

Unparalleled 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.

Transferring to USC

The possibilities are endless.

Founded in 1880, the University of Southern California is a top-tier, private research institution located in the heart of a diverse, dynamic world center.

As a transfer student at USC, you will enjoy unparalleled opportunities in and outside the classroom. From access to world-class faculty and the ability to conduct your own original research, to acquiring real-world experience through service learning and internship programs, the possibilities are endless.

Transfer admission to USC remains highly competitive, and we look for students with outstanding academic records, talents and leadership skills. This brochure will introduce you to our admission policies, academic requirements and the courses you will need to successfully transfer to USC. We hope you find this information helpful, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Fight On!



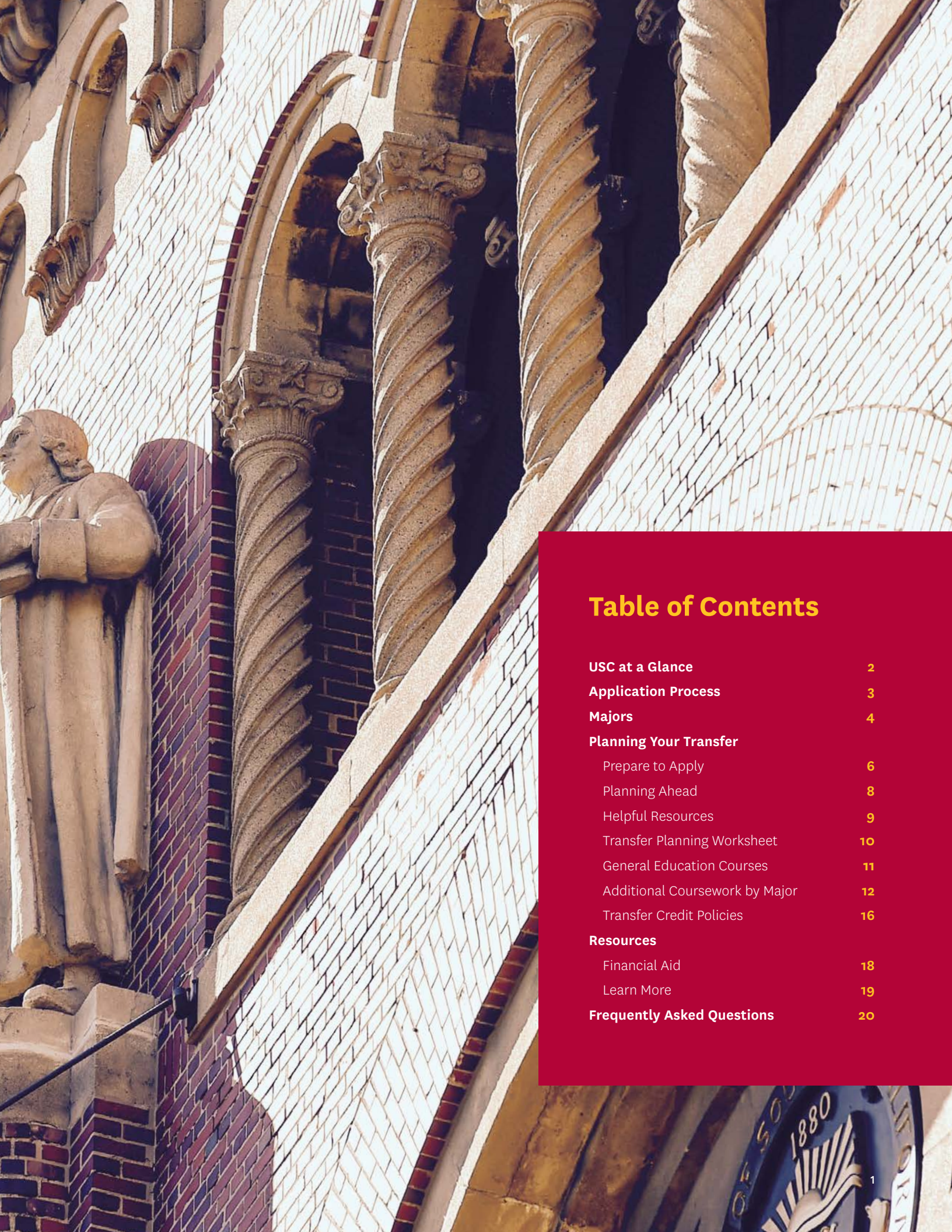


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USC at a glance



1880
FOUNDED



Los Angeles
LOCATION



229
SIZE OF CAMPUS IN ACRES



19,500
UNDERGRADUATES ENROLLED



26,500
GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENTS ENROLLED



8:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO



26
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE



437,000
ALUMNI WORLDWIDE

2021 Transfer Student Profile*



10,000
APPLICATIONS



2,230
ADMISSION OFFERS



1,375
EXPECTED SIZE OF
ENROLLED CLASS



3.8
AVERAGE COLLEGE GPA



32%
FIRST- GENERATION

***AS OF AUGUST 2021**

Our Transfer Students Come From...

56%
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

8%
CALIFORNIA PRIVATE
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

10%
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

23%
U.S. COLLEGES OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA

3%
INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES

Application Process

The Common Application

- Submit at admission.usc.edu/commonapp.

Additional Application Materials

College Transcripts

Official transcripts from any and all colleges you attended (regardless of whether or not coursework or degree requirements were completed).* We need to review your most recent fall term grades, so be sure your current school has posted them before transcripts are sent. If your school requires an email address to send electronic transcripts, please use uetrans@usc.edu. This email address should only be used by schools; students should not personally send copies of their transcripts to this address.

Official High School Transcripts

High school transcripts must show date of graduation. Students who completed secondary school outside the U.S. may substitute a copy of a diploma or leaving certificate. Students who did not finish high school should submit transcripts showing any grades they received before leaving, as well as a copy of their completion certificate (such as a GED); these students may also submit a letter of explanation.

Major-Related Requirements

Some majors also require an audition, portfolio, professional résumé, letters of recommendation or additional writing samples.

SAT or ACT Scores (Optional)

Transfer applicants for the 2022-2023 Academic Year who have completed fewer than 30 semester units of coursework through the end of the spring term may also choose to submit SAT or ACT scores. SAT or ACT scores are not considered for students applying with more than 30 transferable semester units.

We do not require the optional essay for SAT/ACT tests. We also do not require the Common Application College Report.

**Failure to submit a transcript from a school you have attended may be viewed as a violation of academic integrity, which could result in revocation of admission and/or dismissal from USC.*

International students must also submit:

- TOEFL (or TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition), IELTS (or IELTS Indicator), PTE Academic or Duolingo English Test Scores, if the student's native language is not English

Completing a lower-division writing course does not waive this requirement. Please note that students who submit scores from the Duolingo English Test will still be required to take USC's International Student Exam.

- Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support

Please visit admission.usc.edu/internationalstudents for more information about the application requirements for international students.

Admission Notification

We will release either an admission decision or a request for spring term grades by May 31, 2022, to applicants who submitted complete applications by the appropriate deadline. Students who receive spring grade requests may not receive an admission decision until mid-July.

Application Deadlines

December 1, 2021

Deadline for all BFA Dramatic Arts programs; the Thornton School of Music; the Gloya Kaufman School of Dance; the Iovine and Young Academy; and Cinematic Arts' BFA programs for Writing for Screen and Television and Animation and Digital Arts.

February 15, 2022

Final transfer deadline for all other programs. Students who apply for admission by February 15 will also be considered for USC Merit Scholarships.

Choose From 150 Majors

USC offers undergraduates more majors than any other university. Students are challenged across a broad range of ideas, within the curriculum and outside the classroom.

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

American Popular Culture
American Studies and Ethnicity
African American Studies
American Studies
Asian American Studies
Chicano/Latino Studies
Anthropology
Applied and Computational
Mathematics
Archaeology
Art History
Astronomy
Biochemistry
Biological Sciences
Biophysics
Central European Studies
Chemistry
Classics
Cognitive Science
Comparative Literature
Computational Neuroscience
Contemporary Latino & Latin American
Studies
Creative Writing
Earth Sciences
East Asian Area Studies
East Asian Languages & Cultures (Chinese,
Japanese, Korean)
Economics
Economics/Mathematics
English
Environmental Science & Health
Environmental Studies
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
GeoDesign

Geological Sciences
Global Geodesign
Global Studies
Health and Human Sciences
History
Human Biology
Human Security and Geospatial Intelligence
Intelligence & Cyber Operations
International Relations
International Relations (Global Business)
International Relations and the Global
Economy
Italian
Jewish Studies
Latin American and Iberian Cultures, Media
and Politics
Law, History and Culture
Linguistics
Mathematics
Middle East Studies
Narrative Studies
Neuroscience
Non-Governmental Organizations and Social
Change
Philosophy
Philosophy and Physics
Philosophy, Politics & Economics
Philosophy, Politics & Law
Physics
Physics/Computer Science
Political Economy
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Russian
Sociology
Spanish

USC School of Architecture

Architecture, B.ARCH

Iovine and Young Academy

Arts, Technology and the Business of
Innovation

Roski School of Art & Design

Art, B.A.
Design, BFA
Fine Arts, BFA

Marshall School of Business

Accounting
Business Administration

USC School of Cinematic Arts

Animation and Digital Arts, BFA
Cinema and Media Studies, B.A.
Film and Television Production, B.A.
Game Art, BFA
Interactive Entertainment, B.A.
Media Arts and Practice, B.A.
Writing for Screen and Television, BFA

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

Communication
Journalism
Public Relations

Kaufman School of Dance

Dance, BFA



USC School of Dramatic Arts

Theatre, B.A.
 Theatre (Acting for Stage, Screen and Media), BFA
 Theatre (Design), BFA
 Theatre (Musical Theatre), BFA
 Theatre (Sound Design), BFA
 Theatre (Stage Management), BFA
 Theatre (Technical Direction), BFA

Viterbi School of Engineering

Aerospace
 Astronautical
 Biomedical
 Biomedical (Electrical)
 Biomedical (Mechanical)
 Biomedical (Molecular-Cellular)
 Chemical
 Chemical (Biochemical)
 Chemical (Environmental)
 Chemical (Nanotechnology)
 Chemical (Petroleum)
 Chemical (Polymer/Materials Science)
 Chemical (Sustainable Energy)
 Civil
 Civil (Building Science)
 Civil (Construction Engineering & Management)
 Civil (Environmental)
 Civil (Structural)
 Civil (Water Resources)
 Computer Engineering & Computer Science
 Computer Science
 Computer Science (Games)
 Computer Science/Business Administration
 Electrical & Computer
 Environmental
 Industrial & Systems
 Mechanical
 Mechanical (Petroleum)

Davis School of Gerontology

Human Development & Aging
 Lifespan Health

Keck School of Medicine Global Health

Global Health
 Health Promotion and
 Disease Prevention Studies

Thornton School of Music

Bachelor of Music degrees:
 Choral Music
 Composition, Classical
 Jazz Studies (instrumental and vocal)
 Music Production
 Popular Music Performance
 Classical Performance
 (instrumental and vocal)

Bachelor of Science degree:
 Music Industry

USC School of Pharmacy

Pharmacology & Drug Development

Price School of Public Policy

Public Policy
 Real Estate Development
 Urban Studies and Planning

Pre-Professional Emphases

Pre-Dentistry
 Pre-Law
 Pre-Medicine
 Pre-Occupational Therapy
 Pre-Pharmacy
 Pre-Physical Therapy
 Pre-Physician Assistant Practice
 Pre-Teaching

List accurate at time of printing.
 Please refer to the USC Catalogue
 online at catalogue.usc.edu for
 the most up-to-date list.



Prepare to Apply

We seek successful students who will make positive contributions to the USC community. The next few pages will help you plan your program to stay on track and maximize your chances of admission.

Competitive applicants will have completed all courses required for high school graduation and earned a high school diploma. We do not prefer candidates who leave high school merely with the intention of starting college earlier. If you did not complete high school, please provide a statement of explanation.

All students must complete General Education requirements to earn a bachelor's degree, so we expect transfer students to satisfy several of these before admission. Although we do not require a specific number, a good rule of thumb is one or two GE courses per term. There are 10 requirements across eight categories. Some courses count toward more than one category. Students who take those courses and/ or enter with AP/IB/A-Level credit will be able to meet the General Education requirements with fewer than 10 courses.

The pages that follow describe the requirements and provide tools to help you identify courses at your institution that are likely to count toward USC's General Education program. You should also familiarize yourself with the requirements for your intended degree and make good progress toward fulfilling them. Foreign language is a graduation requirement for many programs, including all Dornsife majors and several majors in other schools. Additionally, many programs—especially those in science and engineering—strongly recommend completing introductory, lower-division courses before transferring.

The key to a successful transfer is good planning. Students who achieve at a high level and make good progress toward their intended degree will have the best chance of a successful application and on-time graduation. We offer this planning guide to help you realize your goal of transferring to USC.

Successful Transfer Applicants Typically:

- Present strong academic performance. In 2021, the average college GPA of admitted transfer students is 3.80.
- Show consistent progress toward a degree with at least one year of rigorous, full-time academic coursework. Competitive candidates typically take 14-16 units per term.
- Complete the equivalent of USC's Writing/Composition requirement, Writing 130.
- Meet our minimum Math requirement by demonstrating a mastery of Algebra II in high school or Intermediate Algebra in college with a grade of C or better. Many majors require more math. See pages 12-15 for details.
- Make satisfactory progress toward meeting USC General Education requirements.
- Complete additional lower-division courses required by their intended major, if applicable. Refer to pages 12-15 to see if your intended major requires or recommends lower-division courses that should be completed before you transfer. This is especially important for students pursuing degrees in science, engineering, architecture or business.

Due to the competitive nature of our admission process, meeting these typical academic expectations does not guarantee admission. Students should also make a strong case for being admitted to their intended major in the Common Application essay.



Planning Ahead

When to Transfer

USC accepts both sophomore and junior transfer students.

By transferring as early as your sophomore year, you can take more of your General Education and elective courses at USC. You will be part of the USC community for a longer time and have more opportunities to get involved with campus life and make the connections that can help you after graduation.

Alternately, if your academic record in high school fell short of USC expectations, you may be able to position yourself as a stronger candidate if you complete two years of solid undergraduate coursework at another institution before applying to transfer. Additionally, if you complete most of your General Education requirements before transferring, you will have more time to pursue a double major, a major-minor combination, or a unit-heavy major while you are enrolled at USC.

Regardless of when you transfer, however, you must indicate a first-choice major on your application. We also consider transfer students for an optional second-choice major or “open/undecided” status.

Current high school students, please note: If you are still in high school, USC considers you a first-year applicant, regardless of the number of college units completed prior to high school graduation.

If you have questions about your class standing, please call the USC Office of Admission at (213) 740-1111.

Transfer Units

USC does not require a minimum number of transfer units.* However, if you will have earned fewer than 30 transferable semester units by the end of the spring term, we will base our decision primarily on your high school record and SAT or ACT scores (if you submit them). Please note that applicants to the 2022-2023 academic year are not required to submit SAT or ACT scores, although they may still submit them if they wish.

*The School of Cinematic Arts, however, does require 48 units to transfer into the Film and Television Production program.

Remedial Coursework

Placement exams offered at your current college will determine your need for any remedial coursework in writing and mathematics prior to your admission to USC. Remedial courses are not transferable.

Required Courses Taken on a Pass/No Pass Basis

As many as 24 semester units may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis. Typically, only one GE Core Literacy course may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.** Both of the GE Global Perspectives courses (categories G-H) may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis. Please note that writing courses taken on a Pass/No Pass basis will not fulfill USC’s lower-division Writing/Composition requirement.

***Due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, some exceptions may apply.*

Helpful Resources

Several resources are available to help you determine which courses and credits will transfer to USC. As a general rule, most courses that transfer to the University of California system will transfer to USC.

Feel free to contact your admission counselor if you have any questions or concerns. To find your counselor, please visit admission.usc.edu/find-your-counselor.

Transfer Planning Guide

This online resource will help you determine which undergraduate courses at other institutions will satisfy USC's General Education requirements, as well as the lower-division coursework required for any major.

Visit www.usc.edu/tpg, then select your college and your intended major to generate a course list for the current academic year.

Transfer Planning Worksheet

Beginning on the next page, the Transfer Planning Worksheet lays out USC's General Education requirements, as well as an overview of what writing/composition and math courses are required for admission.

You may also use this worksheet to help you keep track of the transferable courses you have completed and what courses are still in progress. Following the worksheet, you will find any lower-

division, introductory coursework that may be recommended or required for your intended major.

Articulation Agreements

Transferring from a California community college:

USC works with many of California's community colleges to develop lists of courses that will be accepted for transfer credit. Known as articulation agreements, these lists indicate the courses that fulfill General Education and other requirements, as well as equivalents to lower-division courses at USC. Articulation agreements are available online at arr.usc.edu/transfercredit.

Transferring from out-of-state community colleges:

Although USC does not have articulation agreements with out-of-state community colleges, most courses that will transfer to the flagship four-year, public institutions in your state will transfer to USC.

Articulation Histories

Transferring from a four-year college:

USC does not maintain articulation agreements with four-year universities. For a handful of local public institutions, we provide articulation histories that list the courses we have previously evaluated and accepted for transfer credit. Courses not included on the history have not yet been reviewed and may or may not transfer. Most academic courses from four-year institutions are accepted for transfer credit. To see a list of articulation histories, please visit arr.usc.edu/services/articulation/histories.html.



Transfer Planning Worksheet

Students who began college in fall 2015 or after:

You will need to follow the General Education requirements on the following pages.

Students who began college prior to fall 2015 (excluding summer terms):

You will need to follow our previous General Education program. Information about these requirements is available at dornsife.usc.edu/general-education-program.

General Education

USC's General Education program is designed to introduce you to a wide breadth of knowledge that will help you succeed in the 21st century. With careful choice of classes, students can complete the 10 requirements with eight courses. Keep in mind:

- We require eight courses within the six Core Literacies: one course each in The Arts, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Quantitative Reasoning; and two courses each in Humanistic Inquiry and Social Analysis.
- We require two courses in Global Perspectives: one in Citizenship in a Diverse World and one in Traditions and Historical Foundations.
- Some Global Perspectives courses will satisfy requirements in the Core Literacies as well. A single course can satisfy one Global Perspectives and one Core Literacy requirement at most.
- Transfer students must complete at least two GE courses at USC Dornsife College from among the six Core Literacy categories.
- Once enrolled at USC, students must complete all remaining GE Core Literacy requirements at USC.
- Transfer students are not required to complete the General Education Seminar (GESM) required of first-year students.
- A course taken at another institution must be at least three semester units or four quarter units to be eligible for GE credit.

Additional information about the 2015 General Education Program is available at dornsife.usc.edu/2015ge.

Courses Required for Admission

Writing and math are required for all transfer students. Students intending to study science, business, engineering, public policy or architecture are required to complete additional courses before transferring. Refer to pages 12-15 for details.

Strong transfer candidates will enroll full time and complete 14-16 units, typically comprising four transferable courses, per term.

Writing/Composition

Strong writing skills are essential to success at USC. All undergraduates are required to take two writing courses: one lower-division and one upper-division course.

The upper-division course must be taken at USC. However, successful transfer applicants will complete a course equivalent to the lower-division requirement, **WRIT 130**, before applying to USC. Typically the second course in a college composition sequence satisfies this requirement. If your school does not offer a course equivalent to **WRIT 130**, you should take the strongest composition course available. This course may NOT be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis. Professional, technical, creative and remedial writing courses will not satisfy this requirement. If you are unsure whether your writing course is equivalent to **WRIT 130** and it does not appear in our articulation agreements or histories, please keep the syllabus and papers for later review by USC.

Course _____ Completed In progress

Minimum Math

You are expected to have earned strong grades in at least three years of high school mathematics, including **Advanced Algebra (Algebra II)** or **Intermediate Algebra** at the college level with a grade of C or better. Majors in the social sciences, business, engineering and architecture at USC require specific mathematics courses and achievement beyond this level. Science majors can become stronger candidates for admission by completing the additional coursework that can be found on pages 12-15 of this brochure or on the respective departmental websites. If lower-division mathematics courses are required by your major, we advise you to complete them early in your college studies, prior to applying to USC.

Please refer to "Additional Coursework by Major" on pages 12-15 to find out if your intended program of study requires additional coursework.

Course _____ Completed In progress

General Education Courses

CORE LITERACIES

GE-A	The Arts	GE-B	Humanistic Inquiry (2 Courses)	GE-C	Social Analysis (2 Courses)	GE-D	The Life Sciences	GE-E	The Physical Sciences	GE-F	Quantitative Reasoning
<p>Courses that meet this requirement enable students to engage with the arts by teaching them to create and analyze works of art, understanding the context of their creations and their connections to cultural issues.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: Art History (must include cultural context), Intro to Film, Art Appreciation (Great Works), History of Architecture (must include cultural context), History of Music, History of Dance, History of Photography, Intro to Theatre, Modern Art, Contemporary Art, Music Appreciation, History of Jazz, History of Rock and Roll, Dramatic Literature (plays from all eras)</p> <p>Not acceptable: Studio, performance, theory or pre-professional courses</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	<p>Courses that meet this requirement cultivate a critical appreciation for various forms of human expression by teaching students to evaluate works of literature, philosophy and the arts, to think critically and formulate informed opinions about ideas and values.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: Western Civilization, World Civilization, Intro to Philosophy, American Literature or English Literature, U.S. History, Intro to Religions, Eastern Religion, Western Religion, World Religions, Old Testament, New Testament, Mythology (Greek/Roman/World)</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	<p>Courses that meet this requirement explore the causes and consequences of social phenomena by teaching students to apply the quantitative and qualitative methods of the social sciences to understand how people behave and influence the world through institutions and other cultural forms.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: Cultural Anthropology, Intro to Environmental Studies (people and policy focused), Intro to Sociology, Intro to Political Science, Intro to American Government, Intro to International Relations, Intro to Peace and Conflict Studies, Language and Society</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	<p>Courses that meet this requirement provide a scientific understanding of a full range of living systems, from molecules to ecosystems, by teaching students to understand how data is generated, presented and interpreted, and how scientific discovery spurs technological growth and impacts society.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: General Biology, Physical Anthropology, Environmental Biology, Marine Biology</p> <p><i>Courses must include a hands-on lab component. Online or hybrid labs are not acceptable. Exceptions MAY be made for courses taken in 2020 and 2021 if they were intended to be completed in person but moved online due to COVID-19.</i></p> <p>Not acceptable: Botany, Zoology, Intro to Psychology</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	<p>Courses that meet this requirement analyze natural phenomena through quantitative description and synthesis, teaching students to solve scientific problems and to understand the processes by which scientific knowledge is obtained, evaluated and placed in the context of societal relevance.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: General Chemistry, Chemistry for Allied Health, General Physics, Oceanography, Elementary Astronomy, Physical Geography, Historical Geology, Physical Geology</p> <p><i>Courses must include a hands-on lab component. Online or hybrid labs are not acceptable. Exceptions MAY be made for courses taken in 2020 and 2021 if they were intended to be completed in person but moved online due to COVID-19.</i></p> <p>Not acceptable: Preparatory Chemistry</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	<p>Courses that meet this requirement teach students to use a set of formal tools, such as logical or statistical inference, probability, or mathematical analysis to pose and evaluate hypotheses, claims, questions, or problems within a formal mode of thought.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Pre-Calculus, College Algebra, Statistics, Finite Math, Calculus, Math for Liberal Arts, Calculus for Business</p> <p>Meeting this requirement with math placement test scores: Students may meet this requirement by earning a score of 22 on the USC Mathematics Placement Exam under certain conditions. Visit dornsife.usc.edu/2015ge/2015ge-requirements for more information.</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC						

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

GE-G	Citizenship in a Diverse World
<p>Courses that meet this requirement enhance understanding of citizenship and moral agency in today's increasingly global society by teaching students to identify social, political, economic and cultural forces that bear on human experience in the U.S. and around the world.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: Intro to International Relations, Intro to Peace and Conflict Studies, Contemporary Moral Issues</p> <p>Not acceptable: Courses that consider these issues in the context of a single country, such as the U.S.</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	

GE-H	Traditions and Historical Foundations
<p>Courses that meet this requirement examine the historical and cultural foundations of contemporary societies over a substantial period of time by teaching students to understand the enduring influence of literary, political, economic, philosophical, legal, ethical and religious traditions.</p> <p>Examples of acceptable courses: Art History (must include cultural context), History of Architecture (must include cultural context), Music History, History of Religion, History of [a particular region], History of Theatre, Western Civilization, World Civilization, U.S. History, Old Testament, New Testament, Mythology (Greek/Roman/World)</p> <p>Not acceptable: Intro to Religion (general); modern or contemporary history courses focused on the 20th century or later</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC	

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

<p>Many degree programs require the third-level course of a foreign language. See the "Foreign Lang." column next to your intended major on pages 12-15. Students are encouraged to begin, if not finish, this requirement before transferring.</p> <p>Once at USC, transfers needing additional studies in foreign language must complete a placement exam before being allowed to register for courses.</p> <p>Students attending schools on the quarter system must complete the fifth-level course of a foreign language to satisfy this requirement. At some semester schools, a fourth-level course is equivalent to the third level at USC.</p> <p>A score of 4 or higher on an AP foreign language exam (other than Latin) can fulfill this requirement.</p> <p>Language courses taken fully or partially online do not satisfy this requirement.</p> <p><i>Exceptions MAY be made for courses taken in 2020 and 2021 if they were intended to be completed in person but moved online due to COVID-19.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> At USC <input type="checkbox"/> In progress <input type="checkbox"/> Non-USC
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MAJOR-RELATED COURSES

<p>Use this space to record courses listed on pages 12-15 for your intended major.</p> <hr/> <p>Course or Exam</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress
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Additional Coursework by Major

A strong application for admission will show solid progress toward your intended degree. The curricula of many undergraduate majors require lower-division, introductory coursework often available at other institutions. Students wishing to be more competitive in the applicant pool should consider completing the suggested courses listed for their major. For majors in business, engineering, public policy, and architecture, completion of these courses is required for admission. Science and engineering majors can become stronger candidates for admission by completing the additional coursework listed.

The course numbers listed below are USC course numbers. Please visit arr.usc.edu/transferecredit to find an equivalent course at the college you attend.

Majors that require a third-level foreign language for graduation are indicated with a checkmark in the "FOREIGN LANG." column.

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MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Astronomy	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 226 (Calculus III); MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); PHYS 153 (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics)
Biological Sciences, Biochemistry	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 135b (Physics for the Life Sciences II) or PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); MATH 125 (Calculus I) <i>Additional lower-division courses in mathematics are required for B.S. programs.</i>
Biophysics, Chemistry, Physics	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 226 (Calculus III); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); PHYS 153 (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics) Additional recommendations per major: Biophysics also recommends: BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I) Physics also recommends: MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I)
Computational Neuroscience	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I); PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology); MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); PHYS 135ab (Physics for the Life Sciences I and II)
Earth Sciences	✓	GEOL 105 (Planet Earth) or GEOL 107 (Oceanography); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I); BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); CHEM 105b (General Chemistry II) or PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I)
Economics	✓	ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I)
Economics/Mathematics	✓	ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations) or MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); MATH 226 (Calculus III)
Environmental Science and Health	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II) <i>For details regarding other course requirements visit dornsife.usc.edu/environmental-studies.</i>
Geological Sciences	✓	CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); GEOL 105 (Planet Earth); MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) or BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); PHYS 135b (Physics for the Life Sciences II) or PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism) or BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology)
Health and Human Sciences	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I)
Human Biology	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II)*; MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus); MATH 125 (Calculus I)*; PHYS 135a (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics)* <i>*Not required for the B.A.</i>

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences / dornsife.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
International Relations	✓	Requires a fourth-level course of foreign language.
International Relations (Global Business)	✓	ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus)
International Relations & the Global Economy	✓	
Mathematics, Applied and Computational Mathematics	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations); MATH 226 (Calculus III); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics)* *Only required for the B.S. in Mathematics.
Neuroscience	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I); PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology); MATH 125 (Calculus I) <i>The B.S. program in Neuroscience also requires CHEM 105b and PHYS 135ab.</i>
Physics/Computer Science	✓	MATH 125 (Calculus I); MATH 126 (Calculus II); MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations); MATH 226 (Calculus III); MATH 245 (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism)
Political Science	✓	POSC 100 (Theory and Practice of American Democracy); POSC 120 (Comparative Politics)
Psychology	✓	PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology); MATH 114 (Foundation of Statistics)
Sociology	✓	SOCI 200 (Introduction to Sociology)
All other majors	✓	Courses vary. For more information visit dornsife.usc.edu/undergraduate-academics .

Iovine and Young Academy / iovine-young.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation (B.S.)		In addition to the Common Application, applicants are required to submit a video proposal and a portfolio of creative work. The application deadline is December 1. Select candidates will be invited to a required interview that will take place in February. Please visit the Iovine and Young Academy website for complete details: iovine-young.usc.edu Transfer students are welcome to apply but should be aware that the Academy curriculum is cohort-based and may require four years to complete at USC.

USC School of Architecture / arch.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Architecture		Required for admission: MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus) Recommended course: PHYS 125 (Physics for Architects) or PHYS 135ab (Physics for the Life Sciences I & II) The five-year Bachelor of Architecture program is a professional degree accredited by the National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB). All transfer applicants must submit a portfolio directly to the School of Architecture via uscarch.slideroom.com . Consult the School of Architecture program website for instructions. Placement level and the amount of time to complete the studio sequence are dependent on skill level, not unit count. Submit a recommendation from a college/university instructor or your college academic advisor via Slideroom. Letters from high school teachers or counselors will not be accepted. When selecting General Education courses, please focus on Categories B, C, D, G and H. If you are admitted to the B.Arch program, Categories A, E and F will be fulfilled by major requirements.

Roski School of Art and Design / roski.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Art (B.A.) Design (BFA) Fine Arts (BFA)	✓	All transfer applicants must upload a portfolio of 10-15 images of recent artwork (completed within the past two years), prompt-based artist essay, and a list of creative accomplishments to roski.slideroom.com . See Roski website for more details. Submit two letters of recommendation from current or former art instructors via Slideroom. When selecting General Education courses, please focus on Categories C, D, E or F. Categories A, B, G and H will be fulfilled by major requirements. All studio courses taken outside USC are subject to an online portfolio review by Roski faculty prior to granting credit for them. For this reason, if you are admitted, prepare to submit additional portfolios of appropriate artwork and syllabi for each art or design course taken.

Majors that require a third-level foreign language for graduation are indicated with a checkmark in the "FOREIGN LANG." column.

Marshall School of Business & Leventhal School of Accounting / marshall.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Business & Accounting		<p>Required for admission: WRIT 130 (Analytical Writing); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p> <p>These courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester for admission consideration; fall completion is preferred.</p> <p>All upper-division business core courses and major electives must be taken at USC. Business courses completed at another college or university may earn general elective credit.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>It is recommended that students complete General Education courses, as well as financial and managerial accounting.</p> <p>Please note that prospective Accounting majors must first enter the Marshall School of Business as Business Administration majors. A formal request to transfer to the Leventhal School of Accounting can be made once the resident accounting course or courses are successfully completed.</p>

USC School of Cinematic Arts / cinema.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Animation & Digital Arts (BFA)		<p>To better prepare for all Cinematic Arts majors, students are encouraged to complete the transferable General Education categories, in addition to the Math, Writing and Foreign Language requirements. Cinematic Arts programs are project intensive, and completion of transferable General Education courses will allow students to better focus on Cinematic Arts courses.</p> <p>Animation & Digital Arts applicants: The undergraduate animation program is a four-year sequential program of study. General Education and elective units may count in transfer. Animation applicants are not required to complete a foreign language requirement.</p> <p>Film & Television Production applicants: To be considered for admission, applicants must first obtain 48 transferable semester units (excluding AP & IB). This total may include units in progress during the fall or spring semester.</p> <p>Media Arts + Practice applicants: Transfer applicants are admitted into the sophomore year cohort, and the program will require three years of study to complete. General education and elective units may count in transfer.</p> <p>Writing for Screen & Television applicants: The undergraduate writing program is a four-year sequential program of study. General Education and elective units may count in transfer. Writing applicants are not required to complete a foreign language requirement.</p> <p>The deadline for the Animation & Digital Arts and Writing for Screen and Television programs is December 1, 2021. The transfer application deadline for all other programs is February 15, 2022.</p> <p>In addition to the Common Application, all undergraduate applicants must submit a SlideRoom application for supplemental and portfolio materials. Visit cinema.usc.edu/admissions/apply.cfm for detailed information regarding required supplemental materials.</p>
Cinema & Media Studies (B.A.)	✓	
Film & Television Production (B.A.)	✓	
Game Art (BFA)		
Interactive Entertainment (B.A.)	✓	
Media Arts + Practice (B.A.)	✓	
Writing for Screen & Television (BFA)		

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism / annenberg.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Communication	✓	<p>The best preparation for an Annenberg major is progress toward completing the USC General Education program and having completed at least one level of a foreign language. You may transfer in a maximum of 64 units of credit for all majors.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>Submit a letter of recommendation from a college instructor or college academic advisor.</p> <p>Communication applicants: Communication courses taken at another college or university will not count toward the Communication major.</p> <p>Journalism and Public Relations applicants: You may transfer in a maximum of 12 units of advertising, journalism and public relations courses for elective credit only.</p> <p>Please visit annenberg.usc.edu/admissions/undergraduate-applicants for the complete Annenberg transfer guidelines.</p>
Journalism	✓	
Public Relations	✓	

Kaufman School of Dance / kaufman.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Dance (BFA)		<p>In addition to the Common Application, all applicants are required to submit the USC Kaufman Portfolio, which includes a pre-screening video, a dance résumé and photographs, via SlideRoom.</p> <p>Select students will be invited to audition.</p> <p>Please visit kaufman.usc.edu/apply for complete details.</p> <p>Please note that although current USC and transfer students are welcome to apply, the BFA program requires four years to complete at USC.</p>

USC School of Dramatic Arts / dramaticarts.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Theatre (B.A.) Theatre (BFA)	✓	There is no audition or portfolio review component for B.A. applicants. The B.A. deadline for transfer applicants is February 15. BFA applicants are required to submit an audition (with a possible callback) or a portfolio review. Updates regarding auditions and portfolio reviews will be provided after the SlideRoom supplemental application has been received. The BFA deadline for all applicants is December 1. In addition to submitting the Common Application, all applicants must complete a supplemental application in SlideRoom via usc.dramaticarts.slideroom.com . Additional information is available at dramaticarts.usc.edu .

Viterbi School Of Engineering / viterbiadmission.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Engineering & Computer Science (all majors)		Applicants to any engineering or computer science degree program are strongly encouraged to review the detailed instructions and transfer course plans at viterbiadmission.usc.edu/transfer . Specific instructions and counseling vary by degree program. Required for admission: Two courses of calculus (or higher-level math beyond calculus) after high school with a minimum of MATH 126 (Calculus II) in-progress at the point of application. Science or Computer Programming courses: All applicants must complete lab-based science or computer programming courses as determined by their desired major at USC. Please see the above Viterbi School transfer website for specific course advisement.

Davis School Of Gerontology / gero.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Human Development and Aging (Health Science track)		Courses recommended for the Health Science track include: BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II); MATH 125 (Calculus I); PHYS 135ab (Physics for the Life Sciences I and II); CHEM 322ab (Organic Chemistry I and II)
Human Development and Aging (Social Science track)	✓	<i>There is no foreign language requirement for the Health Science track.</i>
Lifespan Health	✓	<i>Students pursuing the Human Development and Aging (Social Science track) and Lifespan Health degrees must meet a foreign language or computer programming requirement.</i>

Keck School of Medicine / keck.usc.edu | hdp.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Global Health	✓	BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry); ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics); MATH 125 (Calculus I)
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	✓	BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry); MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I) (required for pre-health students); PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology)

Thornton School of Music / music.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Music Industry (B.S.)		The B.S. in Music Industry requires four units of Economics coursework, which can be satisfied with any ECON course number 100-499. In addition to the Common Application, all undergraduate applicants must submit a Thornton SlideRoom Portfolio. The transfer application deadline for all Thornton programs is December 1. Visit music.usc.edu/admission for detailed information about how to apply and required supplemental materials. Visit music.usc.edu/admission/transfer for more information about transferring to the Thornton School.

USC School of Pharmacy / pharmacyschool.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Pharmacology and Drug Development (B.S.)		MATH 108 (Contemporary Precalculus); MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus); MATH 125 (Calculus I)*; BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); CHEM 105a (General Chemistry); CHEM 105b (General Chemistry) <i>*Required for pre-pharmacy students.</i> For additional requirements for transfer students on the pre-pharmacy track visit pharmacyschool.usc.edu/apply/admission/requirements .

Price School of Public Policy / priceschool.usc.edu

MAJOR	FOREIGN LANG.	RECOMMENDED PREPARATION
Public Policy Real Estate Development Urban Studies and Planning		MATH 117 (Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Economics); ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) Required for admission: The Real Estate Development major requires ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) and one of the following: MATH 117 (Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Economics), MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I).

Transfer Credit Policies

Units That Must Be Earned at USC

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 64 units in residence at USC, or half the units typically required for graduation. A few exceptions are noted below.

While in residence at USC, you are also expected to:

- Complete all upper-division units in your major and minor.
- Complete WRIT 340, a minimum of two Core Literacy GE courses from a Dornsife College department, and any remaining General Education courses not taken before entering USC.
- Take all your fall and spring semester courses for credit at USC. Courses may be taken at other institutions only during summer sessions, with limitations.

Exceptions:

- **Engineering 3+2 Program:** Students must complete a minimum of 48 units in residence at USC. At least two out of three years of any transferable coursework must be completed at one of USC's four-year partner institutions.
- **Bachelor of Architecture:** Students must earn at least 80 units at USC. A maximum of 70 of the transferable units for this program may be earned elsewhere.

Transfer Unit Limits

USC limits the transfer of credit in certain categories. You may transfer up to:

- Sixty-four (64) units of credit from other institutions, except where noted.
- Four (4) units each of English as a Second Language, physical education activity courses and music ensemble courses.
- Eight (8) units of dance.
- Twelve (12) units of physical education theory courses.
- Sixteen (16) units of individual instruction in music.
- Other studio and performing arts classes are also limited. Check with your advisor for more information.

Courses/Units That Will Transfer

Accredited courses: Coursework completed at, or degrees from, U.S. institutions accredited by the six regional accrediting agencies are generally accepted. Coursework completed at international post-secondary institutions approved by the local Ministry of Education as degree-granting institutions may also transfer.

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), A-Level and other standardized examinations: We accept a maximum of 32 units for standardized examinations.

Please visit arr.usc.edu/transfercrredit for a list of standardized exams and the course requirements they fulfill.

College courses taken during high school: We accept a maximum of 16 units, which are included in the 32-unit combined maximum for exam credits. These courses must be part of the regular college curriculum, taught by college faculty and open to all full-time students at that college. They cannot count toward the student's high school diploma. They can fulfill General Education requirements, but they cannot fulfill the Writing or Foreign Language requirements nor receive equivalence to USC courses.

Courses/Units That May Transfer

Nontraditional formats/time frames: Distance-learning, online courses, concentrated "intensive" sessions, special weekend modules, and other nontraditional course formats and time frames will be considered by petition, and credit is granted on a case-by-case basis. Be sure to keep copies of course syllabi, exams and papers, as we may ask for these in making our determination.

Please note that elective units only—not equivalence to USC courses or fulfillment of requirements—are granted for foreign language and laboratory science courses taught via distance learning, TV, or in an online or correspondence course.

Exceptions MAY be made for foreign language or laboratory science courses taken in 2020 and 2021 if they were intended to be completed in person but moved online due to COVID-19.



Courses/Units That Will Not Transfer

Unaccredited institutions:

Coursework or degrees completed at U.S. institutions not accredited by a regional accrediting agency.

Low grades: Courses in which your grade was lower than C- (1.7).

No degree credit: College extension courses and courses taken at international institutions not credited toward a degree at that college.

Courses in areas of study not offered by USC: These include agriculture, business office procedures, hotel management, food services, industrial mechanics, interior design, fire science, forestry, police academy, and similar professional and technical programs.

Duplicated material: Standardized exams or college courses covering the same material.

Life and work experience: Including portfolio work, continuing education, equivalency examination units, and courses offered by business and governmental agencies (even if evaluated by the American Council on Education).

Placement exams: Courses and/or unit credits awarded by another institution for placement exams or credit by exam.

Remedial/college prep/personal development: Including mathematics courses below the level of college-level algebra. (Intermediate Algebra, USC's minimum math requirement for admission, is not transferable.)

Nontraditional formats at two-year colleges: Including independent study, directed study, correspondence courses, internships and travel courses.

Graduate-level courses: Graduate-level coursework taken by undergraduate students.

Determining Your Transfer GPA

USC calculates your transfer GPA on the basis of your grades in all USC-transferable courses, including grades of D and below. Plus and minus grading is taken into account. Expired incompletes, unofficial withdrawals and missing grades are treated as an "F." Credit/No Credit and Pass/No Pass marks are not included in the transfer GPA.

USC does not honor other colleges' academic "renewal" or "forgiveness" programs that permit students to improve a substandard grade. If you repeat a transferable course for which you earned a grade of D+ or lower, both grades will be included in your transfer GPA. If the grade on the first course was a C- or higher, only the first grade is included.

Your transfer GPA is different from the GPA earned in courses you take at USC. The transfer GPA and your USC GPA are kept separate until it is time to determine if you are eligible to graduate and earn graduation honors, as described in the USC Catalogue.

Academic Standards and Requirements

The USC Catalogue is the document of authority on policy matters, and it changes from time to time. It provides complete information about academic standards governing coursework taken at other colleges, as well as specific requirements for your major field. Please visit catalogue.usc.edu for the most current version.

Financial Aid

USC administers one of the largest financial aid programs in the United States, with a long tradition of meeting the full USC-determined financial need of applicants who meet all eligibility requirements and deadlines. In the 2020-2021 academic year, more than \$685 million in financial aid was awarded to undergraduate students.

2021-2022 Estimated Cost of Attendance

The following are estimated costs for a full-time USC undergraduate (taking 12-18 units each semester) living in university housing:

Tuition	\$60,446
Fees	\$1,057
Housing	\$10,102
Dining and meal plan	\$6,630
Books and supplies	\$1,200
Personal and miscellaneous	\$1,640
Transportation	\$584
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Total	\$81,659

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

Net Price Calculator

financialaid.usc.edu/npc

Find out if you might qualify for need-based financial aid. Visit our Net Price Calculator to receive an estimate of your cost, based on your family's financial circumstances.

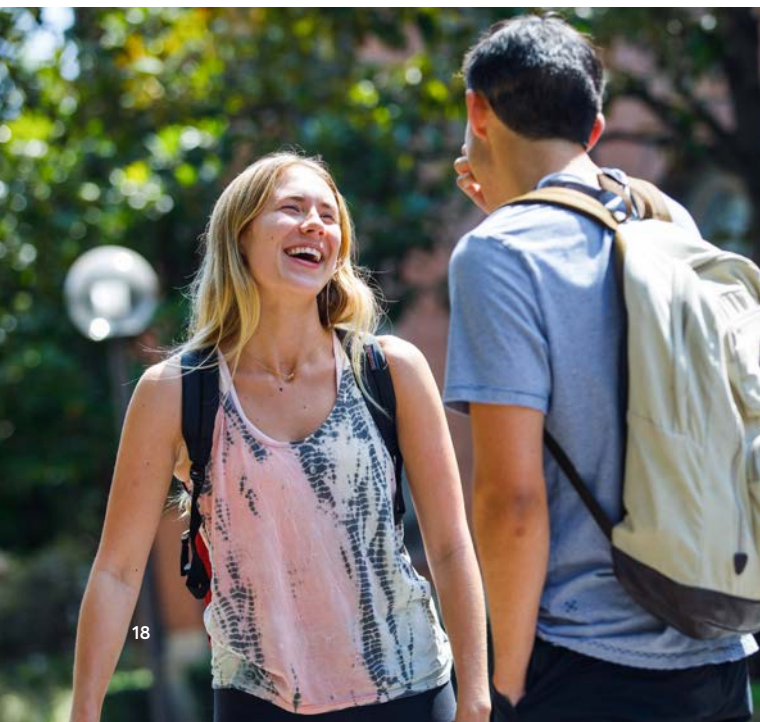
Undergraduate financial aid includes federal, state and university need-based grants; merit scholarships; and Federal Work-Study and loans* for students and parents.

Approximately two-thirds of USC undergraduates receive some form of financial aid. In 2020-2021, 80 percent of aid was in the form of grants and scholarships. Merit scholarships and need-based grants are awarded on the basis of academic merit and/or demonstrated need and do not need to be repaid.

To apply for financial aid, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile. Transfer students must apply by March 2, 2022, to be considered for all funding available and to ensure timely notification of their financial aid eligibility.

The USC Payment Plan and other payment options are also available. Please visit sfs.usc.edu for more information.

* Federal student loans are required by law to provide a range of flexible repayment options, including but not limited to Income-Based Repayment and Income-Contingent Repayment plans, as well as loan forgiveness benefits, which other student loans are not required to provide. Direct Loans are available to students regardless of income.



Learn More

A number of resources are available for transfer students—including housing, the Veterans Resource Center, and Academic Counseling Services—which can help ease the transition to life at USC.

Housing

Most USC students prefer to live near campus. Although university-owned housing may be available, housing for transfer students is not guaranteed, and many students choose to rent privately owned apartments nearby. Visit housing.usc.edu to learn more.

USC Veterans Resource Center

Through an array of affiliated services and programs, the USC Veterans Resource Center helps ease the transition to USC for military veterans. Services range from academic and career counseling, to financial aid and veteran benefits information, to religious life. For more information, please visit vrc.usc.edu.

Academic Counseling Services

Housed within the Office of Undergraduate Programs, Academic Counseling Services (ACS) provides additional advising and academic support to all USC undergraduate students. Students who need academic advising are encouraged to meet with their departmental major advisor first. However, ACS advisors can help transfer students identify challenges in their transition to USC and any obstacles to academic success. For more information, please visit undergrad.usc.edu/services/exploration.

Cultural Centers

Our Student Affairs division operates USC's Student Equity and Inclusion Programs, which focus on intersectionality, belonging and well-being. For more information about these programs, please visit seip.usc.edu.



Meet Us

In Person

Ready to experience USC firsthand? Explore your options for in-person visits at admission.usc.edu/meet-us.

Online

Want to learn more about USC from the comfort of your own home? Check out our virtual events at admission.usc.edu/meet-us/virtual-tour-programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are USC's admission requirements different for students transferring from outside California?

No. Admission requirements are the same for all students, regardless of their state of residence. Also, because USC is a private university, all students are charged the same tuition and fees.

If my college grades are excellent, but my high school record was just average, could that affect my admission to USC?

If you complete at least 30 transferable college semester units in a strong academic program, our decision focuses primarily on that work. If you have earned fewer than 30 units at the college level, however, your admission will depend on a combination of your high school record, results of any SAT or ACT tests taken during high school, and college courses completed to date.

What if I did not graduate high school?

If there are special or extenuating circumstances that prevented you from graduating high school, please submit your GED or similar leaving certificate with a statement of explanation. We also require transcripts listing any high school work you did complete. We do not prefer candidates who leave high school merely with the intention of starting college earlier. International applicants are also expected to earn the equivalent of a full high school diploma in their home country. If your high school record indicates weak preparation for a rigorous college-level curriculum, we will expect to see a strong turnaround in your college coursework.

Will it be difficult to transfer to USC's semester schedule if I'm at a quarter-system school?

No. Quarter-system schools are usually compatible with USC's fall and spring-semester start dates. To determine their semester equivalent, divide quarter units earned by 1.5 (for example, 45 quarter units equal 30 semester units). Courses must be at least 4 quarter units to earn equivalence or General Education credit.

Can you evaluate my credits before I apply to USC?

Credit evaluations are initiated for admitted students only. For help before you apply, access our Transfer Planning Guide at www.usc.edu/tpg. (See page 9 for more details.) Additionally, your college transfer counselors can help you review our articulation agreements and admission policies.

Does USC have a math requirement?

USC expects students to have mastered the equivalent of Intermediate Algebra with at least a C grade. Some programs require students to take a higher level math course before applying to USC. Students who did not complete Advanced Algebra (Algebra II) in high school should plan to take Intermediate Algebra or a more advanced course at the college level.

Students will be required to complete the General Education program to meet degree requirements. As of fall 2015, USC's new General Education program includes a Quantitative Reasoning requirement. Refer to the "Plan Ahead" section of this guide for more detailed information.

How can I be sure of the exact requirements of my major?

The USC Catalogue provides official lists of degree programs and their graduation requirements. Visit catalogue.usc.edu for the most current version. Admission requirements can be found on pages 12-15 of this brochure.

Does the competitiveness of my intended major affect my chances of admission?

In addition to the intended major, we also consider every applicant's second-choice major. Even so, we cannot always find spaces for the many capable students who are not approved for their intended fields of study.

Can I transfer classes taken Pass/No Pass or Credit/No Credit?

In general, we discourage students from taking required courses on a Pass/No Pass basis when letter grading is available, as this may negatively affect an admission decision. Transfer students can, however, take as many as 24 semester units on a Pass/No Pass basis, including up to four units of GE Core Literacy requirements.

Exceptions:

- Composition courses cannot be taken as Pass/No Pass.
- If a course is offered only as Pass/No Pass, these limits do not apply.

Due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, exceptions may apply to courses taken in 2020 and 2021. However, please note that transfer applicants must still meet the minimum math requirement by earning a C or better in the required math courses.

Does USC consider the rigor of my college or university?

We are primarily concerned with the specific coursework you chose and the grades you earned. We then evaluate your work within the context of your institution.

Does USC accept courses used to fulfill the IGETC?

USC has its own distinct General Education requirements. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) was developed for the University of California and California State University systems, and coursework within IGETC does not automatically fulfill our GE requirements. However, courses used to fulfill the IGETC are generally transferable to USC.

Can I afford to attend?

Because we are committed to making a USC education affordable, the university works to meet the USC-determined financial need of all eligible admitted undergraduate students. USC also offers a payment plan and other financing options.

How can I find out about scholarships?

Visit admission.usc.edu/scholarships for complete information. Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines. Students interested in merit scholarships must submit a complete admission application by February 15, 2022. All students who apply for admission by February 15 will be automatically considered for the Transfer Merit Scholarship.

Many agencies, foundations and corporations also offer scholarships. Check with the financial aid office or transfer center at your current college, search online, or visit a public library for books that list funding sources.

Visit financialaid.usc.edu for information about some of these online sources.

Is it possible to attend USC part-time?

Yes, but it is not common. Part-time students pay the per-unit tuition rate rather than the flat fee, and you must be enrolled at least half-time to qualify for financial aid. Most undergraduate students attend USC on a full-time basis. Undergraduate coursework at USC may not be completed through evening-only or fully online programs.

Can I complete my degree at USC by taking evening classes only?

Probably not. Although some night courses are offered each semester, most of the courses you will need to complete your degree will be offered only during the day.

May I apply for the spring semester?

We do not accept applications for spring admission, but all applicants who apply for fall admission are considered for a place in the following spring semester class.

How can I receive the USC Catalogue?

The most current version of the USC Catalogue is available online at catalogue.usc.edu.

If I have more questions, where can I find answers?

Many of your questions—and some you may not have even thought about—will be answered during a Transfer Information Session (see the Meet Us section on page 19 for details).

You can also contact the admission counselor for your current school: admission.usc.edu/find-your-counselor

We encourage you to check out admission.usc.edu/transferring for a wealth of information, or visit admission.usc.edu/contact to contact the Office of Admission.

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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.



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