Fall 2023 Entering Transfer Class
New undergraduate transfer students 1,335

From California Community Colleges 52%
From U.S. Colleges Outside California 24%
From UC or CSU 13%
From California Independent Institutions 6%
From Colleges Outside the U.S. 5%
From Colleges in Europe with USC Articulation 4%

Average age on first day of USC classes 21
First-generation college-goers 28%
Scions (legacy students) 29%

U.S. Military Veteran 39
U.S. Military Reservist / National Guard 5

Gender
Female 50%
Male 49%
Another gender 1%

Race / Ethnicity
White 29%
Asian / Asian American 28%
Latine / Hispanic 17%
International (student visa holders) 11%
Black / African American 7%
Multiple Ethnicities 6%
Not reported 2%
Native American or Pacific Islander <1%

Most Represented Sending Institutions
Santa Monica College, CA 107
Pasadena City College, CA 67
Glendale Community College, CA 43
El Camino College, CA 34
American University of Paris, France 33
Los Angeles Pierce College, CA 27
Saddleback College, CA 25
Irvine Valley College, CA 23
Mount San Antonio College, CA 23
Los Angeles City College, CA 22
Loyola Marymount University, CA 21
UC Santa Barbara, CA 21

Academic Unit Distribution
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 41%
Marshall School of Business 23%
Viterbi School of Engineering 11%
Schools of Visual, Performing & Creative Arts 11%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art & Design, Thornton School of Music)
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 6%
Academic Explorer/Undeclared 3%
Price School of Public Policy 3%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
Mann School of Pharmacy & Pharm. Sciences 1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Iovine-Young Academy <1%
Gould School of Law <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 2023 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
• FAAFA
• Other specific information may be required, depending upon family’s situation

2024 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 English Test results required for international applicants whose native language is not English.

Important Dates and Deadlines
December 1, 2023
Application deadline for all BFA Dramatic Arts programs, all Music programs, the Dance program, and all BFA programs in Cinematic Arts.

February 15, 2024
Application deadline for all other majors. All transfer applicants who have applied by this date will also be considered for USC merit scholarships.

March 4, 2024
PROFILE and FAFSA should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration. Also the deadline for Cal Grant application (California residents only).

May 15, 2024
Transfer applicants will receive a final decision, or a request to see applicant’s spring 2024 grades, by this date.

August 15, 2024
First day of fall 2024 classes