First-Year Student Profile and Admission Information 2022 - 2023

USC Class of 2026

New first-year students 3,420
USC Trustee Scholars (full tuition) 107
USC Presidential Scholars (half tuition) 405
USC Dean’s Scholars (quarter tuition) 166
Recipients of other USC merit scholarships 82
First-generation college-goers 22%
Scions (legacy students) 14%
Female 54%
Male 46%

Race / Ethnicity

White 25%
Asian / Asian American 22%
International (student visa holders) 18%
Latino / Hispanic 17%
Black / African American 8%
Multiple Ethnicities 7%
Not reported 2%
Native American or Pacific Islander 1%

Most Represented Public High Schools

Foshay Learning Center, Los Angeles, CA 31
Orange County HS for the Arts, Santa Ana, CA 16
La Cañada HS, La Cañada, CA 13
West Ranch HS, Valencia, CA 12
Arcadia HS, Arcadia, CA 11
Crescenta Valley HS, La Crescenta, CA 11
PV Peninsula HS, Rolling Hills Est., CA 11
Westlake HS, Westlake Village, CA 11
LaGuardia HS of Music & Arts, New York, NY 11

Most Represented Independent or Parochial Schools

Mater Dei HS, Santa Ana, CA 13
Punahou School, Honolulu, HI 11
Loyola HS, Los Angeles, CA 10
Archbishop Mitty HS, San Jose, CA 9

Most Represented Geographic Areas

U.S. States Outside U.S.

California China
New York India
Washington Canada
Texas South Korea
Illinois United Kingdom
Florida Hong Kong
New Jersey Taiwan

Academic Program Distribution

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 41%
USC’s Schools of Visual & Performing Arts 17%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts,
Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art
& Design, Thornton School of Music)
Marshall School of Business 17%
Viterbi School of Engineering 14%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 5%
Academic Explorer/ Undeclared 1%
Price School of Public Policy 1%
Iovine-Young Academy 1%
Kee School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
School of Pharmacy 1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Occupational Therapy Program <1%

Students’ Declared Pre-Professional Interests

Pre-Medicine 13%
Pre-Law 10%
Pre-Health (Dent., Pharm., OT, PT, etc.) 3%
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), announced in 2020, admitted students from U.S. families with an annual income of $80,000 or less, with typical assets, will attend USC tuition free.

About 22% of the 2022 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. AB 540 students may be eligible to receive a Cal Grant. Undocumented students meeting certain criteria 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.

2022-23 Undergraduate Annual Cost of Attendance

Tuition and fees $64,726
Housing $10,506
Dining/Meal Plan $6,930
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation $2,286
Books and supplies $1,200
Annual Total $83,648

2023 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, depending upon major.
- TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic or Duolingo English Test results required for international applicants whose native language is not English.
- Predicated 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.
- 48% of fall 2022 enrollees submitted scores.

Important Dates and Deadlines

November 1, 2022
Early Action (EA) & scholarship application deadline for most majors.

December 1, 2022
Regular Decision (RD) & scholarship application deadline for audition/portfolio majors.

January 9, 2023
EA financial aid deadline (PROFILE & FAFSA).

January 15, 2023
Regular Decision (RD) application deadline.

January 23, 2023
EA admission notification date.

February 10, 2023
RD financial aid deadline (PROFILE & FAFSA).

March 2, 2023
Deadline for Cal Grant app (CA residents only).

April 1, 2023
RD admission notification date.

May 1, 2023
Enrollment Commitment Deadline.

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