Welcome to USC
2020-2021
We chose you because...

You stood out among thousands of other applicants by demonstrating your academic ability, leadership promise and personal commitment to thrive in USC’s challenging academic environment. You will be part of a very select group of diverse, talented and highly motivated individuals who will be the newest members of the Trojan Family.

We look forward to helping you develop the intellectual skills and personal qualities invaluable to your future success.

Congratulations!
...you belong at USC.

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As a high-achieving student, you probably have many options available to you, from small private colleges to large public universities. At USC, we are proud to offer elements of both — in addition to opportunities unmatched at other institutions.

Here, you will find a campus community that is as dynamic as it is welcoming. You will have access to the vast array of cultural experiences that are available across the vibrant city of Los Angeles, as well as the intimate feeling of a school where most students live on or near our picturesque and walkable campus. From the moment you arrive, you will be embraced as a member of the Trojan Family.

We hope you will consider the benefits of a USC education, and we look forward to welcoming you to campus this fall.
Unique Learning Opportunities

At USC, you can choose from a wide array of top-tier degree programs that will allow you to explore your passions, hone your talents and develop a deeper understanding of the world. You will graduate uniquely prepared for the realities of the 21st century.

**LEARN FROM WORLD-CLASS FACULTY**
developing technologies and creative works that make a difference in people’s lives.

**BUILD YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**
and apply classroom knowledge toward solving real-world problems through internships throughout Los Angeles and Southern California.

**PURSUE FACULTY-LED OR ORIGINAL RESEARCH**, beginning as soon as your first year.

**MATCH YOUR ACADEMIC INTERESTS TO CAREER PURSUITS** with the help of our Career Center, which will assist you in finding the professional experience that best complements your academic pursuits.

Whether you decide to pursue a single subject in depth or combine majors and minors across disparate fields of study, your options at USC are limited only by your imagination and ambition.
Global Perspective
At USC, the opportunities to learn about and engage with the world are boundless.

Join the dynamic global community at a university that enrolls some of the highest numbers of international students in the U.S. Take part in programs offered through USC’s partnerships with universities around the globe, including the University of São Paulo in Brazil, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the Indian Institutes of Technology and the London School of Economics. Thrive in pioneering undergraduate programs in which overseas travel and study are now part of the curriculum.

TROJAN VOICES
“My most memorable overseas experience has been hiking to one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Japan, comparing cultures between Hiroshima, Osaka and Tokyo to the U.S.”
David Delgado
Montebello, California

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT: global.usc.edu
Campus Life

Adjacent to Exposition Park, USC’s campus comprises 229 acres of green space, fountains, sculptures, and a blend of traditional and modern architecture.

The Residential College Experience

- Live alongside Faculty in Residence.
- Join special interest floors catering to professional, cultural, ethnic or religious interests.

98% of first-year students live on campus (though it is not required).

85% of the undergraduate population lives within walking distance of campus.

1000+ Student Clubs and Organizations

- Expand your leadership skills.
- Meet new people.
- Participate in student government.
- Compete in intramural and club sports.
- Relax and have fun!

The Arts

- Music, theatre and dance performances
- Exclusive film screenings
- Gallery exhibitions

All presented by our schools of visual and performing arts.

Visions and Voices
visionsandvoices.usc.edu
The university’s signature arts and humanities initiative brings world-renowned speakers and performers to the USC community throughout the year.

USC VILLAGE
With 1.2 million square feet of retail and residential space, this town center has transformed the undergraduate experience at USC.

8 residential colleges
2,500 beds
Target and Trader Joe's
Fitness center
Yoga studio
Beauty salons
Amazon Store
FedEx
16+ dining options
Mobility hub

At USC, you can study with top-tier students and professors, see a first-run film, pledge a fraternity or sorority, and play on the Quidditch team — all on the same day, without ever leaving campus.

22% of our undergraduates are active in one or more of the 60 professional and social Greek organizations.

"I chose USC because USC has everything: great academics, a national reputation, vibrant student life, football, and of course, beautiful weather."
Savannah Burchfield
Austin, Texas
Los Angeles
When you come to USC, you will find yourself:
Three miles from the vibrant cultural life of Downtown Los Angeles. Ten miles from beaches, sun and surf.
Fifty miles from mountains and ski resorts.

Thriving Metropolis
Experience city life at the nexus of the Pacific Rim and Latin America.

International Cuisine
Sample a variety of dishes ranging from Mexican to Ethiopian.

Urban Laboratory
Learn in an urban laboratory where more than 200 languages are spoken.

Cultural Venues
Discover numerous venues that will introduce you to art, music, dance and theatre from around the globe.
Trojan Family

At USC, you will discover a whole new meaning for the word “family.”

Global Network

Become part of the more than 425,000 students, staff and alumni who represent USC both here and abroad.

Connect with faculty, staff and alumni who will become your mentors — and help to shape your career and life.

Lifelong Friendships

Find kindred spirits and forge lifelong friendships with students from across the U.S. and around the world.

No matter where your academic or professional interests take you, the Trojan Family will be there with you, lifelong and worldwide.

TROJAN VOICES

“Only at USC would you find a community you can call home and know will always support you.”

Michelle Au
Hong Kong

“The Trojan Family is so unique because it is made up of people from every single walk of life and every passion possible.”

Jarod Majeika
West Kingston, Rhode Island
Enrolling at USC

To ensure your space in the incoming class, be sure to complete the steps below by the deadlines listed. Additional information and instructions are provided on the following pages.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus!

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Reserve Your Place as a New Undergraduate at USC

To accept our offer of admission and reserve your place in the incoming class, you must submit the Enrollment Commitment form online at admission.usc.edu/status. A deposit of $300, or a valid waiver request, is required by the deadline listed for your class. We cannot guarantee your space in the class if you submit your Enrollment Commitment Deposit after the deadline. The deposit is nonrefundable and will be applied to your fall 2020 tuition and fees.

Deposit waiver: If financial hardship prevents you from submitting the deposit, you may request a waiver. Please refer to the instructions at admission.usc.edu/status.

Paper forms: If you cannot submit your deposit or request for deposit waiver online, paper forms are available. Please call the Office of Admission at (213) 740-1111 or visit us online at ask.usc.edu and click on the “Email Us” link to access our email form.

Not Enrolling at USC?
If you do not intend to enroll at USC, please let us know by visiting admission.usc.edu/status. From the Admission menu, click on the “Withdraw Your Application” link.

First-Year Students
MAY 1

Transfer Students
JUNE 1

or within two weeks of receiving your admission letter
Manage Your Finances

financialaid.usc.edu

Students who have not yet applied for financial aid may still do so, even if the priority deadlines have passed. For more information, please visit the USC Financial Aid website.

Receiving Your Financial Aid
If you applied for financial aid, you will receive a notification about your financial aid eligibility. You will also be notified by email if additional information is required to determine your eligibility. We encourage you to monitor your USC Financial Aid Summary and Tasks (FAST) page at financialaid.usc.edu to ensure that all required information has been received.

Outside Scholarships or Awards
If you receive scholarships or other awards from organizations outside USC, be sure to notify the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. Your new award will need to be coordinated with any existing financial aid so that the total funds you receive do not exceed your cost of attendance.

Interactive Planning Worksheet
This tool will help you plan for your semester expenses and estimate how much you may need to pay out of pocket once your financial aid and any scholarships have been applied to your account. The Planning Worksheet can be accessed through your FAST page at financialaid.usc.edu.

International Students
International students may receive USC or outside scholarships to help fund their studies. Scholarship funds will be applied to student accounts according to the terms set by the awarding agency. For more information, visit financialaid.usc.edu/international.

Tuition and Fees
Tuition, fees and other charges for the fall semester are due in full by the Friday before the start of classes (August 21, 2020). You can check your billing account by logging in to my.usc.edu and clicking on OASIS. More information about tuition, fees and deadlines is available through the Schedule of Classes at classes.usc.edu.

Payment Plans
USC offers payment and prepayment plans to help manage your university expenses. Visit sfs.usc.edu for more information.
Applying for USC Housing

housing.usc.edu

The Living at USC booklet describes the variety of housing options available to you as an incoming USC student. We urge you to make your housing arrangements early — well before arriving in Los Angeles. Visit housing.usc.edu to learn more about your housing options, submit your housing application online and participate in the optional Roommate Matching process. **First-year students must apply by May 1, 2020.**

Transfer students may also apply for USC Housing. **Applications for transfer students will be available beginning February 3, 2020.** Because space is limited, we recommend admitted transfers explore other housing options as well.

**Special Accommodations**

If you have a disability and would like more information about academic and/or housing accommodations, please visit the office of Disability Services and Programs at dsp.usc.edu.
Transcripts, Transfer Credit and Grades

arr.usc.edu/transfercredit

All newly admitted students should arrange to have their final high school and/or college transcripts and standardized exam scores sent to USC as indicated below. This will ensure you receive proper transfer credit for any college-level coursework completed, and it will also allow your academic advisor to help plan your course of study at USC.

Transcripts

First-Year Students: Send the Office of Admission a final, official transcript showing the date of high school graduation. A photocopy of your high school diploma is not sufficient. The deadline to submit your final transcripts is July 1.

Transfer Students: Send an official transcript showing final grades as soon as your current term is completed and grades become available.

International Coursework

First-Year Students: First-year students must provide an official copy of all records, in their native language, of academic coursework. Records must be sent directly from the school and be accompanied by a certified English translation.

Transfer Students: Transfer students who have completed coursework at institutions outside the U.S. should contact the International Education Research Foundation for a “Detail Report with Course Level Identification.” IERF will evaluate your documents and transmit a report directly to USC. USC will then complete a transfer credit evaluation. Visit www.iarf.org/usc.

Transfer Credit Earned Prior to High School Graduation

Undergraduate students may receive a combined maximum of 32 elective units for college courses and/or AP/IB/A-Level examinations taken before high school graduation. Standardized exam results should be submitted electronically to USC. Visit arr.usc.edu/transfercredit.

University of Southern California
Office of Undergraduate Admission
3601 South Flower Street, Room 112
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0911

If your school supports email submission of transcripts, have your transcripts emailed to etrans@usc.edu.
Senior-Year and Final-Term Grades
Your admission to USC is conditional on your continued achievement at the same level of academic performance. The Office of Admission carefully reviews all final transcripts. If your senior-year or final-term grades decline, we will contact you immediately.

In the most serious cases, offers of admission will be rescinded. If you have questions or concerns that you wish to bring to our attention, please contact the Office of Admission.

Transfer Credit Reports (TCR)
After we receive your Enrollment Commitment Deposit and complete, official transcripts of all your college or university work and standardized exam scores, USC will provide a Transfer Credit Report (TCR) summarizing the degree credit awarded for your transfer courses. This report will be essential for helping you and your academic advisor plan your coursework at USC.

Transfer Credit Reports will be available online at my.usc.edu after your commitment deposit is received. Your TCR will be updated throughout the summer as official transcripts and exam scores are reported, and it will be finalized by the time you attend Orientation. Visit arr.usc.edu/transfercredit.
Health Documentation

For the health and safety of the campus community, all students must comply with certain vaccination requirements. Detailed requirements for new students can be found at studenthealth.usc.edu by clicking on the “For New Students” option.

Health Documentation
All documentation must include an official signature or stamp from the physician or clinic, as well as the student’s full name, 10-digit USC ID number and telephone number.

Submit documented proof of immunizations by uploading them to your student health record at www.usc.edu/myshr.

Student Health Fee
All students are required to pay the Student Health Fee, which covers most primary care services provided at the student health centers. Students can make an appointment by calling 213-740-WELL(9355) or via their student health portal at www.usc.edu/myshr.

Student Health Insurance
All USC students must have supplemental health insurance to help cover the cost of care not available at the student health centers, particularly in case of an emergency requiring hospitalization. Optional dental insurance is also available. Email studenthealth@usc.edu for more information.
Visas
To be eligible for study at USC, international students need to have a valid non-immigrant visa status. The F-1 visa is the most common student visa and is issued to full-time students enrolled in an academic degree program at USC. Please visit the Office of International Services at ois.usc.edu for more information.

F-1 Visa & I-20
To apply for the F-1 visa, students must first receive their USC I-20, a four-page document issued by the Office of Admission, with a USC official’s signature on page 1. USC issues I-20s only after students have submitted their Enrollment Commitment Deposit, a copy of their passport and the appropriate financial documentation.

For more information about the issuance of USC I-20s, please contact the Office of Admission via ask.usc.edu by clicking on the “Email Us” link at the top of the page.
Learn More About USC

On- and Off-Campus Programs
Throughout the spring, USC offers a variety of on- and off-campus programs that will give you opportunities to experience our campus firsthand, as well as meet fellow students, staff and faculty. Visit admission.usc.edu/status for more information.

Arriving on Campus
To navigate to the University Park Campus by GPS, use the following address:

620 McCarthy Way
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Enter campus through the McCarthy Way Entrance at Figueroa and McCarthy Way. Park in the McCarthy Way Parking Structure.

L.A. Metro
USC is also easily accessible via the Metro Expo Line (the Expo Park/USC Station is the most convenient) or various bus lines. Visit www.metro.net for routes and schedules.

Many USC resources are available online:
SCampus (the student guidebook): scampus.usc.edu
USC Catalogue: catalogue.usc.edu
Schedule of Classes: classes.usc.edu
# Schools & Programs

**Accounting and Business**  
(213) 740–8885  
marshall.usc.edu  
**World Bachelor in Business (WBB)**  
wbb.usc.edu

**Architecture**  
(213) 740–2420  
(800) 281–8616  
arch.usc.edu

**Art and Design**  
(213) 740–ARTS (2787)  
roski.usc.edu

**Arts, Technology and the Business of Innovation**  
(213) 821–6140  
iovine-young.usc.edu

**Cinematic Arts**  
(213) 740–8358  
cinema.usc.edu

**Communication and Journalism**  
(213) 821–0770  
annenberg.usc.edu

**Dance**  
(213) 740–9327  
kaufman.usc.edu

**Dentistry**  
(213) 740–2841  
dentistry.usc.edu

**Dramatic Arts**  
(213) 740–1286  
dramaticarts.usc.edu

**Engineering**  
(213) 740–4530  
viterbi.usc.edu

**Gerontology**  
(213) 740–5156  
gerousc.edu

**Letters, Arts and Sciences**  
(213) 740–5930  
dornsife.usc.edu

**Music**  
(213) 740–8986  
music.usc.edu

**Occupational Therapy**  
(323) 442–2850  
(866) 385–4250  
chan.usc.edu

**Pharmacy**  
(323) 442–1369  
pharmacy.usc.edu

**Preventive Medicine**  
(213) 740–1060  
hpdp.usc.edu

**Public Policy**  
(213) 740–6842  
priceschool.usc.edu
Departments & Services

Admission
(213) 740–1111
admission.usc.edu

American Language Institute
(213) 740–0079
dornsife.usc.edu/ali

Asian Pacific American Student Services
(213) 740–4999
apass.usc.edu

Athletic Administration
(213) 740–3843
www.usctrojans.com

Bookstore
(213) 740–0066
www.uscbookstore.com

Campus Activities
(213) 740–5693
campusactivities.usc.edu

Campus Tours
(213) 740–6605
admission.usc.edu/visitusc

Career Center
(213) 740–9111
careers.usc.edu

Cashier’s Office
(213) 740–7471
sfs.usc.edu

Center for Academic Support
(213) 740–1741
undergrad.usc.edu/services

Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs
(213) 740–8257
cbcsa.usc.edu

Disability Services and Programs
(213) 740–0776
Video Phone:
(213) 814–4618
dsp.usc.edu

Financial Aid
(213) 740–4444
financialaid.usc.edu

Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development
(213) 821–1639
greeklife.usc.edu

Housing
(213) 740–2546
housing.usc.edu

International Services
(213) 740–2666
ois.usc.edu

La CASA
(213) 740–1480
lacasa.usc.edu

LGBT Resource Center
(213) 740–7619
lgbtcenter.usc.edu

Libraries
(213) 740–2543
libraries.usc.edu

Native American Student Union
nasu.usc.edu

Orientation Programs
(213) 740–7767
orientation.usc.edu

Registration
(213) 740–8500
arr.usc.edu

Religious Life
(213) 740–6110
orl.usc.edu

ROTC

Air Force
(213) 740–2670
www.airmenoftroy.org

Army
(213) 740–1850
uscrotc.com

Navy/Marines
(213) 740–1884
priceschool.usc.edu/programs/rotc

Student Financial Services
(213) 740–4077
sfs.usc.edu

Student Health
(213) 740–WELL (9355)
studenthealth.usc.edu

Testing Services
(213) 740–7166
undergrad.usc.edu/services/testing

Undergraduate Honors Programs
(Freshman Science Honors, Thematic Option)
(213) 740–2955
dornsife.usc.edu/honors

Undergraduate Transfer Credit
(213) 740–4628
arr.usc.edu/transfercredit

USC Credit Union
(877) 670–5860
www.usccreditunion.org

USC Card Services
(213) 740–8709
mycard.usc.edu

Veteran Certification Office
(213) 740–4619
www.usc.edu/va
The University of Southern California admits students of any race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical disability or mental disability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical disability or mental disability in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. The University's full nondiscrimination policy can be found on the Web at policy.usc.edu.

The University of Southern California complies with all federal and state laws that protect individuals with disabilities from discrimination based on their disability status. As such, reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids and services are available to individuals with disabilities when such modifications and services are necessary to fully access the institution's programs and services. Disability Services and Programs (DSP) provides accommodations and services to enrolled students with disabilities. Applicants and registered students with questions may contact the Office of Disability Services and Programs, at dsp.usc.edu. The university's ADA/504 Coordinator is Christine Street. She may be reached at streets@usc.edu.