

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 applying 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.

The upper-division writing course, WRIT 340, must be taken at USC.

*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.

Language courses taken fully or partially online 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.
- College courses taken before high school graduation may 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 10–12).



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> <p>Western Cultures and Traditions</p>	<h1>II</h1> <p>Global Cultures and Traditions</p>	<h1>III</h1> <p>Scientific Inquiry</p>	<h1>IV</h1> <p>Science and Its Significance</p>	<h1>V</h1> <p>Arts and Letters</p>	<h1>VI</h1> <p>Social Issues</p>
<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>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>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>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>Courses require critical analysis of literature, philosophy, visual arts, music and/or film. Students must demonstrate intense engagement with these works using methods of written 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>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>
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