Transfer Student Profile and Admission Information 2022 - 2023

Fall 2022 Entering Transfer Class
New undergraduate transfer students 1,297
From California Community Colleges 47%
From U.S. Colleges Outside California 26%
From UC or CSU 12%
From California Independent Institutions 7%
From Colleges Outside the U.S. 8%
From Colleges in Europe with USC Articulation 7%
Average age on first day of USC classes 21
First-generation college-goers 25%
Scions (legacy students) 36%
U.S. Military Veteran 35
U.S. Military Reservist / National Guard 7

Gender
Female 53%
Male 47%

Race / Ethnicity
White 31%
Asian / Asian American 24%
Latinx / Hispanic 20%
International (student visa holders) 11%
Black / African American 6%
Multiple Ethnicities 6%
Not reported 1%
Native American or Pacific Islander <1%

Most Represented Sending Institutions
Santa Monica College, CA 124
Pasadena City College, CA 60
American University of Paris, France 57
El Camino College, CA 33
UC Irvine, CA 24
Loyola Marymount University, CA 23
Fullerton College, CA 22
Orange Coast College, CA 22
Saddleback College, CA 22
Glendale Community College, CA 21
Irvine Valley College, CA 18
Los Angeles Pierce College, CA 16
UC Santa Barbara, CA 16

Academic Unit Distribution
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 40%
Marshall School of Business 23%
USC’s Schools of Visual & Performing Arts 11%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art & Design, Thornton School of Music)
Viterbi School of Engineering 11%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 6%
Price School of Public Policy 3%
Academic Explorer/Undeclared 3%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
School of Pharmacy 1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Iovine-Young Academy <1%

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 2022 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. 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.

2023 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

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- Middle 50% transferable college GPA 3.70 – 4.00
- Middle 50% transferable college GPA 27 – 51
- Middle 50% transferable semester units 2 – 6
- Middle 50% transferable GPA 28 – 56
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Important Dates and Deadlines
December 1, 2022
Application deadline for all BFA Dramatic Arts programs, all Music programs, the Dance program, the Iovine & Young Academy, and all BFA programs in Cinematic Arts.

February 15, 2023
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, 2023
Application deadline for all other majors. All transfer applicants who have applied by this date will also be considered for USC merit scholarships.

May 31, 2023
Transfer applicants will receive a final decision, or a request to see applicant’s spring 2023 grades, by this date.

August 21, 2023
First day of fall 2023 classes.

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.