Welcome to USC

Spring 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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Why should you choose USC?

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 next spring.
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

INTERNATIONAL LIFE AT USC

2,000

USC UNDERGRADUATES ARE STUDYING OVERSEAS AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

USC’S STUDENT POPULATION REPRESENTS

50 STATES AND 135 COUNTRIES

Your peers will come from:

HOUSTON AND HONG KONG

SEATTLE AND SINGAPORE

NEW YORK AND NEW DELHI

LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR GLOBAL PROGRAMS AT:

global.usc.edu
Located in Exposition Park, USC’s campus comprises 229 acres of green space, fountains, sculptures, and a blend of traditional and modern architecture.

Campus Life

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

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

1,000+ 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
This 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

TROJAN VOICES
“I chose USC because USC has everything: great academics, a national reputation, vibrant student life, football, and of course, beautiful weather.”

Savannah Burchfiel
Austin, Texas

At USC, you can study with top-tier students and professors, see a first-run film, volunteer, join a club and play on the Quidditch team — all on the same day, without ever leaving campus.
Why USC?

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

Thriving Metropolis

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

Urban Laboratory

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

Cultural Venues

Sample a variety of dishes ranging from Mexican to Ethiopian.

International Cuisine

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.
Trojan Family

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

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.

Find kindred spirits among 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.

Global Network

Lifelong Friendships

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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Visit studenthealth.usc.edu for more information.
Enrollment Commitment

admission.usc.edu/status

Reserve Your Place as a New Undergraduate at USC

First-year students: Visit admission.usc.edu/status to submit your intent to enroll by May 1. Doing so will let us know that you intend to enroll in the spring class and will also allow you to be considered for any fall openings. A $300 Enrollment Commitment Deposit is required by August 1 to secure your place in the entering class. The deposit is nonrefundable and will be applied to your spring tuition and fees.

Transfer students: Submit your $300 Commitment Deposit at admission.usc.edu/status by August 1 to secure your place in the spring class.

Deposit waiver: If financial hardship prevents you from submitting the deposit, you may request a waiver online. 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
Submit Intent to Enroll

All Students:

AUGUST 1
Submit Enrollment Commitment Deposit
Receiving Your Financial Aid
After applying 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 spring semester are due in full by the Friday before the start of classes. You can check your billing account by logging in to my.usc.edu, clicking on OASIS and selecting the e.pay link. Detailed 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

Review Housing Options
The Living at USC booklet describes the variety of housing options available to you as an incoming USC student. Visit housing.usc.edu to learn more about your housing options, submit your online housing application and participate in the optional Roommate Matching process.

Transfer students may also apply for USC Housing. Because space is limited, we recommend admitted transfers explore other housing options as well.

Complete the Housing Application
Applications for spring 2021 housing assignments will be accepted beginning July 1. Any applications received before that date will be grouped with those turned in on July 1. Please see the Living at USC booklet for further information.

If you have a disability and would like more information about 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 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 university-level coursework at institutions outside the U.S. should contact the International Education Research Foundation for a “Detail Report with Course Level Identification” for USC. IERF will evaluate your documents and transmit a report directly to USC. We will then complete a transfer credit evaluation. Please visit www.ierf.org/us for more information.

**Transfer and Exam Credit Earned Prior To High School Graduation**

Undergraduate students may receive a combined maximum of 32 elective units for college courses and/or standardized exams (AP, IB, A-Levels) taken before high school graduation. Standardized exam results should be submitted electronically to USC. Please visit arr.usc.edu/transfercredit for more information.

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 for more information.
Health

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.
Spring at USC

Why Spring Admission?

Each year, USC receives applications from more students than we can accommodate. Rather than employ waitlists or simply turn students away, we offer spring admission to many talented students who have earned a rightful place at USC.

Spring admission helps ensure that all students have access to the numerous resources we have to offer. More importantly, it ensures your place in our incoming class — and gives you opportunities for study abroad or time to simply relax that other students do not have. Most spring students find that the transition to campus life is relatively easy and that they arrive better prepared for USC’s challenging academic environment.

Is there a chance I could enroll in the fall?

This is our most commonly asked question, and we understand that you expected to begin your studies in the fall semester. It may be possible if space becomes available. These decisions are based on current enrollment levels (not on rankings, level of interest or wait-list order), so availability varies from year to year. To ensure that you may be considered for fall admission, accept your offer of spring admission by submitting your Intent to Enroll online. All students who accept the spring offer will be considered for any fall openings.

Please do not send any supplementary information or petition.

How many students enroll in the spring semester?

We expect to enroll 350 to 500 first-year students and an additional 300 to 400 transfer students in the spring.

Are resources available to help me manage the transition to campus life?

We strive to provide a smooth transition for students starting in the spring, and we encourage you to make the most of the resources and opportunities we offer.

Virtual Programs

In the coming months, you will be able to meet other spring-admitted students through virtual programs we have created to introduce you to life at USC.

Facebook

Watch your email for an invitation to a private Facebook group where you can connect with other new spring admits.

Winter Orientation and Welcome Week

When you arrive on campus in January, our Winter Orientation and Spring Welcome Week activities will ensure you have plenty of opportunities to meet USC students, faculty and staff; get involved with student organizations; tour the campus and Los Angeles; and of course, have fun!

For more information about Welcome Week, please visit welcomeweek.usc.edu/spring.
How do I reserve my place in the spring class?

First-year students should visit admission.usc.edu/status to submit an Intent to Enroll by May 1 and a $300 Commitment Deposit by August 1.

Transfer students will need to submit just the Commitment Deposit by August 1.

See page 9 for details.

Is university housing available?

First-year students: Yes, we guarantee USC housing for all first-year students starting in the spring semester. We typically try to place incoming spring students together in the same units, near other new students, though placement in a freshman building is not guaranteed. Spring housing applications will be accepted beginning July 1 and processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Transfer students: Interested transfer students are encouraged to apply for university housing. Visit the USC Housing website at housing.usc.edu.

See page 11 for more information.

How can I make the most of my fall semester?

There are several ways to make the most of the fall semester, including study, travel or work. Visit our web page just for spring admits at admission.usc.edu/springadmit. This page includes specific suggestions on how you might spend your fall semester and provides other resources for spring students. If you decide to enroll at USC in the spring, please do not accept another college’s offer of fall admission.

Study

First-year students: One way to ensure that you graduate on time with the rest of your class is to begin your studies elsewhere in the fall by taking coursework designed to transfer to another institution. We can help you select courses to make sure you stay on track. We strongly recommend you choose a community college or enroll as a non-degree-seeking student at a local university. Such programs are sometimes called continuing education, extension courses or professional studies. In addition, look for programs for “visiting students.” Note that you will not be able to enroll at USC as a “limited-status” student. Limited status is reserved for those students who have not been admitted to a degree-granting program at USC.

You also have the option to study abroad. USC works with four overseas institutions and can help you with course selection at these universities: Franklin University in Switzerland, American University of Paris, John Cabot University in Rome and Richmond University in London.

Although USC helps to facilitate students’ participation in these programs, specific policies and requirements are set by the participating institutions themselves, and the programs are operated autonomously. Additional information about these preferred institutions will soon be distributed to spring-admitted freshmen.

Contact our liaison for spring students, Jessica Frey Nielsen, at freyj@usc.edu for help with course selection or answers to any other questions.

Transfer students: Although you have the option to continue your coursework, you are not required to be enrolled during the fall semester. Regardless of the number of units you have completed, you will be required to complete 64 units in residence at USC.

Work

Some students take the opportunity to build work experience or pursue an internship before they enroll.

Travel

Some students travel or spend time with family or friends.

TROJAN VOICES

“I had the incredible opportunity to take a gap semester and travel to New Zealand, Australia and Fiji with an organization called Carpe Diem Education. I traveled and volunteered for a month in each country and had experiences which still influence me today.”

Evelina Godecki
Ventura, CA
Will I be able to participate in any USC organizations during the fall?
You will receive an invitation to purchase football tickets. Involvement with and access to other university resources will become available once you enroll in January. Proximity to campus does not dictate access to university systems or resources before you become an enrolled student.

When can I participate in Greek Life?
• All new students, whether entering in the fall or spring, must complete 12 USC units and earn a 2.5 USC GPA or higher in order to participate in Greek Life recruitment. The unit count and GPA is for USC classes only. It does not include transferrable courses taken outside of USC (community college, study abroad, etc.).
• If you meet eligibility requirements, the earliest you are eligible to participate is fall 2021. Some Greek organizations recruit new students every semester, although many only recruit students during one semester.
• Visit greeklife.usc.edu for more information.

What can I expect from USC during the time prior to my enrollment in classes?
• Important updates and reminders will be emailed to you throughout your time away from USC.
• Student Development Programs has several resources and services for spring students:
  1. Spring Admit Ambassadors: current students who provide their perspective, insight and advice to incoming students
  2. Community College Information Sessions for students who take transferrable courses at a community college
  3. Study Abroad Pre-Departure Programs for students who choose to enroll at a preferred study abroad institution
  4. One-on-one phone advising appointments throughout the summer to provide support and guidance for spring students as they plan their fall semesters
Schools & Programs

Accounting and Business
(213) 740–8885
marshall.usc.edu
World Bachelor in Business
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
gero.usc.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
pharmacyschool.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
lgbtrc.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
registration.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/nrotc

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

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

Testing Services
(213) 740–6266
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
(888) 670–5860
www.usccreditunion.org

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

Veteran Certification Office
(213) 740–4619
www.usc.edu/va
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