Fall 2011 Entering Freshman Class

New freshmen 2,931
USC Mork Family Scholars (full tuition + stipend) 20
USC Trustee Scholars (full tuition) 140
USC Presidential Scholars (half tuition) 349
USC Dean's Scholars (quarter tuition) 107
Recipients of other USC merit scholarships 63
National Merit Scholars 247
Scions (legacy students) 20%
First generation college goers 14%

Gender
Male 50%
Female 50%

Race/Ethnicity
African American 7%
Latino / Hispanic 12%
Native American / Pacific Islander 2%
Asian / Asian American 25%
Caucasian 39%
International (student visa holders) 15%

Most Represented Public High Schools
Arcadia HS, Arcadia, CA 30
Troy HS, Fullerton, CA 28
PV Peninsula HS, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 25
Mira Costa HS, Manhattan Beach, CA 22
Palos Verdes HS; Palos Verdes Estates, CA 22

Most Represented Independent/Parochial Schools
Harvard-Westlake; North Hollywood, CA 19
Punahou School; Honolulu, HI 17
Loyola HS; Los Angeles, CA 13
Mater Dei HS, Santa Ana, CA 12
The Harker School; San Jose, CA 12

Top Geographic Areas
U.S. States Outside U.S.
California China (includes HK)
Texas South Korea
Washington Canada
New York India
Illinois Taiwan
Florida Singapore
Massachusetts Indonesia

Academic Distribution
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 28%
Marshall School of Business 19%
Viterbi School of Engineering 14%
USC's Arts Schools 13%
(Architecture, Roski School of Fine Arts,
Thorton School of Music, Theatre)
Undecided / Undeclared 13%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 5%
School of Cinematic Arts 5%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
School of Policy, Planning & Development <1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Occupational Therapy Program <1%

Pre-Professional Emphases
Pre-Medicine 13%
Pre-Law 6%
Pre-Health (Dentistry, Pharmacy, PT, etc.) 3%
Pre-Teaching 1%

Mean GPA (un-weighted, 4.0 scale)
3.72
Middle 50% SAT Critical Reading
610 – 720
Middle 50% SAT Math
670 – 770
Middle 50% SAT Writing
650 – 740
Middle 50% SAT composite
1970 – 2180
Middle 50% ACT composite
29 – 33

Fall Enrolls
2,931
Fall Admits
8,566
Fall Applicants
37,210
34% yield
23% admitted

Cost and Financial Aid
USC practices need-blind admission. A student’s ability to pay has no bearing on his or her admission.

USC is committed to meeting every student’s USC-determined financial need through a combination of merit scholarships, university grants, state and federal aid, student loans and work.

23% of the 2011 entering freshman class received a merit-based scholarship from USC. Over 60% received some form of financial assistance.

Although need-based financial aid is only available to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, international students are eligible to receive USC’s merit-based scholarships.

Info Used to Determine Financial Aid Eligibility
- CSS PROFILE
- FAFSA
- 2011 parents’ and student tax information
- Other specific information may be required, depending upon family’s situation

2011-2012 Undergrad Annual Cost of Attendance
Tuition and fees $42,818
Room and board $12,078
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation $1,480
Books and supplies $1,500
Annual Total $57,876

2012 Freshman Application Process
USC is an exclusive user of the Common Application and does not offer early action or early decision admission programs.

Required Application Materials
- Completed Common Application form and USC’s Common Application Supplement
- Official high school transcripts, grades 9 – 11 (and eventually, final high school transcripts)
- Results from the SAT or ACT (with writing)
- Essay and responses to short answer topics
- Activities list
- Counselor/teacher recommendation form and letter

Optional Application Materials
- Supplemental materials and/or auditions, depending upon major
- TOEFL results (from some applicants)
- Personal interview

Important Dates and Deadlines
December 1, 2011
App. deadline for scholarship consideration
January 10, 2012
Final application deadline
February 2, 2012
FAFSA and PROFILE should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration
March 1, 2012
Financial aid applicants should submit student and parent tax returns by this date
April 2, 2012
Admission notification date
May 1, 2012
National candidates’ reply date
August 22, 2012
New student move-in day
August 27, 2012
First day of fall 2012 classes