

Fall 2026 Entering Transfer Class

New undergraduate transfer students 1,543

From California Community Colleges 54%
From U.S. Colleges Outside California 27%
From UC or CSU 11%
From California Independent Institutions 6%
From Colleges Outside the U.S. 2%

From Colleges in Europe with USC Articulation 22

Average age on first day of USC classes 20

First-generation college-goers 30%
Scions (legacy students) 20%

U.S. Military Veteran 61
U.S. Military Reservist / National Guard 15

Gender

Male 51%
Female 48%
Another gender 1%

Race / Ethnicity

White 26%
Asian / Asian American 26%
Latine / Hispanic 20%
International (student visa holders) 13%
Multiple Ethnicities 7%
Black / African American 4%
Ethnicity Not Reported 3%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander <1%
American Indian or Alaskan Native <1%

Most Represented Sending Institutions

Santa Monica College, CA 100
Pasadena City College, CA 80
Saddleback College, CA 35
Glendale Community College, CA 34
El Camino College, CA 33
Los Angeles Pierce College, CA 31
East Los Angeles College, CA 29
Mount San Antonio College, CA 29
Los Angeles Valley College, CA 29
Los Angeles City College, CA 24
Irvine Valley College, CA 22
De Anza College, CA 20
Moorpark College, CA 20

Academic Unit Distribution

Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 45%
Marshall Sch. of Business & Leventhal Sch. of Acct. 24%
Schools of Visual, Performing & Creative Arts 9%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Roski School of Art & Design, Thornton School of Music)
Viterbi School of Engineering 9%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 6%
Price School of Public Policy 2%
Academic Explorer/Undeclared 2%
Gould School of Law 1%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
Mann School of Pharmacy & Pharm. Sciences <1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Irvine-Young Academy <1%
Dworak-Peck School of Social Work <1%

	<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Fall Admits</u>	<u>Fall Enrolls</u>
	11,508	3,004	1,543
		26.1% admitted	51.4% yield
Middle 50% transferable college GPA	3.54 – 3.94	3.76 – 4.00	3.70 – 3.97
Middle 50% transferable semester units	29 – 58	32 – 59	32 – 58
From 2-year institutions	53%	57%	58%
From 4-year institutions	47%	43%	42%
From colleges in California	59%	67%	71%
From colleges outside California, but in U.S.	38%	31%	27%
From colleges outside of the U.S.	3%	2%	2%
Different Colleges Represented	1,292	488	341

Cost and Financial Aid

USC practices need-blind admission. A student's ability to pay has no bearing on their admission.

USC has a long tradition of fully meeting the USC-determined need of undergraduates through a combination of merit scholarships, need-based grants, Federal Work-Study and loans.

Approximately two-thirds of the 2026 incoming class received some form of financial assistance.

Although international students are not eligible to receive federal or USC need-based aid, they may be awarded merit scholarships and/or other departmental awards. Students who meet California Dream Act requirements or undocumented students who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status may be eligible for need-based aid.

Items Used to Determine Financial Aid Eligibility

- CSS PROFILE
- FAFSA
- Other specific information may be required, depending upon family's situation

2026-27 Undergraduate Annual Cost of Attendance

Tuition and fees	\$77,336
Housing	\$13,510
Food/Meal Plan	\$8,442
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation	\$3,204
Books and supplies	\$670
Annual Total	\$103,162

2026 Transfer Application Process

USC accepts the Common Application.

Required Application Materials

- Completed Common Application form.
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended.
- Official high school transcripts, showing graduation date.
- Personal Statement and responses to short answer topics.

Other Items Required of Certain Applicants

- Supplemental materials and/or auditions, depending upon major.
- TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic or Duolingo English Test results required for international applicants whose native language is not English.

Important Dates and Deadlines

December 1, 2026

Application deadline for all BFA Dramatic Arts programs, all Music programs, the Dance program, and all BFA programs in Cinematic Arts.

February 15, 2027

Application deadline for all other majors. All transfer applicants who have applied by this date will also be considered for USC merit scholarships.

March 2, 2027

PROFILE and FAFSA should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration. Also the deadline for Cal Grant application (California residents only).

May 31, 2027

Transfer applicants will receive a final decision, or a request to see final spring 2027 grades, by this date.

August 23, 2027

First day of fall 2027 classes