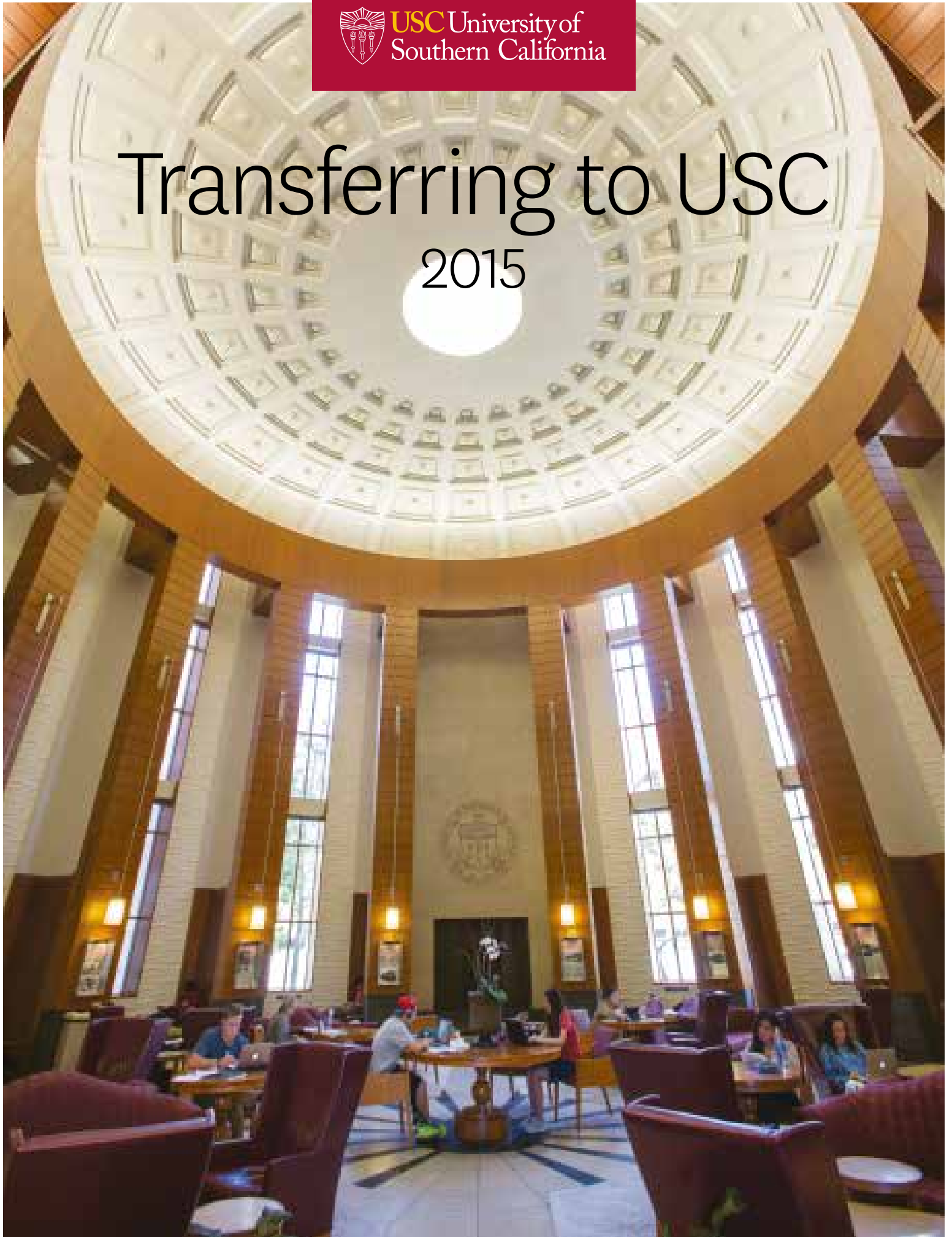# USC University of Southern California

Transferring to USC
2015

Founded in 1880, the University of Southern California is a top-tier, private research institution located in the heart of a diverse, dynamic world center.

As a transfer student at USC, you will enjoy unparalleled opportunities in and outside the classroom. From access to world-class faculty and the ability to conduct your own original research, to acquiring real-world experience through service learning and internship programs, the possibilities are endless.

Transfer admission to USC remains highly competitive, and we look for students with outstanding talents and leadership skills. This brochure will introduce you to our admission policies, academic requirements and the courses you will need to successfully transfer to USC. We hope you find this information helpful and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Fight On!

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USC at a Glance

1880	Founded
Los Angeles	Location
18,000	Undergraduates Enrolled
22,000	Graduate/Professional Students Enrolled

226	Size of University Park Campus in Acres
9:1	Student-to-Faculty Ratio
26	Average Class Size
300,000+	Alumni

Transfer Admission Statistics (Fall 2014) *As of August 2014

8,640	Applications
2,440	Admission Offers
28%	Admit Rate

1,465	Transfer Class Size
3.7	Average College GPA

Our Transfer Students Come From...

53%	California Community Colleges
27%	Colleges Outside California
10%	California State University/ University of California

8%	California Private Universities and Colleges
2%	International Colleges and Universities

Application Process
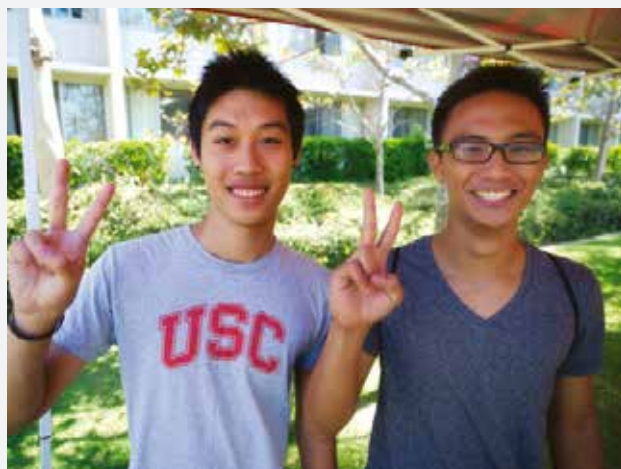
The Common Application

USC uses the Common Application exclusively. To apply, students must complete the Common Application and the USC Writing Supplement. Please visit **www.usc.edu/uga** for more information or **www.commonapp.org** to apply.

Application Checklist

Please ensure each item is completed and submitted by the appropriate deadline (see below).

☐ **The Common Application and USC Writing Supplement**: **www.commonapp.org**

  The Common Application and USC Writing Supplement are separate submissions. Make sure you click on Submit for both parts. Your Common Application Dashboard should show two green checkmarks for USC.

  For help with the Common Application's "Assign Recommenders" section, please visit **www.usc.edu/uga/transfer/prospective/checklist.html** and review the "Application Tips" at the bottom of the page.

☐ **Official High School Transcripts**

  High school transcripts must show date of graduation. Students who completed secondary school outside the U.S. may substitute a copy of a diploma or leaving certificate. Students who did not finish high school should also submit a copy of their completion certificate (such as a GED) and may also submit a letter of explanation.

☐ **College Transcripts**

  Official transcripts from any and all colleges you attended through the fall term. We need to review your fall term grades, so be sure your current school has posted them before transcripts are sent.

☐ **SAT or ACT Scores**

  Required from applicants who have completed fewer than 30 semester units of college coursework.

☐ **Portfolio, resumé and/or additional writing samples if required by major**

Performance majors may also require auditions. We do not require the Common Application's College Officials Report.

International students must also submit:

☐ **TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic scores**, if the student's native language is not English.

☐ **Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support**.

Please visit **www.usc.edu/internationalstudents** for more information about the application requirements for international students.

Notification

We will mail an admission decision or a request for spring term grades by June 1, 2015, to all applicants who submitted complete applications by the deadline.

Application Deadlines

December 1, 2014
First-year and transfer deadline for some Cinematic Arts and Dramatic Arts programs, all Music programs and Dance.

February 1, 2015
Final transfer deadline for regular and scholarship consideration.

Choose From 150 Majors

USC offers undergraduates more majors than any other university. Students are challenged across a broad range of ideas, within the curriculum and outside the classroom.

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Undecided

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

Cognitive Science

Comparative Literature

Computational Neuroscience

Creative Writing

Earth Sciences

East Asian Area Studies

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

Economics

Economics/Mathematics

English

Environmental Science
  and Health

Environmental Studies

French

Gender Studies

Geodesign

Geological Sciences

Global Studies

Health and Humanity

History

Human Biology

International Relations

International Relations/
  Global Business

International Relations
  and the Global Economy

Italian

Judaic Studies

Law, History and Culture

Linguistics

Mathematics

Middle East Studies

Narrative Studies

Neuroscience

Non-Governmental Organizations
  and Social Change

Philosophy

Philosophy, Politics and Law

Physics

Physics/Computer Science

Political Economy

Political Science

Psychology

Religion

Russian

Sociology

Spanish

USC School of Architecture

Architecture

Roski School of Art and Design

Art

Fine Arts, BFA

Marshall School of Business

Business Administration

USC School of Cinematic Arts

Animation and Digital Arts

Cinematic Arts, Critical Studies

Cinematic Arts, Film and
  Television Production, B.A.

Interactive Entertainment

Media Arts and Practice, B.A.

Writing for Screen
  and Television, BFA

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

Communication

Broadcast and Digital
   Journalism

Print and Digital Journalism

Public Relations

Kaufman School of Dance

Dance, BFA

Ostrow School of Dentistry

Dental Hygiene
   (junior transfers only)

USC School of Dramatic Arts

Theatre, B.A.

Theatre (Acting), BFA

Theatre (Design), BFA

Theatre (Sound Design), BFA

Theatre
   (Stage Management), BFA

Theatre
   (Technical Direction), BFA

Viterbi School of Engineering

*Note: Areas of emphasis are
   indicated in parentheses.

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

Environmental

Industrial and Systems

Industrial and Systems
   (Information Systems)

Mechanical

Mechanical (Petroleum)

Davis School of Gerontology

Human Development & Aging

Lifespan Health

Keck School of Medicine

Global Health

Health Promotion and Disease
   Prevention Studies

Thornton School of Music

Bachelor of Music degrees:

Composition

Jazz Studies

Popular Music

Studio/Jazz Guitar

Classical Performance

   Bassoon
   French Horn
   Percussion
   Tuba
   Cello
   Guitar, Classical
   Piano
   Viola
   Clarinet
   Harp
   Saxophone
   Violin
   Double Bass
   Oboe
   Trombone
   Vocal Arts
   Flute
   Organ
   Trumpet

Bachelor of Arts degrees:

Choral Music option

Classical Performance option
   (instrumental or vocal)

Jazz Performance option
   (instrumental or vocal)

Bachelor of Science degree:

Music Industry

Price School of Public Policy

Policy, Planning,
   and Development

Pre-professional Emphases

Pre-Dentistry

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Physician Assistant Practice

Pre-Teaching

List accurate at time of printing.
Please refer to the *USC Catalogue*
online at **catalogue.usc.edu** for
an updated list.

Essential Transfer Information

Successful Transfer Applicants Typically:

• Present at least one year of rigorous, full-time academic coursework, with strong grades. In 2014, the average GPA of admitted transfer students was 3.7. Consistent progress toward a degree and strong academic performance greatly influence our admission decisions.

• Complete the equivalent of USC's lower-division writing requirement.

• Meet our math requirement by demonstrating a mastery of Algebra II in high school, or Intermediate Algebra in college. (See pages 12-15 for details. Many majors require more math for admission.)

• Make satisfactory progress toward meeting USC's Core requirements.

• Complete additional lower-division courses for their intended major, if applicable. Some majors require a significant number of lower-division courses that may be completed prior to applying. (See pages 12-15 for details.)

• Demonstrate English proficiency. (International students whose native language is not English.)

When to Transfer

USC accepts both sophomore and junior transfer students. By transferring as early as your sophomore year, you can take more of your Core and elective courses at USC. You will be part of the USC community for a longer time and have more opportunities to get involved with campus life and make the connections that can help you after graduation.

If your academic record in high school fell short of USC expectations, however, you may be able to position yourself as a stronger candidate if you complete two years of solid undergraduate coursework at another institution. Additionally, if you complete most of your Core requirements before transferring, you will have more time to pursue a double major, a major-minor combination, or a unit-heavy major while you are enrolled at USC.

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

Transfer Units

USC does not require a minimum number of transfer units. However, 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.

College Transcripts

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

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)."

You must declare a major if you will be a junior, having earned 64 or more semester units, by the time you plan to enter USC.

English Proficiency Requirement

All international transfer applicants whose native language is not English must submit a TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic score earned within two years of your application date.

Remedial Coursework

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

Required Courses Taken on a Pass/No Pass Basis

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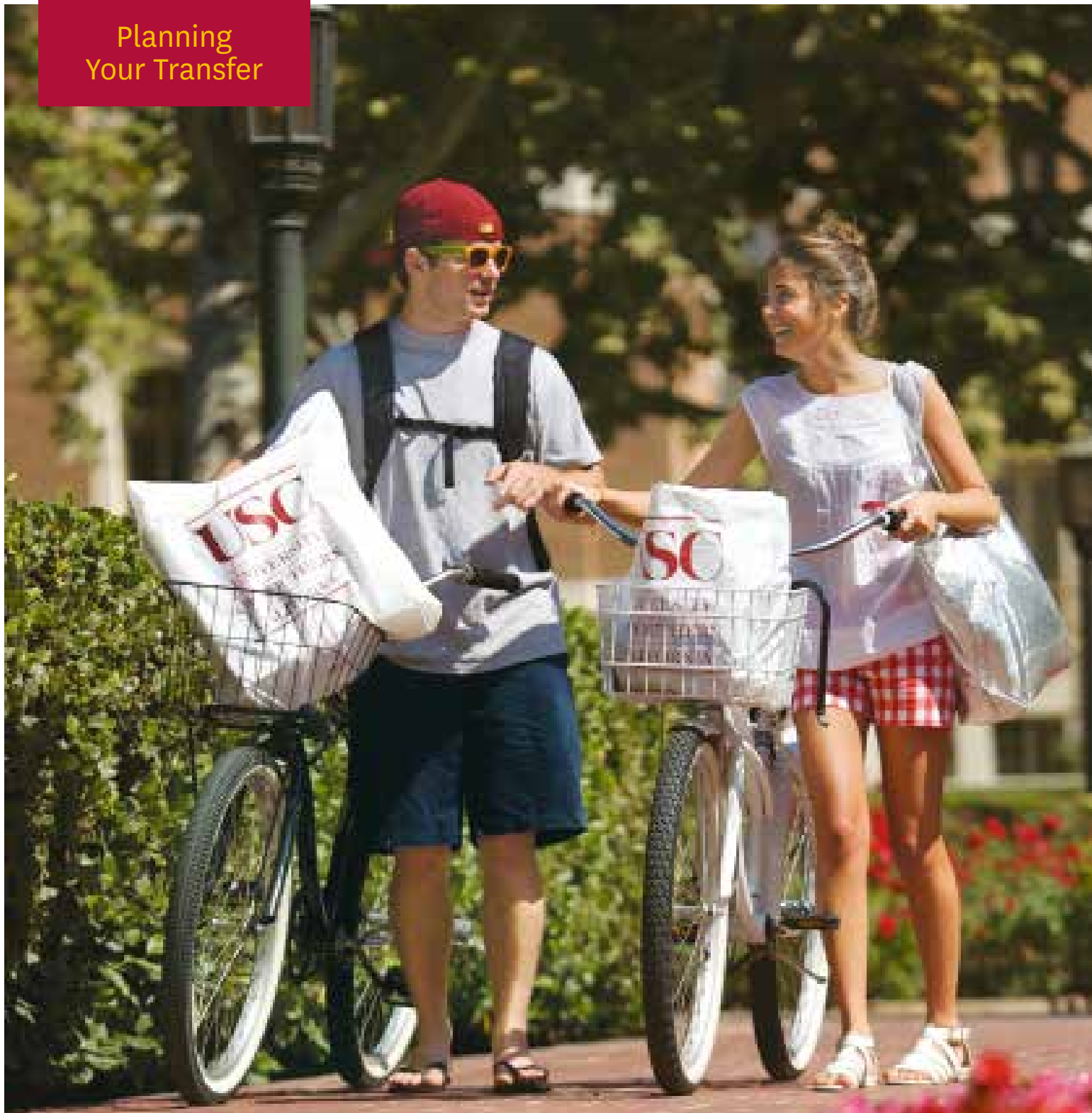
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Course Planning

USC's Core Requirements

USC's Core curriculum consists of courses in the General Education categories, and Writing, Foreign Language and Diversity. The curriculum is designed to further develop 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 coursework in the Core courses before transferring to USC. 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.

Planning Tools

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

Transfer Planning Guide

This online resource will help you determine which undergraduate courses at other institutions will satisfy USC's General Education or Core courses, as well as the lower-division coursework required for any major. Visit **www.usc.edu/tpg**, then select your college and your intended major to generate a course list for the current academic year.

Articulation Agreements

Transferring from a California community college: USC works 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.** As a general rule, most courses that transfer to the University of California system will transfer to USC.

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

Articulation Histories

Transferring from a four-year college: USC does not maintain articulation agreements with four-year universities. We do, however, provide lists of courses accepted for credit (known as "articulation histories") for 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.

Transfer Planning Worksheet

Courses Required for Admission

Must be completed prior to transferring to USC.

WRITING	MATHEMATICS
Strong writing skills are essential to success at USC. All undergraduates at USC are required to take two writing courses: one lower-division and one upper-division course. The upper-division course must be taken at USC.	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 with a grade of C or better.
Before being admitted, however, successful transfer applicants will complete a course equivalent to the lower-division requirement, **WRIT 150**. Usually the second course in an English-language college composition sequence satisfies this requirement.	Majors in the sciences, social sciences, business, architecture and engineering at USC require specific mathematics courses and achievement beyond this level.
If your school does not offer a course equivalent to **WRIT 150**, you should take the strongest composition course available. 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 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.
If you are unsure if your writing course is equivalent to **WRIT 150**, or if it does not appear on any current articulation agreements or histories, keep the syllabus and papers for later review by USC.	Please refer to Additional Coursework by Major on pages 12-15 to find out if your intended program of study requires additional coursework.

WRIT 150

☐ **Completed**
☐ **In progress**

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Advanced Algebra or Intermediate Algebra

☐ **Completed**
☐ **In progress**

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COURSE

Core Courses Recommended for Admission

DIVERSITY	FOREIGN LANGUAGE
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.	Requirements vary by major (see pages 12-15). Many degree programs have a third-semester foreign language requirement (see pages 12-15 for a list of these programs). To fulfill the third-semester requirement, it may be necessary in some cases to complete a fourth-semester course. Students attending schools on the quarter system will need to take a fifth quarter to complete this requirement.
Diversity courses are typically (but not exclusively) offered by ethnic studies and gender studies departments.	Students who have not completed the equivalent of USC's third-semester course must take a placement exam to determine the appropriate entry level.
Introduction to Sociology also fulfills 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.
	Language courses taken fully or partially online do not satisfy this requirement.

☐ **Completed**
☐ **In progress**

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COURSE

☐ **Completed**
☐ **In progress**

....
COURSE

General Education Courses Recommended for Admission

The General Education curriculum will be revised as of fall 2015, but new students enrolling full-time prior to fall 2015 may follow these GE requirements. To graduate, USC undergraduates are required to take one course in each of the six categories below. Successful applicants to USC will fulfill at least some of these courses before being admitted.

I	II	III	IV	V	VI
WESTERN CULTURES AND TRADITIONS	**GLOBAL CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**	**SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY**	**SCIENCE AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE***	**ARTS AND LETTERS**	**SOCIAL ISSUES***
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). Not acceptable: History of non-European groups, including World Civilization courses, or courses on specific topics (e.g., 18th-century French drama).	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. Not acceptable: Courses in U.S. or Latin American political history, Israel or the Middle East in the 20th century, or modern Asia.	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. Not acceptable: Interdisciplinary or applied sciences, such as environmental science, ecology, meteorology, paleontology, anatomy, physiology and microbiology. Labs may not be taken online.	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.	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. Not acceptable: Studio, performance or pre-professional courses.	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 companion series of evening lectures.
☐ Completed ☐ In progress	☐ Completed ☐ In progress	☐ Completed ☐ In progress	***Must be taken at USC.** Engineering students may complete this requirement prior to transfer by taking an additional course from Category I or II.	☐ Completed ☐ In progress	***Must be taken at USC.**
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MAJOR-RELATED COURSES Make a note of suggested additional preparation for your major (see pages 12-15).

Additional Coursework by Major

In addition to Core requirements, the curricula of many undergraduate majors contain lower-division introductory coursework 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.

With the exceptions of the USC School of Architecture, Marshall School of Business and the Dental Hygiene program, completion of the following courses is not a prerequisite for transfer admission to USC.

The course numbers listed below are USC course numbers. Please visit **www.usc.edu/articulation** to find an equivalent course at the college you attend.

Majors that require a third-semester foreign language are indicated with a checkmark in the (FL) column.

Dornsife College Of Letters, Arts and Sciences | dornsife.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Astronomy	✓	**MATH 125** (Calculus I); **MATH 126** (Calculus II); **MATH 226** (Calculus III); **MATH 245** (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); **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)
Biological Sciences, Biochemistry	✓	**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 I) or **PHYS 151** (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); **PHYS 135b** (Physics for the Life Sciences III) or **PHYS 152** (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); **MATH 125** (Calculus I) *Additional lower-division courses in mathematics are required for B.S. programs.*
Biophysics, Chemistry, Physics	✓	**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) Additional requirements per major: **Biophysics also requires: BISC 120 and 220 and MATH 245** (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I) **Physics also requires: MATH 245** (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I) **PHYS 153** (Fundamentals of Physics III: Optics and Modern Physics)
Computational Neuroscience	✓	**BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105a**; **PSYC 100** (Introduction to Psychology); **MATH 125** (Calculus I) *The B.S. program also requires* **CHEM 105b** *and* **PHYS 135ab**.
Economics, International Relations (Global Business)	✓	**ECON 203** (Principles of Microeconomics); **ECON 205** (Principles of Macroeconomics); **MATH 118**
Economics/Mathematics	✓	**ECON 203** (Principles of Microeconomics); **ECON 205** (Principles of Macroeconomics); **MATH 126 or 127, 225 or 245; MATH 226**
Earth Sciences	✓	**GEOL 105 or 107; CHEM 105a; MATH 118 or 125; BISC 120, CHEM 105b, or PHYS 135a**
Environmental Science and Health	✓	**BISC 120** (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); **BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105ab** (General Chemistry I and II) *See website for details regarding other course requirements.*
Geological Sciences	✓	**BISC 120** (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); **BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105ab** (General Chemistry I and II); **GEOL 105; PHYS 135a** (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or **PHYS 151** (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics); **PHYS 135b** (Physics for the Life Sciences III) or **PHYS 152** (Fundamentals of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism); **MATH 125** (Calculus I); **MATH 126** (Calculus II)
Health and Humanity	✓	**BISC 120** (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); **BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105ab** (General Chemistry I and II) *See website for details regarding other course requirements.*
Human Biology	✓	**BISC 120** (General Biology: Organismal Biology and Evolution); **BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105ab** (General Chemistry I and II);* **MATH 108; MATH 125;*** **PHYS 135a** (Physics for the Life Sciences I) or **PHYS 151** (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics)* **Not required for the B.A.*

Dornsife College Of Letters, Arts and Sciences | dornsife.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Mathematics	✓	**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)* *Not required for the B.A. in Mathematics.*
Neuroscience	✓	**BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105a**; **PSYC 100** (Introduction to Psychology); **MATH 125** (Calculus I) *The B.S. program in neuroscience also requires CHEM 105b and PHYS 135ab.*
Physics/Computer Science	✓	**MATH 125** (Calculus I); **MATH 126** (Calculus II); **MATH 225** (Linear Algebra and Linear Differential Equations); **MATH 226** (Calculus III); **MATH 245** (Mathematics of Physics and Engineering I); **PHYS 151** (Fundamentals of Physics I: Mechanics and Thermodynamics)
Political Science	✓	**POSC 100** (Theory and Practice of American Democracy); **POSC 120** (Comparative Politics)
Psychology	✓	**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)
Sociology	✓	**SOCI 200** (Introduction to Sociology)
All other majors	✓	Courses vary. See website for more information.

USC School of Architecture | arch.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION (USC course numbers listed)
Architecture		· *Prerequisite:* **MATH 108** *(Precalculus). Recommended course(s):* **PHYS 125** *or* **PHYS 135AB**. · *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 via* **uscarch.slideroom.com**. *Consult the School of Architecture Program or website for instructions.* · *Placement level and the amount of time to complete the studio sequence are dependent on skill level, not unit count.* · *Submit a recommendation from a college/university instructor or your college academic advisor with the Common Application. Letters from high school teachers or counselors will not be accepted.*

Roski School of Art and Design | roski.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Art (B.A.) **Fine Arts (BFA)**	✓	· *All undergraduate applicants must submit a portfolio of 10-15 recent images of artwork (completed within the last two years), artist statement, and a list of creative accomplishments. These should be uploaded to* **https://roski.slideroom.com**. · *Transfer applicants are required to submit at least two letters of recommendation from current or former art instructors.* · *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.*

Marshall School of Business & Leventhal School of Accounting | marshall.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION (USC course numbers listed)
Business & Accounting		**Prerequisites for direct admission to the Marshall School of Business:** **Writing 150** (Analytical Writing); **MATH 118** (Fundamental Principles of the Calculus); **MATH 125** may be substituted for **MATH 118.** These courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester for admission consideration. Note: All upper-division business core courses and major electives must be taken at USC. Business courses completed at another college or university may earn general elective credit. In addition: · *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 the 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 or courses are successfully completed.*

Majors that require a third-semester foreign language are indicated with a checkmark in the (FL) column.

USC School of Cinematic Arts | cinema.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Animation and Digital Arts	✓	The transfer application deadline for all programs, except Writing for Screen and Television, is February 1, 2015.
Cinematic Arts, Critical Studies	✓	
Cinematic Arts, Film and Television Production, B.A. (for transfers only)	✓	Those applying to the Writing for Screen and Television program must submit their application by December 1, 2014. Please visit the School of Cinematic Arts website at **cinema.usc.edu/admissions/applicationprocedures.cfm** for specific information regarding supplemental materials.
Interactive Entertainment	✓	To better prepare for all Cinematic Arts majors, it is highly recommended that students complete the transferable General Education categories, including the Writing and Foreign Language requirements. Cinematic Arts programs are project intensive, and completion of transferable General Education courses will allow students to better focus on Cinematic Arts courses.
Media Arts + Practice	✓	
Writing for Screen and Television, BFA		Note: Film and 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 and Television Applicants: The undergraduate writing program is a four-year sequential program of study. General Education and elective units may count in transfer. Writing applicants are not required to complete a foreign language requirement.

Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism | annenberg.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Communication	✓	To best prepare for an Annenberg major, you must make progress toward completing the following courses at your current college/university: General Education categories I, II, III and V; at least one term of a foreign language; and the USC Diversity requirement.
Print and Digital Journalism	✓	
Broadcast and Digital Journalism	✓	Communication courses taken at another college or university will not count toward the Communication major. Due to the Journalism accreditation requirement, journalism courses completed at another college or university are not transferable.
Public Relations	✓	**In addition:**

- Submit a recommendation from a college or university instructor, or your college academic advisor, with the Common Application. Letters from high school teachers or counselors are not acceptable.
- Include in the USC Writing Supplement a 250-word Statement of Intent that explains your educational and career interests and why Annenberg is the best match for you. Applicants to all Annenberg majors (first or second choice) are required to submit the Statement of Intent.
- Only applicants with no more than 36 transferable units are considered for admission to the Journalism majors.
- Please visit **annenberg.usc.edu/Prospective/Admission.aspx** for the complete Annenberg transfer guidelines.

Kaufman School of Dance | kaufman.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Dance (BFA)		In addition to the Common Application, all applicants are required to submit the Kaufman School Supplement, which includes a pre-screening video, a dance resumé and photographs, via SlideRoom. The deadline to apply is December 1.
		Select students will be invited to audition live.
		Please visit **kaufman.usc.edu/admission** for complete details.
		Please note that although current USC and transfer students are welcome to apply, the BFA program requires four years to complete at USC.

Ostrow School of Dentistry | dentistry.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION (USC course numbers listed)
Dental Hygiene		The Dental Hygiene Supplemental Application is required, and can be downloaded from **dentistry.usc.edu/programs/dental-hygiene/how-to-apply**. The deadline is February 1.

Prerequisites for 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)

These courses must be taken prior to enrolling at USC. Please contact the School of Dentistry or visit our website for a complete list of requirements.

USC School of Dramatic Arts | dramaticarts.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Theatre (B.A.)	✓	All undergraduate transfer applicants must submit a supplemental application via **https://uscdramaticarts.slideroom.com**.
Theatre (BFA)		*BFA applicants will be expected to schedule an audition or portfolio interview for admission consideration.*

Majors that require a third-semester foreign language are indicated with a checkmark in the (FL) column.

Viterbi School Of Engineering | viterbi.usc.edu

MAJOR	(FL)	
Computer Science		A typical Computer Science applicant has completed the following: **C++ programming course approved by USC; MATH 125** (Calculus I) **and MATH 126** (Calculus II) One to two semesters of a lab-based science (typically physics, although some specializations will accept 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 coursework 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) *Contact the Viterbi School of Engineering for detailed lower-division course suggestions for each specific engineering major or area of emphasis. Visit* **viterbi.usc.edu/admission/transfer** *for more detailed information and transfer course plans.*

Davis School Of Gerontology | www.usc.edu/gero

MAJOR	(FL)	
Human Development and Aging (Health Sciences track)		**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); **CHEM 322ab** (Organic Chemistry I and II) *There is no foreign language requirement for the Health Sciences track.* *Students pursuing the Human Development and Aging (Social Science track) and Lifespan Health degrees must meet a foreign language or computer programming requirement.*

Keck School of Medicine | keck.usc.edu | www.usc.edu/medicine/hp

MAJOR	(FL)	
Global Health (Keck School of Medicine)	✓	**BISC 220** (General Biology: Cell Biology and Physiology); **CHEM 105a** (General Chemistry); **ECON 203** (Principles of Microeconomics); **MATH 125** (Calculus I)
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (Preventive Medicine)	✓	**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) (required for pre-health students); **PSYC 100** (Introduction to Psychology)

Thornton School of Music | www.usc.edu/music

MAJOR	(FL)	
Music Industry (B.S.)		Music Industry (B.S.): **ECON 203** (Principles of Microeconomics) and **ECON 205** (Principles of Macroeconomics)
Music Performance: Strings	✓	Music Performance: Strings requires two semesters of the same foreign language.
Music Performance: Vocal Arts	✓	Music Performance: Vocal Arts requires French I, German I and Italian I; and either French II, German II or Italian II. *(Other music majors do not have foreign language or prerequisite requirements.)* *Applicants must submit all supplementary application materials to the Thornton Admission Office by December 1 to be fully considered for fall admission.*
Music (B.A.)	✓	

Price School of Public Policy | www.usc.edu/price

MAJOR	(FL)	
Policy, Planning, and Development	✓	**MATH 117** (Introduction to Mathematics for Business and Economics) and **ECON 203** (Principles of Microeconomics)

Transfer Credit Policies

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). See below for exceptions.

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.
- 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.

Exceptions

- **Engineering "3-2" Program:** Students must complete a minimum of 48 units in residence at USC. Two-thirds of any transferable coursework 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.

Transfer Unit Limits

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

- Sixty-four (64) units of credit from other regionally accredited institutions (see "Exceptions" in previous section).
- Four (4) units each of English as a Second Language, physical education activity courses and music ensemble courses.
- Eight (8) units of dance.
- Twelve (12) units of physical education theory courses.
- Sixteen (16) units of individual instruction in music.
- Other studio and performing arts classes are also limited. Check with an advisor.

Courses/Units That Will Transfer

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

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and other standardized examinations: We accept a maximum of 32 units for standardized examinations.

Test results must be sent directly to USC from the testing agency. The credits will appear on your Transfer Credit Report.

AP: You can receive 4 elective units for each score of 4 or 5. The following list shows which AP exams can fulfill certain requirements with a score of 4 or 5:

- GE Category I: Art History or European History.
- GE Category III: Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
- Foreign language: The third-semester foreign language requirement is fulfilled with a score of 4 or 5 on a foreign language exam (except Latin).

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

Please visit **www.usc.edu/articulation** for a current list of standardized exams and the course requirements they fulfill.

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 Foreign Language requirements 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: Coursework 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 AP exam and IB 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 courses: Graduate-level coursework taken by undergraduate students.

Please Note:

· 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 fulfill GE, but not Writing, Language or Diversity requirements.

Determining Your Transfer GPA

USC calculates your transfer GPA 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, 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* is the document of authority on policy matters, and it changes from time to time. It provides complete information about academic standards governing coursework taken at other colleges, as well as specific requirements for your major field. Please visit **catalogue.usc.edu** for the most current version.

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 the 2013-2014 academic year, more than $465 million in financial aid was provided from all sources to nearly 12,000 undergraduate students.

2014-2015
Undergraduate Estimate of Costs

Tuition & Fees	$48,347
Room and board	$13,334
Books and supplies	$1,500
Personal and miscellaneous	$1,000
Transportation	$580
Total	**$64,761**

(Add $350 New Student Fee for your first semester.)

Undergraduate financial aid includes federal, state, and university need-based grants, merit scholarships, Federal Work-Study, and loans for students and parents.

Merit scholarships and need-based grants are awarded on the basis of academic merit and/or demonstrated need and do not need to be repaid.

To apply for financial aid, you must submit the CSS PROFILE and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Transfer students must apply by March 2, 2015, to be considered for all funding available and to ensure timely notification of their financial aid awards.

Students who apply for admission by February 1 will be automatically considered for USC Merit Scholarships.

Two-thirds of USC undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, including merit scholarships, need-based grants, Federal Work-Study and loans.*

The USC Payment Plan and other payment options are also available. Please visit **www.usc.edu/sfs** for more information.

* Federal student loans are required by law to provide a range of flexible repayment options, including, but not limited to, Income-Based Repayment and Income-Contingent Repayment plans, and loan forgiveness benefits, which other student loans are not required to provide. Federal Direct Loans are available to students regardless of income.

Learn More

A number of resources are available for transfer students, including housing and the Transfer & Veteran Student Programs office, which can help ease the transition to life at USC.

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. Visit **housing.usc.edu** to learn more.

Transfer & Veteran Student Programs

The Transfer & Veteran Student Programs office helps provide a smooth transition to USC that results in a strong connection to the Trojan Family.

The office facilitates students' academic, professional and social success, while striving to create a friendly and welcoming environment for transfer students and military veterans. Visit **sait.usc.edu/ca/tvsp** to learn more.

Connect With Us

Visit USC

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/transfervisit** to reserve your space.

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. If 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. What if I did not graduate high school?

Please submit your GED results or a letter of explanation.

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

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.

5. 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 an interactive planning guide, which can be accessed at **www.usc.edu/tpg**. (See page 9 for more details.) Additionally, your college transfer counselors can help you review our articulation agreements and admission policies.

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

The *USC Catalogue* provides official lists of degree programs and their requirements. Visit **catalogue.usc.edu** for the most current version.

7. 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.

8. Does USC have a math requirement?

USC expects students to have mastered the equivalent of Intermediate Algebra with at least a C grade. Some programs require students to take a higher level math course before applying to USC.

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. Refer to the *USC Catalogue* at **catalogue.usc. edu** for more information.

9. Does USC consider the rigor of my college or university?

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

10. 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.

11. Does USC accept courses used to fulfill the IGETC?

USC has its own distinct General Education requirements. The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) was developed for the University of California and California State University systems, and coursework within IGETC does not automatically fulfill our GE requirements. Courses used to fulfill the IGETC are generally transferable to USC, however.

12. 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 other payment options.

13. How can I find out about scholarships?

Visit **www.usc.edu/scholarships** for complete information. Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines. Students interested in merit scholarships must submit a complete admission application by February 1, 2015. All students who apply for admission by February 1 will be automatically considered for USC Merit Scholarships.

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.

Visit **www.usc.edu/financialaid** for information about some of these sources. Follow us on Twitter at **www.twitter.com/ USCFinancialAid** to find out about additional scholarship opportunities.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 following spring semester class. Transfer students admitted to the spring semester may be asked to complete additional coursework before enrolling.

17. How can I receive the *USC Catalogue*?

The most current version of the *USC Catalogue* is available online at **catalogue.usc.edu**.

18. If 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 page 19 for details). We also encourage you to visit **www.usc.edu/transferring** for a wealth of information, or call the Office of Admission at (213) 740–1111 if you still have questions.

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