

Transfer Planning Worksheet

Courses Required for Admission

Mathematics

You are expected to have completed a minimum of three years of mathematics in high school, including Advanced Algebra (with a grade of C or better) or Intermediate Algebra at the college level (with a grade of C or better).

USC majors in the sciences, social sciences, business, architecture and engineering require specific mathematics courses and achievement beyond this level. If lower-division mathematics courses are required by your major, we advise you to complete them early in your college studies, prior to admission to USC.

Intermediate Algebra

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- in progress

Course

Writing*

Transfer students generally complete two English composition courses before transferring. The second-semester writing course (equivalent to WRIT 130 on your college's articulation agreement) typically fulfills the lower-division writing requirement. In addition, all students must take an upper-division writing course at USC, WRIT 340.

*Writing is also a Core Requirement.

WRIT 130

- completed
- in progress

Course

Core Requirements

Language

Most degree programs require three semesters of foreign language study. See page 13 for a list of these programs.

If you attend a college on the quarter system, please note that a three-semester requirement takes five quarters to complete. If you attend a college on the semester system at which either of the first two language courses in the sequence is fewer than four units, the three-semester requirement will take four semesters to complete. Students who have not completed the equivalent of USC's third-semester course must take a placement exam to determine the appropriate entry level. Language courses may not be taken online.

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- in progress

Course

Diversity

Diversity courses are typically (but not exclusively) offered by ethnic studies and gender studies departments. Introduction to Sociology also fulfills the requirement.

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- in progress

Course

Reminders:

- Courses must be at least 2.67 units, or four quarter-units, to fulfill any Core requirements.
- Courses taken before high school graduation can fulfill only General Education, not diversity, writing, or language.

Major-related courses

Make a note of suggested additional preparation for your major (see pages 12–14) in the space to the right.



General Education

I

Western Cultures and Traditions

Courses must focus broadly on Greco-Roman or Judeo-Christian traditions through the modern European era, with at least a two-century span (e.g., Western Civilization).

Not acceptable: history of non-European groups, including World Civilization courses, or courses on specific topics (e.g., 18th-century French drama).

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II

Global Cultures and Traditions

Courses can focus on cultures and civilizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Native America or Russia. Courses should cover the impact of historical development on current geopolitics, and enable you to articulate the role played by cultural differences. Cultural Anthropology fulfills this category.

Not acceptable: courses in U.S. or Latin American political history, Israel or the Middle East in the 20th century, or modern Asia.

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Course _____

III

Scientific Inquiry

Courses should focus on basic scientific principles and their development. Introductory science courses with a lab, such as biology, chemistry or physics, fulfill this category. The first course in the major sequence, or a course for non-majors, is acceptable, so long as the course is not remedial.

Not acceptable: interdisciplinary or applied sciences, such as environmental science, ecology, meteorology, paleontology, anatomy, physiology and microbiology. Labs may not be taken online.

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IV

Science and Its Significance

This course focuses on a particular area of research using perspectives from many scientific disciplines to show connections among fields and potential real-world uses and consequences. You must take this course at USC.

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V

Arts and Letters

Courses must involve analysis of literature, art, music, drama, cinema or photography, or of works written by (not about) philosophers. Most literature courses taught in English fulfill the category, as do many "appreciation of" art, music and cinema courses.

Not acceptable: studio or performance courses.

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VI

Social Issues

Courses focus on local, national and international problems, and on developing the analytical skills to understand them in a broad context. There is a writing course co-registered with each course and a companion series of evening lectures. You must take this course at USC.

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