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Transferring to USC

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University of Southern California

Founded	1880
Location	Los Angeles
Scope	Private research university
Size of main campus	226 acres
Enrollment	16,500 undergraduates 17,000 graduate/professional
Student-to-faculty ratio	9:1
Average class size	26
Alumni	More than 229,000

USC Undergraduate Profile (2010)

Men/Women	46%/54%
From California	51%
Out-of-state	37%
International	12%
Native American/Pacific Islander	2%
Asian American	31%
Black/African American	6%
Hispanic/Latino	11%
Caucasian	38%
International	12%

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Visit USC

All prospective students are strongly encouraged to visit the campus.

Transfer Information Sessions

These one-hour presentations by our admission counselors provide information about the application process, transfer credit policies and academic programs. Question-and-answer sessions follow. Transfer Information Sessions are held on Tuesday afternoons.

Transfer Days

These comprehensive half-day programs include presentations about the admission process, transfer credit, financial aid and academic programs; a campus tour; and group meetings with representatives of academic departments. Transfer Days are generally held monthly from September through January.

Reservations are required for all programs. Visit www.usc.edu/visitusc to RSVP.

Essential Transfer Information

Transfer admission to USC is highly competitive and selective, and we look for students with outstanding talents and leadership skills. Successful transfer applicants usually have completed at least one year of rigorous academic course work, with superior grades; in 2010, the average GPA of admitted transfer students was 3.7. Consistent progress toward a degree and strong academic performance also greatly influence our admission decisions.

Transfer units

USC does not require a minimum number of transfer units. If you have earned fewer than 30 transferable semester units, we will base our decision primarily on your high school record and SAT or ACT scores.

Transferable course work and General Education courses

Seventy-five percent of your transferable courses should satisfy General Education or other Core courses, or subject prerequisites for your intended major. We do not, however, expect you to complete all General Education courses at your current institution, as we encourage transfer students to take advantage of our General Education program. (See page 11 for details.)

English composition requirement

Successful candidates generally complete a course equivalent to USC's WRIT-130. Usually the second course in an English-language college composition sequence satisfies this requirement. 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 if your writing course is equivalent to WRIT 130, or if it does not appear on any current articulation agreements or histories, keep the syllabus and papers for later review by USC.

Mathematics

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. Many degree programs require further study in mathematics (see pages 12–14).

Your high school record

You must submit high school grades and proof of graduation. We expect to see a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

College Transcripts

You must submit official college transcripts from any and all colleges you have attended, regardless of whether or not all course work or

degree requirements were completed. Failure to do so may be viewed as a violation of academic integrity, which could result in revocation of admission and/or dismissal from the university.

Required courses taken on a Pass/No Pass basis

As many as 24 Pass/No Pass semester units, including up to 4 units of General Education courses, may be taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Selecting a major

If you are applying to enter at less than junior standing, you may either choose a specific academic major or apply as "Open (Still Deciding)." If you will be a junior (having earned 64 or more semester units by the time you plan to enter USC), you must declare a major. Some majors have a significant number of lower-division requirements that may be completed prior to applying.

Remedial course work

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

When To Transfer

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

If your academic record in high school fell short of USC standards, however, you may be able to position yourself as a stronger candidate if you complete two years of solid course work at another institution.

Current high school students, please note: If you are still in high school, USC considers you a freshman 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.

Application Information and Deadlines



Application instructions

Visit www.usc.edu/transferring or refer to the *Application Tips and Instructions* booklet for a step-by-step guide to applying online. If you received this book by postal mail, you will also receive a copy of *Applying to USC*, which includes the *Application Tips and Instructions* booklet.

Notification

Notification of an admission decision—or a request for spring 2011 semester grades—will be mailed by June 1, 2011, to all applicants who submit a completed application by the deadline.

Important Deadlines:

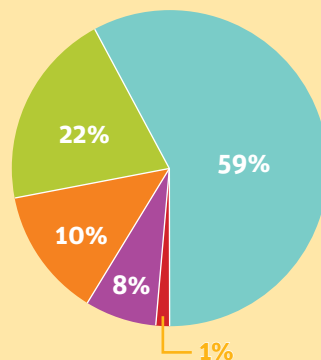
October 15, 2010 Part I Application deadline (optional)

February 1, 2011* Final deadline for transfer admission (scholarship and regular consideration)

*Some departments, such as the School of Cinematic Arts, Thornton School of Music, and School of Theatre have earlier deadlines. For more information, please refer to the application guidelines at www.usc.edu/USConnect.

2010 Transfer Admission Statistics

Applicants	9,590
Admission Offers	2,450
Admit Rate	26%
Enrolled	1,360
Average transfer GPA	3.7



Our Transfer Students Come From...

- California community colleges
- Colleges outside California
- California State University/ University of California
- California private universities and colleges
- International colleges and universities

Housing and Financial Aid



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. Learn more about USC housing at housing.usc.edu.

Financial Aid

USC administers one of the largest financial aid programs in the United States, with a long tradition of meeting the USC-determined financial need of applicants who meet all eligibility requirements and deadlines. In recent years, more than \$382.8 million in aid was awarded annually to more than 60 percent of our undergraduate students. For the 2009-10 academic year, we increased our financial aid budget by 8 percent.

Undergraduate financial aid includes scholarships and grants, Federal Work-Study and low-interest loans for students and parents. Scholarships and grants (federal, state, private and university) are awarded on the basis of academic merit and do not need to be repaid.

To apply for financial aid, you must submit the CSS/PROFILE®, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and copies of your and your parents' income tax returns. Visit www.usc.edu/financialaid for more information.

For more information about our USC Tuition Payment Plan and long-term financing options, please visit www.usc.edu/sfs.

More than 60 percent of USC undergraduates receive need-based financial aid.





Transfer Credit Policies

USC accepts units from all regionally accredited colleges and universities in the United States. Some courses and units may not transfer, however. Please refer to the information below and/or visit www.usc.edu/articulation.

For a list of USC's General Education courses, please refer to pages 10–11.

Courses/Units That Will Transfer

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

Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) credits: We accept a combined maximum of 32 units from college courses and/or examinations. Test results must be sent directly to USC from the testing agency. The credits will appear on your transfer credit report.

- **AP:** You receive 4 elective units for each score of 4 or higher. For exams taken in spring 2008 or earlier, credit is awarded for scores of 3 or higher, except for Computer Science. The following list shows which AP exams can fulfill certain categories of the USC General Education requirements with a score of 4 or higher:

- **Category I:** Art History and European History AP exams.
- **Category III:** Biology, Chemistry or Physics AP exams.

- **Foreign language:** The third-semester foreign language requirement is fulfilled with a score of 4 or 5 on a foreign language AP exam (except for Latin).

- **IB:** You can receive 20 units of credit for an IB diploma with a score of 30 or higher, or 6 elective credit units for each score of 5 or higher on a maximum of four IB Higher Level exams—whichever unit total is higher.

For a current list of IB exams and the course requirements they fulfill, please visit www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/articulation.

College courses taken during high school:

We accept a maximum of 16 elective units, included in the 32-unit combined maximum for AP/IB credits. These courses must be taught by college faculty on a college campus, appear on your college transcript as part of the regular college curriculum and must not be applied to your high school diploma. They can fulfill General Education categories I, II, III or V. They cannot fulfill the writing, diversity or language requirement nor receive equivalence to USC courses.

Courses/Units That May Transfer

Credit for these courses is granted on student petition and determined 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.

Nontraditional formats/time frames:

Distance-learning, online courses, concentrated “intensive” sessions, special weekend modules, and other nontraditional course formats and time frames.

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.

Nontraditional courses at four-year colleges:

Independent study, directed study, internships and extension courses accepted by their institutions in fulfillment of the baccalaureate degree.

Military: Courses completed through the U.S. Armed Services.

Courses/Units That Will Not Transfer

Unaccredited institutions: Course work or degrees completed at U.S. institutions not accredited by a regional accrediting agency.

Low grades: Courses in which your grade was less than C– (1.7). (These courses will still affect your transfer GPA, however.)

No degree credit: College extension courses not credited toward a degree at that college.

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: An A.P. exam and I.B. exam or college course 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 examinations or credit by exam.

Remedial/college preparatory/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: Graduate-level course work taken by undergraduates.

Units That Must Be Earned at USC

Transfer students must complete a minimum of 64 units in residence at USC (half the units usually required for graduation).*

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

- Complete all upper-division units in your major and minor;
- Complete WRIT 340, General Education categories IV and VI, and any General Education courses not taken before entering USC; and
- Take all your fall- and spring-semester courses for subject or unit credit at USC. (Courses for subject or unit credit may be taken at other institutions only during summer sessions. After you complete 64 college-level units applicable to the undergraduate degree, you may apply no more than 8 semester units toward your USC degree, up to a maximum of 64 transfer units.)

*Exceptions for these two programs

- Students in the Engineering “3–2” program must earn at least 48 units at USC. Two-thirds of any transferable course work 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 at two-year colleges.

Students with majors in the USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences:

Please note that you must complete a minimum of 104 units—including transfer courses—in academic departments within the College.

Determining your transfer GPA

USC calculates your grade point average 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. Incompletes and missing grades from your transfer institution 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, then 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*.

Class standing

Your class standing at USC is based strictly on the number of transferable units completed at the time of admission. If you complete transferable units after admission and submit official transcripts, your class standing will be adjusted after a new Transfer Credit Report is generated.

Academic standards and requirements

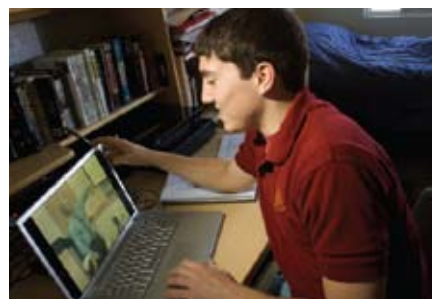
The *USC Catalogue* provides complete information about academic standards governing course work taken at other colleges, as well as specific requirements for your major field. For the most current version, visit www.usc.edu/catalogue.

Transfer unit limits

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

- 64 units of credit from other regionally accredited institutions (80 units for the B. Arch. degree, with no more than 70 of those units earned at a two-year college).
- 4 units each of English as a Second Language, physical education activity courses and music ensemble courses.

- 8 units of dance.
- 12 units of physical education theory courses.
- 16 units of individual instruction in music.
- Other studio and performing arts classes are also limited; check with an advisor.



Core Courses

USC's Core curriculum is designed to enhance your ability to weigh competing theories, evaluate new evidence and articulate an informed point of view. Structured to encourage you to explore diverse areas of study, the Core allows you sufficient time to add a minor or second major to your degree program.

We strongly advise you to begin course work in the Core courses early in your studies, especially in foreign language (if required for your major) and in writing.

General Education

Six categories of General Education courses are required for all USC degrees, four of which may be transferred from other institutions. See page 11 for detailed descriptions of these categories.

The goals of the General Education program are:

- To teach the skills needed for critical thinking, writing and reading by studying cultures and traditions, science and social issues.
- To teach students how to apply these skills to locate, evaluate and use the vast amount of information available via the media, the Internet and new technologies, as well as in printed sources.
- To teach students to discern and assess the values that underlie specific critical attitudes, and to articulate points of view with coherence and integrity.
- To encourage a passion for learning.

Writing

Strong writing skills are essential to success at USC. All undergraduates take two writing courses. Successful transfer applicants will complete a course equivalent to the lower-division requirement, WRIT 130, before being admitted. Not all schools offer a course equivalent to WRIT 130; in that case, applicants should take the strongest composition course available. (The advanced writing course must be taken at USC.)

Diversity

The diversity requirement addresses relations among groups marked by differences in age, ability, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, nationality and social class. Courses in this category challenge undergraduates to respect these differences, to analyze their social and cultural consequences, and to relate this information to conflicts in a contemporary American context.

Foreign Language

Requirements vary by major; see pages 12–14. Students who do not complete required courses prior to enrolling at USC must take a placement test before continuing study in a foreign language. To fulfill the “third semester requirement” it may be necessary in some cases to complete a fourth semester course; at schools on the quarter system, the fifth quarter is necessary to complete this requirement. Students are encouraged to start taking these courses early in their college career. A score of 4 or higher on an AP foreign language exam (other than Latin) can fulfill this requirement.



Planning Your Transfer to USC



Several resources are available to help you determine which courses and credits will transfer to USC.

Articulation Agreements

Transferring from a California community college

USC has worked with a number of California's community colleges to develop formal 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 www.usc.edu/articulation and from your college counselor. As a general rule, most courses that transfer to the University of California system will transfer to USC.

Articulation Histories

Transferring from a four-year college

Articulation agreements are not issued for four-year colleges and universities. USC does provide lists of courses accepted for credit (known as "articulation histories") for students at several local universities. Courses not included on the history have not yet been reviewed and may or may not transfer. Visit www.usc.edu/articulation or call the Office of Admission at (213) 740-1111 for more information. Even if your college is not listed, most academic courses from four-year institutions are accepted for transfer credit.

Transferring from out-of-state community colleges

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

The Transfer Planning Guide

This online resource will help you determine which courses at other schools will satisfy USC's General Education/Core courses, as well as the lower-division course work required for any major. Visit www.usc.edu/articulation and click on "Transfer Planning Guide." Select your school and your intended major to produce a course list for the current academic year.

Transfer Planning Worksheet

Courses required for admission

Mathematics

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.

Majors in the sciences, social sciences, business, architecture and engineering programs at USC 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

- Completed
- 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.

All students must take USC's upper-division writing course, WRIT 340.

*Writing is also a Core course.

WRIT 130

- Completed
- In progress

Course _____

Core courses recommended for admission

Language

Many degree programs have a third-semester foreign language requirement. See pages 12–14 for a list of these programs.

If your college is on the semester system, the first two courses of the sequence should be at least four units. If either is fewer than four units, the fourth semester will complete this requirement.

At schools on the quarter system, the fifth quarter will complete this requirement.

Students who have not completed the equivalent of USC's third-semester course must take a placement exam to determine the appropriate entry level.

Fully or partially online language courses do not satisfy this requirement.

- Completed
- 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.

- Completed
- In progress

Course _____

Reminders:

- Courses must be at least 2.67 semester units, or four quarter units, to fulfill any Core requirements.
- Courses taken before high school graduation can fulfill most General Education requirements, except writing, language or diversity.

Major-related courses

Make a note of suggested additional preparation for your major (see pages 12–14).




General Education courses recommended for admission

To graduate, USC undergraduates are required to take one course in each of the six categories listed. Successful applicants to USC will fulfill at least some of these courses before being admitted.










<h1>I</h1> <h2>Western Cultures and Traditions</h2>	<h1>II</h1> <h2>Global Cultures and Traditions</h2>	<h1>III</h1> <h2>Scientific Inquiry</h2>	<h1>IV</h1> <h2>Science and Its Significance</h2>	<h1>V</h1> <h2>Arts and Letters</h2>	<h1>VI</h1> <h2>Social Issues</h2>
<p>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).</p> <p>Not acceptable: History of non-European groups, including World Civilization courses, or courses on specific topics (e.g., 18th-century French drama).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress</p> <hr/> <p>Course</p>	<p>Courses in this category examine cultures associated with Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Native America or Russia. Although there may be comparisons with the West, these courses examine cultures on their own terms as distinctly different from the West and over a substantial period of time. Cultural Anthropology fulfills this category.</p> <p>Not acceptable: Courses in U.S. or Latin American political history, Israel or the Middle East in the 20th century, or modern Asia.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress</p> <hr/> <p>Course</p>	<p>Courses should focus on basic scientific principles including the scientific method and the development of a body of scientific knowledge. The first course in the major sequence, or a course for non-majors, is usually acceptable, so long as the course includes a lab or field experience. The course cannot be remedial.</p> <p>Not acceptable: Interdisciplinary or applied sciences, such as environmental science, ecology, meteorology, paleontology, anatomy, physiology and microbiology. Labs may not be taken online.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress</p> <hr/> <p>Course</p>	<p>This course focuses on a particular area of research using perspectives from many scientific disciplines to show connections among fields, as well as potential real-world uses and consequences.</p> <p>Must be taken at USC* *Engineering students may complete this requirement prior to transfer by taking an additional course from Category I or II.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress</p> <hr/> <p>Course</p>	<p>Courses require critical analysis of literature, philosophy, visual arts, music and/or film. Students must demonstrate intense engagement with these works using methods of argumentation and persuasion. Courses centered on a theme, country, genre or well-defined time period are preferred over broad surveys.</p> <p>Not acceptable: Studio, performance or pre-professional courses.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In progress</p> <hr/> <p>Course</p>	<p>Courses focus on local, national and international problems, and on developing the analytical skills to understand them in a broad context. Each course includes a co-registered writing section and a companion series of evening lectures.</p> <p>Must be taken at USC</p> <hr/> <p>Course</p>

Additional Course Recommendations


In addition to Core requirements, the curricula of many undergraduate majors contain lower-division introductory course work 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 (with the exceptions of the Marshall School of Business and the Dental Hygiene program). Many degree programs also require supplemental application materials and may have separate deadlines. When applicable, this information is listed in the tables below. **NOTE: Schools that require a third-semester foreign language are indicated with .**

The course numbers below are USC course numbers. To find an equivalent course at the college you attend, please refer to the Articulation Agreement or the *Transfer Planning Guide* at www.usc.edu/articulation.

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences	<p>Biological Sciences, Biochemistry, Earth Sciences, Geological Sciences, Kinesiology </p> <p>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 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics), PHYS 135b (Physics for the Life Sciences) or PHYS 152 (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 and Biochemistry require additional lower-division courses in mathematics. Kinesiology does not require MATH 125 but does require MATH 108. Earth Sciences also requires GEOL 105 or 107, but does not require all courses listed to the left. See website for details. Geological Sciences also requires MATH 126 and GEOL 105 or 107. 	<p>College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (213) 740-5930 college.usc.edu</p>
	<p>Biophysics, Chemistry, Physics </p> <p>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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physics also requires MATH 245. Biophysics also requires BISC 120 and 220 and MATH 245. 	
	<p>Astronomy, Mathematics, Physics/Computer Science </p> <p>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), PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism), PHYS 153 (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. The B.A. program in Mathematics does not require PHYS 151, 152, or 153. Physics/Computer Science does not require PHYS 153 but does require MATH 245. 	
	<p>Economics, Economics/Mathematics, International Relations (Global Business) </p> <p>ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics), ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics), MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus) or MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economics/Mathematics also requires MATH 126, 225 or 245, and 226. 	
	<p>Environmental Studies </p> <p>MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p>		
	<p>Health and Humanity </p> <p>BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution), BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology), CHEM 105ab (General Chemistry I and II)</p>		
	<p>Human Performance </p> <p>BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology), MATH 108 (Precalculus)</p>		
	<p>Neuroscience </p> <p>BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology), PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology)</p>		
	<p>Political Science </p> <p>POSC 100 (Theory and Practice of American Democracy) POSC 120 (Comparative Politics)</p>		
	<p>Psychology </p> <p>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 </p> <p>SOCI 200 (Introduction to Sociology)</p>			
<p>All other Majors </p> <p>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: Writing 130 (Analytical Writing), Writing 140, MATH 118 (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus.) MATH 125 may be substituted for MATH 118.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester for admission consideration. All applicants are required to complete a supplemental online application. Please visit marshall.usc.edu/undergraduatetransfer for detailed pre-admission information. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended that students complete General Education courses, as well as financial and managerial accounting. Please note that prospective accounting majors must first enter USC 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(s) are successfully completed. 	<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  Cinematic Arts Critical Studies  Cinematic Arts Production  Interactive Entertainment  Writing for Screen and Television</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the School of Cinematic Arts for specific information regarding supplemental materials. To better prepare for all Cinematic Arts majors, it is recommended that students complete General Education courses, including USC's General Education Categories I, II, III and V, Diversity, Writing and Foreign Language. Note: Film & Television Production Applicants: To be considered for admission, you must first obtain 48 transferable semester units (excluding AP & IB). These may include units in progress during the fall or spring semester. Note: Writing for Screen & Television Applicants: The undergraduate writing program is a four-year sequential curriculum of study. General Education and elective units may be accepted toward the degree based on USC credit evaluation. 	<p>USC School of Cinematic Arts (213) 740-8358 cinema.usc.edu admissions@cinema.usc.edu</p>
Communication & Journalism	<p>Communication  Journalism, Print and Digital  Journalism, Broadcast and Digital  Public Relations </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To best prepare for an Annenberg major, plan to complete the following courses at your current college: General Education categories I, II, III and V; at least one term of a foreign language; and the USC diversity requirement. <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit a recommendation from a college/university instructor or your college academic advisor with the USC Application. Letters from high school teachers or counselors will not be accepted. 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 complete Annenberg transfer guidelines, please visit annenberg.usc.edu/Prospective/Undergraduate.aspx. 	<p>USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism (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), SOCI 200 (Introduction to Sociology)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These courses must be taken prior to enrolling at USC. The Dental Hygiene Supplemental Application is required, and can be downloaded from www.usc.edu/hsc/dental/admissions/dhp_admissions.htm. The deadline is February 1. Please contact the School of Dentistry or visit our website for a complete list of prerequisite courses. 	<p>USC Ostrow 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). Two terms of a lab-based science (Calculus-Based Physics, Chemistry or Biology). Engineering (All majors) There are nearly 30 different engineering majors and areas of emphasis with radically varying curricula in the junior and senior years. However, the following lower-division course work generally applies: CHEM 105a (General Chemistry I), MATH 125 (Calculus I), MATH 126 (Calculus II) MATH 226 (Calculus III), PHYS 151 (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics), PHYS 152 (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact the Viterbi School of Engineering for detailed lower-division course suggestions for each specific engineering major or area of emphasis. Only the Computer Science major has a foreign language requirement. For additional information or 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>

Additional Course Recommendations continued

Fine Arts	<p>Fine Arts (B.A.) </p> <p>Fine Arts (B.F.A.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must submit supplemental materials online at the Roski website, including a portfolio of images, an artist statement and two letters of recommendation from art faculty. All studio courses taken outside USC are subject to a portfolio review by USC art faculty prior to granting credit for the course; therefore, save all course syllabi and all artwork completed for each studio class. 	<p>USC Roski School of Fine Arts (213) 740-9153 roski.usc.edu roski@usc.edu</p>
Gerontology	<p>Gerontology </p> <p>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)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These courses are recommended for students in the Health Science Track only. 	<p>USC Davis School of Gerontology (213) 740-5156 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</p> <p>Strings </p> <p>Vocal Arts </p> <p>(Other music majors do not have foreign language or prerequisite requirements.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All supplementary application materials must be received by the Thornton Admission Office by December 1 to be fully considered for fall admission. The Thornton supplemental application at the end of the USC online application is required for all majors. 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>Lower-division introductory course work often available at other institutions: OT 260 or EXSC 301L (Human Anatomy with laboratory), OT 261 or BISC 307L (Human Physiology), PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology), PSYC 336L (Developmental Psychology), PSYC 360 (Abnormal Psychology), SOC 200 or ANTH 201 (Introductory Sociology or Introduction to Social Anthropology), Medical Terminology (may be a 1-2 unit course)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission to the Occupational Therapy major is competitive. In addition to the USC Undergraduate Application, all applicants must submit a supplemental application, available on the Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy's website. Students may apply as early as their freshman year, but no later than their junior year. Undergraduate applications are reviewed as they are received throughout the year. Students transferring to USC as sophomores or juniors may submit a departmental application simultaneously with the USC Undergraduate Application. For information about admission criteria, professional courses and application procedures, please visit ot.usc.edu/admissions. 	<p>Occupational Therapy (323) 442-2850 or (866) 385-4250 www.usc.edu/ot otdept@usc.edu</p>
Policy, Plan., and Devel.	<p>Public Policy, Management and Planning</p> <p>ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) ECON 205 (Principles of Macroeconomics) MATH 108 (Precalculus) or MATH 116 (Mathematics for the Social Sciences) MATH 117 (for students in the Real Estate Development track)</p>		<p>USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development (213) 740-0550 www.usc.edu/sppd sppd@usc.edu</p>
Preventive Medicine	<p>Global Health </p> <p>BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology) CHEM 105a (General Chemistry) ECON 203 (Principles of Microeconomics) MATH 125 (Calculus I)</p> <p>Health Promotion and Disease Prevention </p> <p>BISC 120 (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution) BISC 220 (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology) CHEM 105a (General Chemistry) MATH 116 (Mathematics for the Social Sciences) or MATH 125 (Calculus I) PSYC 100 (Introduction to Psychology)</p>		<p>Global Health (213) 740-1060 www.usc.edu/medicine/gh bhealthy@usc.edu</p> <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>

Majors

USC offers undergraduates a wide array of choices. Bachelor's degree students can select from over 150 majors and interdisciplinary programs. Undergraduates are challenged across a broad range of ideas both within the curriculum and outside the classroom. Opportunities include faculty-guided research, volunteer work and internships around the globe.

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

American Studies and Ethnicity

- African American Studies
- American Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Chicano/Latino Studies

Anthropology

Applied and Computational Mathematics

Archaeology, Interdisciplinary

Art History

Astronomy

Biochemistry

Biological Sciences

Biophysics

Chemistry

Classics

Comparative Literature

Creative Writing

Earth Sciences

East Asian Area Studies

East Asian Languages and Cultures (Chinese, Japanese, Korean)

Economics

Economics/Mathematics

English

Environmental Studies

French

Gender Studies

Geological Sciences

Health and Humanity

History

Human Performance

International Relations

Global Business

Italian

Judaic Studies

Kinesiology

Linguistics

Mathematics

Middle East Studies

Narrative Studies

Neuroscience

Philosophy

Ethics, Law and

Value Theory

Philosophy, Politics and Law, B.A.

Physics

Physics/Computer Science

Political Science

Psychology

Religion

Russian

Sociology

Spanish

School of Architecture

Architecture

Marshall School of Business

Accounting

Business Administration

School of Cinematic Arts

Animation and Digital Arts

Cinematic Arts Critical Studies

Cinematic Arts Film and Television Production

Interactive Entertainment

Writing for Screen and Television

Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism

Communication

Journalism, Broadcast and Digital

Journalism, Print and Digital

Public Relations

Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC

Dental Hygiene

(junior transfers only)

Viterbi School of Engineering

***note: areas of emphasis are indicated in parenthesis below**

Undeclared Engineering

Aerospace

Astronautical

Biomedical

Biomedical (Biochemical)

Biomedical (Electrical)

Biomedical (Mechanical)

Chemical

Chemical (Biochemical)

Chemical (Environmental)

Chemical (Nanotechnology)

Chemical (Petroleum)

Chemical (Polymer/Materials Science)

Civil

Civil (Building Science)

Civil (Environmental)

Civil (Structural)

Computer Engineering and Computer Science

Computer Science

Computer Science (Games)

Computer Science/Business

Administration

Electrical

Electrical (Computers)

Environmental

Industrial and Systems

Industrial and Systems

(Information Systems)

Mechanical

Mechanical (Petroleum)

Roski School of Fine Arts

Fine Arts, B.F.A.

Fine Arts (Studio Art), B.A.

Davis School of Gerontology

Human Development & Aging

Lifespan Health

Keck School of Medicine of USC

Global Health

Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Studies

Thornton School of Music

Composition, B.M.

Jazz Studies, B.M.

Music, B.A.

Choral Music option

Classical Performance option (instrumental or vocal)

Jazz Performance option (instrumental or vocal)

Music Industry, B.S.

Music Industry, B.M.

Popular Music, B.M.

Studio/Jazz Guitar, B.M.

Classical Performance Majors, B.M.

Bassoon

Cello

Clarinet

Double Bass

Flute

French Horn

Guitar, Classical

Harp

Oboe

Organ

Percussion

Piano

Saxophone

Trombone

Trumpet

Tuba

Viola

Violin

Vocal Arts

School of Policy, Planning, and Development

Public Policy, Management and Planning

School of Theatre

Theatre, B.A.

Theatre (Acting), B.F.A.

Theatre (Design), B.F.A.

Theatre (Stage Management), B.F.A.

Theatre (Technical Direction), B.F.A.

Visual and Performing Arts Studies, B.A.

USC Independent Health Professions

Occupational Therapy

Pre-professional Emphases

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Physician Assistant Practice

Pre-Teaching

Frequently Asked Questions

1 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.

2 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 (though you must submit a full high school transcript). 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 SAT or ACT tests taken during high school, and college courses completed to date.

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

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.

4 Can you evaluate my credits before I apply to USC?

We receive so many inquiries that it is not possible to perform individual credit evaluations. To better assist you in determining which courses you will need, the USC Articulation Office has created the interactive *Transfer Planning Guide*, which can be accessed at www.usc.edu/articulation by clicking on "Transfer Planning Guide." (See page 9 for more details.) Additionally, your college transfer counselors can help you review our articulation agreements and admission policies.

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

The *USC Catalogue* provides official lists of degree programs and their requirements. You can find the most current version online at www.usc.edu/catalogue.

6 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 4 units of General Education 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.

7 Does USC have a math requirement?

Colleges throughout California expect students to have mastered the equivalent of Intermediate Algebra with at least a C grade. USC is no exception. 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. Many USC degree programs have additional math requirements. Refer to the *USC Catalogue* at www.usc.edu/catalogue for more information.

8 Does USC consider the rigor of my college or university?

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

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

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.





10 Does USC accept IGETC courses?

USC has its own distinct General Education requirements. IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) courses were developed for the University of California and California State University systems, and do not automatically fulfill our GE requirements. IGETC courses are generally transferable to USC, however.

11 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 admitted undergraduate students. USC also offers a payment plan and long-term financing options.

12 How can I find out about scholarships?

Visit www.usc.edu/scholarships. Click on “Freshmen & Transfer” for a list of USC scholarships available to transfer students. Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines. Students interested in merit scholarships must file a complete admission application by February 1.

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. Information about some of these sources is available online at www.usc.edu/financialaid.

13 Is it possible to attend USC part-time?

Yes, but keep two things in mind: 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.

14 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.

15 May I apply for 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 incoming spring-semester class. Transfer students admitted to the spring semester may be asked to complete additional course work before enrolling.

16 How can I receive a USC Catalogue?

Admitted students receive a copy of the catalogue at Orientation. The *USC Catalogue* is also generally available at university library reference desks and at community college transfer centers or counseling offices. You can also consult the catalogue online at: www.usc.edu/catalogue.

17 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 USC Transfer Day or Transfer Information Session (see inside front cover for details). You can also find a wealth of information at www.usc.edu/admission. If you still have questions, call the Office of Admission at (213) 740-1111.

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