



# University of Southern California Freshman Profile and Admission Information 2008 - 2009

## Fall 2008 Entering Freshman Class

New freshmen	2,766
USC Trustee Scholars (full-tuition)	128
USC Presidential Scholars (half-tuition)	332
USC Dean's Scholars (quarter-tuition)	117
National Merit Scholars	244
National Achievement Scholars	14
Scions (legacy students)	23%
First generation college goers	11%
<b>Gender</b>	
Male	46%
Female	54%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	
African American	7%
Latino / Hispanic	14%
Native American / Pacific Islander	2%
Asian / Asian American	25%
Caucasian	45%
International (student visa holders)	6%
Not indicated	1%
<b>Public Schools Most Represented in Class</b>	
Arcadia HS; Arcadia, CA	37
Troy HS; Fullerton, CA	24
La Cañada HS; La Cañada, CA	17
Whitney HS; Cerritos, CA	16
Palos Verdes HS; Palos Verdes Estates, CA	16
<b>Independent/Parochial Schools Most Represented</b>	
Harvard-Westlake; North Hollywood, CA	27
Punahou School; Honolulu, HI	25
Mater Dei HS; Santa Ana, CA	22
'Iolani School; Honolulu, HI	21
The Harker School; San Jose, CA	18
<b>Top non-California States and Countries</b>	
<u>U.S. States</u>	<u>Outside U.S.</u>
Texas	China (incl. HK)
Illinois	Canada
Hawai'i	India
Washington	United Kingdom
New York	Singapore
New Jersey	Thailand
Arizona	Turkey
<b>Academic Unit Distribution</b>	
College of Letters, Arts and Sciences	25%
Marshall School of Business	19%
Undecided / Undeclared	16%
Viterbi School of Engineering	15%
USC's Arts Schools	13%
(Architecture, Roski School of Fine Arts, Thornton School of Music, Theatre)	
Annenberg School for Communication	6%
School of Cinematic Arts	5%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies)	1%
School of Policy, Planning & Development	<1%
Davis School of Gerontology	<1%

	<u>Fall Matriculants</u>	<u>Fall Admits</u>	<u>Fall Applicants</u>
	2,766	7,875	35,900
	<i>35% yield</i>	<i>22% admit rate</i>	
<b>Mean GPA (un-weighted, 4.0 scale)</b>	3.7	3.8	3.5
<b>Middle 50% SAT Critical Reading</b>	620 – 720	640 – 730	540 – 680
<b>Middle 50% SAT Math</b>	650 – 750	670 – 760	570 – 710
<b>Middle 50% SAT Writing</b>	640 – 730	650 – 740	560 – 690
<b>Middle 50% SAT composite</b>	1910 – 2200	1960 – 2230	1670 – 2080
<b>Middle 50% ACT composite</b>	28 – 33	29 – 33	24 – 31
<b>From public HS</b>	62%	63%	65%
<b>From independent or parochial HS</b>	38%	37%	35%
<b>From schools in California</b>	55%	53%	54%
<b>From schools in other parts of the U.S.</b>	39%	40%	39%
<b>From schools outside of the U.S.</b>	6%	7%	7%
<b>Different high schools represented</b>	1,311	2,506	6,961

### Pre-Professional Emphases

Pre-Medicine	12%
Pre-Law	7%
Pre-Health (Dentistry, Pharmacy, etc.)	3%
Pre-Teaching	1%

### Cost and Financial Aid

A student's ability to pay has no bearing on his or her admission.

USC is committed to meeting every student's USC-determined financial need through a combination of merit scholarships, university grants, state and federal aid, student loans and work.

More than 24% of the entering freshman class received a merit-based scholarship from USC. Over 60% received need-based financial assistance.

Although need-based financial aid is only available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, international students are eligible for USC's merit-based scholarships.

### Information Used to Determine USC Aid Eligibility

- FAFSA
- CSS PROFILE
- 2008 parents' and student tax returns
- Other specific information may be required, depending upon family's situation

### 2008-2009 USC Undergraduate Student Budget

Tuition and fees	\$37,692
Room and board	\$11,298
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation	\$2,180
Books and supplies	\$798
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$51,968</b>

### 2009 Freshman Application Process

USC does not offer early action or early decision admission programs.

#### Required Application Materials

- Completed part II application forms
- Official high school transcripts, grades 9 – 11 (and eventually, final high school transcripts)
- Results from the SAT or ACT (with writing)
- Essay and responses to short answer topics
- Activities list
- Counselor/teacher recommendation form and letter

#### Optional Application Materials

- Completed part I application form
- Supplemental materials and/or auditions, depending upon major
- Personal interview

### Important Dates and Deadlines

<b>October 15</b>	Part I application deadline
<b>December 1</b>	Part II deadline for scholarship applicants
<b>January 10</b>	Final part II application deadline
<b>February 2</b>	FAFSA and PROFILE should be filed by this date to receive priority financial aid consideration
<b>March 1</b>	Financial aid applicants should submit student and parent tax returns by this date (sooner if possible)
<b>April 1</b>	Admission notification date
<b>May 1</b>	National candidates' reply date
<b>August 19</b>	New student move-in day
<b>August 24</b>	First day of fall 2009 classes