










Additional Course Recommendations



In addition to core requirements, the curricula of many undergraduate majors contain lower-division introductory course work that is 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 before transferring. Completion of the following courses is not a prerequisite for transfer admission to USC. Note that USC course numbers are listed. Many degree programs also require supplemental application materials and may even have different deadlines. When applicable, this information is listed in the tables below.

NOTE: Schools that require a third-semester foreign language are indicated with .

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences	<p>Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Kinesiology  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) or PHYS 151Lg (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) PHYS 135b (Physics for the Life Sciences) or PHYS 152L (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism) MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The B.S. programs in Biological Sciences, Biophysics, and Biochemistry require additional lower-division courses in mathematics. • Kinesiology does not require MATH 125 but does require MATH 108. 	<p>College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (213) 740-5930 college.usc.edu</p>
	<p>Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Geological Sciences, Physics  MATH 125 (Calculus I) MATH 126 (Calculus II) CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II) PHYS 151Lg (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) PHYS 152L (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism) PHYS 153L (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry also requires MATH 225 and 226. • Physics also requires MATH 226 and 245. • Earth Sciences and Geological Sciences also require GEOL 105 (Planet Earth), but do not require all courses listed to the left. See the website for details. 	
	<p>Astronomy, Mathematics, Physics/Computer Science  MATH 125 (Calculus I) MATH 126 (Calculus II) MATH 225 (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations) MATH 226 (Calculus III) PHYS 151Lg (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) PHYS 152L (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism) PHYS 153L (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astronomy does not require MATH 225, but does require MATH 245. • Physics/Computer Science does not require PHYS 153L. 	
	<p>Economics  ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics) MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p>		
	<p>Environmental Studies  BISC 120Lxg (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution) BISC 220L (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology) CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II) GEOL 105 (Planet Earth)</p>		
	<p>Political Science  POSC 100 (Theory and Practice of American Democracy)</p>		
	<p>Psychology  PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology) Any one of the following five mathematics courses: MATH 108 (Precalculus) MATH 116 (Math for the Social Sciences) MATH 117 (Intro to Math for Business and Economics) MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p>		
	<p>Sociology  SOCI 200 (Introduction to Sociology)</p>		
	<p>All other Majors  Courses vary. See website for more information.</p>		

Architecture	<p>Architecture MATH 108 (Precalculus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Consult the <i>School of Architecture Bulletin</i> or website for instructions. Placement level and the amount of time to complete the studio sequence are dependent on skill level, not unit count. There is no foreign language requirement. 	<p>USC School of Architecture (213) 740-2420, (800) 281-8616 arch.usc.edu uscarch@usc.edu</p>
Business	<p>Business/Accounting Prerequisites for direct admission to the Marshall School of Business: ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics) MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) (MATH 125 will substitute for MATH 118.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicants are required to complete a supplemental online application. Please visit www.marshall.usc.edu/undergraduatetransfer for detailed pre-admission information. 	<p>USC Marshall School of Business USC Leventhal School of Accounting (213) 740-8885 marshall.usc.edu</p>
Cinematic Arts	<p>Animation and Digital Arts  Cinema-Television Critical Studies  Cinema-Television Production  Interactive Entertainment  Writing for Screen and Television</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the School of Cinematic Arts for supplemental application information. 	<p>USC School of Cinematic Arts (213) 740-8358 cinema.usc.edu admissions@cinema.usc.edu</p>
Communication	<p>Communication  Journalism (Broadcast)  Journalism (Print)  Public Relations </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To best prepare for an Annenberg major, plan to complete the following courses in college: General Education categories I, II, III, and VI; at least one term of a foreign language; and the USC diversity requirement. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request a letter of recommendation from a college instructor or college academic advisor; the letter must be sent directly to USC Admission no later than March 1. Submit a one page Statement of Intent with the USC admission application if you are applying to journalism or public relations; the statement should explain your educational and career interests and why Annenberg is the best match for you. There is no Annenberg supplemental application form. For the complete Annenberg transfer guidelines, please visit annenberg.usc.edu/Prospective/Undergraduate.aspx. 	<p>USC Annenberg School for Communication (213) 821-0770 annenberg.usc.edu ascadm@usc.edu</p>
Dentistry	<p>Dental Hygiene Prerequisites for direct admission into the Dental School include courses comparable to: BISC 120L (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution) CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II) PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology) SOC 200 (Introduction to Sociology)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are additional prerequisite courses, and a supplemental application is required. Please contact the School of Dentistry for further information. 	<p>USC School of Dentistry (213) 740-2841 www.usc.edu/dental scdental@hsc.usc.edu</p>
Engineering	<p>Computer Science  A typical Computer Science applicant has completed the following: C++ Programming course approved by USC MATH 125 (Calculus I) MATH 126 (Calculus II) PHYS 151L (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) PHYS 152L (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism)</p> <p>Engineering (All majors) There are nearly 30 different engineering majors with radically varying curricula in the junior and senior years. However, the following lower-division course work generally applies to all of these majors: CHEM 105aLg (General Chemistry I) MATH 125 (Calculus I) MATH 126 (Calculus II) MATH 226 (Calculus III) MATH 245 (Math of Physics and Engineering I) PHYS 151L (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics) PHYS 152L (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism) PHYS 153L (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the Viterbi Admission & Student Affairs Division for detailed lower-division course suggestions for each specific engineering major. GE requirements include six courses, one each in categories I, II, III, IV, V, and VI. Students may satisfy the requirement for Category IV with a “wild card” course, which may be a second course in Categories I, II or VI, or with a score of 4 or 5 on the U.S. History AP exam. Only the Computer Science major has a foreign language requirement. For additional information and to access the Engineering Supplemental Application please visit viterbi.usc.edu/admission/transfer. 	<p>USC Viterbi School of Engineering (800) 526-3347 (213) 740-4530 viterbi.usc.edu viterbi.admission@usc.edu</p>

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Fine Arts	<p>Fine Arts (B.A.) </p> <p>Fine Arts (B.F.A.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must submit a supplemental application that requires a personal statement, portfolio, and two letters of recommendation. Please visit the Roski School's website for more application information. 	<p>USC Roski School of Fine Arts (213) 740-9153 roski.usc.edu roski@usc.edu</p>
Gerontology	<p>Gerontology </p> <p>BISC 120L (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution) BISC 220L (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology) CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II) MATH 125 (Calculus I) PHYS 135abl (Physics for the Life Sciences I and II)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional courses recommended for Health Science Track students only. 	<p>USC Davis School of Gerontology (213) 740-9156 www.usc.edu/gero ldsgero@usc.edu</p>
Music	<p>Music (B.A.) </p> <p>Music Industry (B.S.) ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics)</p> <p>Music Performance Strings Vocal Arts (Other music majors do not have foreign language or prerequisite requirements.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit www.usc.edu/music for the music supplementary application (required for all programs) and audition information (where applicable). All supplementary applications must be received by the Thornton Admission Office by December 1 in order to be fully considered for fall admission. Music Performance—Strings requires two semesters of the same foreign language. Music Performance—Vocal Arts requires French I, German I, and Italian I; and either French II, German II, or Italian II. 	<p>USC Thornton School of Music (800) 872-2213 www.usc.edu/music uscmusic@usc.edu</p>
Occupational Therapy	<p>Occupational Therapy </p> <p>BISC 212 (Human Anatomy) PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology) SOCI 200 (Introduction to Sociology) or ANTH 100g (Principles of Human Organization: Non-Western Societies) Courses in the following subjects are necessary to satisfy additional requirements. Contact the OT department for advisement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developmental Psychology or Human Development Human Physiology Abnormal Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the Occupational Therapy department for assistance in arranging your transfer plan, and to obtain a supplemental application. At USC, some Occupational Therapy courses will satisfy some of the requirements. Prospective students enter USC with a pre-OT emphasis, and without a declared major. 	<p>Occupational Therapy (323) 442-2850 or (866) 385-4250 www.usc.edu/ot otdept@usc.edu</p>
Policy, Planning, and Development	<p>Public Policy, Management and Planning ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics) MATH 108 (Precalculus) or MATH 116 (Mathematics for the Social Sciences)</p>		<p>USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development (213) 740-0550 www.usc.edu/sppd sppd@usc.edu</p>
Preventive Medicine	<p>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention </p> <p>BISC 120L (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution) BISC 220L (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology) CHEM 105aL (General Chemistry) MATH 116 (Mathematics for the Social Sciences) or MATH 125 (Calculus I) PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-health students may wish to take additional courses in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. Contact department for details. 	<p>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (213) 740-1060 www.usc.edu/medicine/hp bhealthy@usc.edu</p>
Theatre	<p>Theatre (B.A.) </p> <p>Theatre (B.F.A.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All School of Theatre applicants must submit a supplemental application. Contact the School of Theatre for more information. All BFA applicants must schedule an audition or portfolio interview. 	<p>USC School of Theatre (213) 740-1286 theatre.usc.edu thtrinfo@usc.edu</p>