USC Class of 2023
New first-year students 3,168
USC Mork Family Scholars (full tuition + stipend) 10
USC Trustee Scholars (full tuition) 90
USC Presidential Scholars (half tuition) 361
USC Dean’s Scholars (quarter tuition) 116
Recipients of other USC merit scholarships 52
First-generation college-goers 15%
Scions (legacy students) 17%
Female 55%
Male 45%
Race/Ethnicity
White 32%
Asian / Asian American 23%
International (student visa holders) 15%
Latinx / Hispanic 14%
Black / African American 6%
Multiple Ethnicities 6%
Not reported 3%
Native American or Pacific Islander <1%
Most Represented Public High Schools
Canyon Crest Academy; San Diego, CA 24
Foshay Learning Center; Los Angeles, CA 20
Arcadia HS; Arcadia, CA 14
La Cañada HS; La Cañada, CA 14
PV Peninsula HS; Rolling Hills Estates, CA 13
South Pasadena HS; South Pasadena, CA 12
Troy HS; Fullerton, CA 12
Mira Costa HS; Manhattan Beach, CA 12
Most Represented Independent/Parochial Schools
Loyola HS; Los Angeles, CA 14
Harvard-Westlake; North Hollywood, CA 12
Bellarmine College Prep; San Jose, CA 10
Oaks Christian School; Westlake Village, CA 10
Taipei American School; Taiwan 9
Most Represented Geographic Areas
U.S. States Outside U.S.
California China
New York India
Texas United Kingdom
Illinois Canada
Washington South Korea
Academic Distribution
Dominate College of Letters, Arts and Sciences 39%
Marshall School of Business 19%
USC’s Schools of Visual and Performing Arts 17%
(Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Dramatic Arts, Kaufman School of Dance, Roski School of Art & Design, Thornton School of Music)
Viterbi School of Engineering 13%
Annenberg School for Comm. & Journalism 5%
Undeclared Major 3%
Price School of Public Policy 1%
Keck School of Medicine (Health Studies) 1%
Jonas Young-Academy 1%
Davis School of Gerontology <1%
Occupational Therapy Program <1%
School of Pharmacy <1%
Students’ Declared Pre-Professional Interests
Pre-Medicine 14%
Pre-Law 8%
Pre-Health (Dent., Pharm., OT, PT, etc.) 3%
Pre-Teaching 1%
Cost and Financial Aid
USC practices need-blind admission. A student’s ability to pay has no bearing on his or her 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.
About 20% of the 2019 entering first-year class received a merit-based scholarship from USC. Approximately two-thirds received some form of financial assistance.
Although international students are not eligible to receive federal or USC need-based financial aid, they may be awarded merit scholarships and/or other departmental awards. AB 540 students may be eligible to receive a Cal Grant. Undocumented students meeting certain criteria 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
2019-20 Undergraduate Annual Cost of Attendance
Tuition and fees $58,195
Housing $9,616
Dining/Meal Plan $6,300
Miscellaneous expenses and transportation $2,148
Books and supplies $1,200
Annual Total $77,459

2020 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.

Important Dates and Deadlines
December 1, 2019
App. deadline for scholarship consideration
January 15, 2020
Final application deadline
February 23, 2020
PROFILE and FAFSA should be filed by this date for priority financial aid consideration
March 2, 2020
Deadline for Cal Grant application (California residents only)
April 1, 2020
Admission notification date
May 1, 2020
National Candidates Reply Date
August 19, 2020
New Student Move-in Day
August 24, 2020
First day of fall 2020 classes

USC admits students of any race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical disability or mental disability. USC's full non-discrimination policy can be found online at policies.usc.edu.