supplies	\$1,200
Personal and miscellaneous	\$1,820
Transportation	\$464
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Total	\$90,921

(Add \$450 New Student Fee for your first semester.)

**Includes average rent and the standard meal plan for students living in on-campus freshman housing.*

Choose a Major

Selecting from more than 150+ majors across a broad range of disciplines, USC students can tailor their academic journeys to one or more of their passions and take advantage of opportunities usually reserved for those completing upper-level coursework or pursuing advanced degrees. But don't take our word for it! Here are just a few of the possibilities, as described by current USC students.

"The best class to take at USC is Methods in Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography! I joined my peers and faculty on scientific cruises and expeditions to collect water samples from Marine Protected Areas."

Iliyan Hariyani '25 | Pune, India
Majors: Biological Sciences, Data Science

"The best class to take at USC is Screenwriters and Their Work: The Disney Family Film. Every week, we got to watch a Disney movie or listen to a Disney guest speaker."

Nandhana Nixon '24 | Portland, Oregon
Major: Business of Cinematic Arts

"I chose USC because they have the best Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science program that allows me to start my dreams of becoming a Pediatric Occupational Therapist as a freshman!"

Cristina Gotuzzo '25 | Huntington Beach, California
Major: Occupational Therapy

Majors Spotlight

Health and Human Sciences

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Law, History & Culture

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Applied and Computational Mathematics

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Architecture and Inventive Technologies

School of Architecture

Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation

Irvine and Young Academy

Design

Roski School of Art and Design

Real Estate, Development and Finance

Marshall School of Business

Public Relations and Advertising

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

Dance

Kaufman School of Dance

Animation & Digital Arts

School of Cinematic Arts

Musical Theatre

School of Dramatic Arts

Computer Science

Viterbi School of Engineering

Legal Studies

Gould School of Law

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies

Keck School of Medicine

Performance (Classical, Jazz Studies, or Popular Music)

Thornton School of Music

Occupational Therapy

Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Pharmacology & Drug Development

Mann School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Studies

Urban Studies and Planning

Price School of Public Policy

For a complete list of majors and minors, please visit the *USC Catalogue* at catalogue.usc.edu.



Consider a Minor

Pursuing a minor or combination of minors allows you to complement your major coursework with skills and knowledge obtained through another discipline—or simply to explore your interests outside your major. Whether pursuing double majors or unique major-minor combinations, most students at USC are able to complete their degree requirements within four years.

Possibilities range from Accounting to Game Design to Food and Society.



Schools and Programs

Architecture

(213) 740-2723
arch.usc.edu

Art and Design

(213) 740-ARTS (2787)
roski.usc.edu

Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation

(213) 821-6140
iovine-young.usc.edu

Business and Accounting

(213) 740-8885
marshall.usc.edu
World Bachelor in Business
wbb.usc.edu

Cinematic Arts

(213) 740-8358
cinema.usc.edu

Communication and Journalism

(213) 821-0770
annenbergschool.usc.edu

Dance

(213) 740-9327
kaufman.usc.edu

Dentistry

(213) 740-2841
dentistry.usc.edu

Dramatic Arts

(213) 740-1286
dramaticarts.usc.edu

Engineering and Computer Science

(213) 600-9919
viterbiadmission.usc.edu

Gerontology

(213) 740-5156
gero.usc.edu

Law

(213) 740-7331
gould.usc.edu

Letters, Arts and Sciences

(213) 740-5930
dornsife.usc.edu

Music

(213) 740-8986
music.usc.edu

Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

(323) 442-2850
chan.usc.edu

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

(323) 442-1369
mann.usc.edu

Public Health

(323) 442-7200
pphs.usc.edu

Public Policy

(213) 740-0550
priceschool.usc.edu

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For questions about compliance with the notice of non-discrimination, the University has designated a Vice President for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX Coordinator, Catherine Spear, who can be reached at eeotix@usc.edu, (213) 740-5086, USC Credit Union Building, 3720 South Flower Street, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, California 90089-0704. For disability-related questions, the University has also designated an ADA/Section 504 Coordinator, Christine Street, Associate Vice Provost for Student Affairs-Institutional Accessibility and ADA Compliance, who can be reached at streetc@usc.edu, (213) 821-4658, 3601 Trousdale Parkway, Bldg. #89, Los Angeles, California 90089.

Departments and Services

Admission

(213) 740-1111
admission.usc.edu

Athletics

(213) 740-3843
usctrojans.com

Bookstore

(213) 740-0066
(800) 447-8620
uscbookstore.com

Campus Activities

(213) 740-5693
campusactivities.usc.edu

Campus Tours

(213) 740-6605
visit.usc.edu

Career Center

(213) 740-9111
careers.usc.edu

Cashier's Office

(213) 740-7471
sfs.usc.edu/contact

Center for Academic Support

(213) 740-1741
undergrad.usc.edu/services

Counseling Services

(213) 740-WELL (9355)
studenthealth.usc.edu/counseling

Degree Progress

(Transfer Credit Reports)
(213) 740-7070
arr.usc.edu/degree-progress

Financial Aid

(213) 740-4444
financialaid.usc.edu

Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development

(213) 821-1639
greeklife.usc.edu

Honors Programs

Thematic Option

Freshman Science Honors

(213) 740-2955
dornsife.usc.edu/honors

Housing

(213) 740-2546
housing.usc.edu

International Services

ois.usc.edu

Libraries

(General Information)
(213) 740-2543
libraries.usc.edu

Orientation Programs

(213) 740-7767
orientation.usc.edu

Registration

(213) 740-8500
arr.usc.edu

Religious and Spiritual Life

(213) 740-6110
orsl.usc.edu

ROTC:

Air Force

(213) 740-2670
airmenoftroy.org

Army

(213) 740-1850
uscrotc.com

Navy/Marines

(213) 740-2663
military.usc.edu/students/rotc/naval-rotc

Student Accessibility Services

(213) 740-0776
osas.usc.edu

Student Equity and Inclusion Programs

Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS)

(213) 740-4999
apass.usc.edu

Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA)

(213) 740-8257
cbcса.usc.edu

First Generation Plus Success Center (FG+SC)

firstgenplussc.usc.edu

Latinx/Chicanx Center for Advocacy and Student Affairs (La CASA)

(213) 740-1480
lacasa.usc.edu

LGBTQ+ Student Center

(213) 740-7619
lgbtqplus.usc.edu

Native American Student Assembly (NASA)

(213) 740-6110
nasu.usc.edu

Student Financial Services

(213) 740-4077
sfs.usc.edu

Student Health

(213) 740-WELL (9355)
studenthealth.usc.edu

Transfer Credit Services

(213) 740-4628
arr.usc.edu/transfercredit

USC Credit Union

(877) 670-5860
usccreditunion.org

USC Testing Services

(213) 740-1188
classes.usc.edu/registration/placement-exams

Veterans Resource Center

vrc.usc.edu

Writing Program

(213) 740-1980
dornsife.usc.edu/the-writing-program



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