First-Year Student Profile and Admission Information

2017 - 2018

USC Class of 2021
New first-year students 3,358
USC Mark Family Scholars (full tuition + stipend) 10
Stamps Scholars (full tuition + stipend) 6
USC Trustee Scholars (full tuition) 118
USC Presidential Scholars (half tuition) 398
USC Dean’s Scholars (quarter tuition) 138
Recipients of other USC merit scholarships 59
National Merit Scholars 245
Scions (legacy students) 16%
First-generation college-goers 17%
Male 49%
Female 51%
Race/Ethnicity
White 38%
Asian / Asian American 21%
Latino / Hispanic 15%
International (student visa holders) 14%
Multiple Ethnicities 7%
Black / African American 5%
Native American or Pacific Islander <1%

Most Represented Public High Schools
Foshay Learning Center; Los Angeles, CA 21
PV Peninsula HS; Rolling Hills Estates, CA 20
Torrey Pines HS; San Diego, CA 16
Troy HS; Fullerton, CA 16
Arcadia HS; Arcadia, CA 15
Corona Del Mar HS; Newport Beach, CA 15

Most Represented Independent/Private Schools
Shanghai Pinghe School; China 14
Hong Kong International School; Hong Kong 13
Punahou School; Honolulu, HI 12
Harvard-Westlake; North Hollywood, CA 11
Loyola HS; Los Angeles, CA 11
St. Ignatius College Prep; San Francisco, CA 11

Most Represented Geographic Areas
U.S. States
California 21
New York 11
Texas 11
Illinois 11
Washington 11
Florida 11

Academic Distribution
Domestic College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 37%
USC's Arts Schools 17%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art & Design, Thornton School of Music)
Viterbi School of Engineering 14%
Undecided / Undeclared 6%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 5%
Price School of Public Policy 1%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Occupational Therapy Program <1%

Students’ Declared Pre-Professional Interests
Pre-Medicine 14%
Pre-Law 8%
Pre-Health (Dent., Pharm., OT, PT, etc.) 2%
Pre-Teaching 1%

Middle 50% GPA (un-weighted, 4.0 scale)
3.44 – 3.96

Middle 50% SAT Reading & Writing
Middle 50% SAT Math

Middle 50% ACT English
Middle 50% ACT Math

Middle 50% SAT composite
Middle 50% ACT composite

From schools in California
From schools outside CA, but in U.S.
From schools outside of the U.S.

Different high schools represented 1,769

Fall Enrolls 2,343
Fall Admits 9,042
Fall Applicants 56,475
37.1% yield 16.0% admitted

2018 First-Year Application Process
USC accepts 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
• Essay and responses to short answer topics
• Activities list
• Counselor/teacher recommendation form and letter

Other Items Required of Certain Applicants
• Supplemental materials and/or auditions, depending upon major.
• TOEFL, IELTS or PTE Academic results (required for international applicants whose native language is not English).
• Predicted IB or A-Level Exam results, from students following such curricula.

2017-18 Undergraduate Annual Cost of Attendance
Tuition and fees $54,323
Room and board $14,886
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation $1,864
Books and supplies $1,200
Total Annual $72,273

2018 Important Dates and Deadlines
December 1, 2017
App. deadline for scholarship consideration
January 15, 2018
Final application deadline
February 13, 2018
PROFILE and FAFSA should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration
March 2, 2018
Deadline for Cal Grant application (CA residents only)
April 1, 2018
Admission notification date
May 1, 2018
National Candidates Reply Date
August 15, 2018
New Student Move-in Day
August 20, 2018
First day of fall 2018 classes