WHAT IS THE DORNSIFE COLLEGE?

When you imagine the next step in your college experience, what do you see? Developing your academic path is an opportunity to hone your passions. It’s more than sitting in classes and reading books—it’s conversations with professors and exploring ideas with equally curious peers.

The USC Dornsife College will challenge you in ways you can’t yet imagine and open a new world of possibilities and perspectives. We provide you with the space to ask your questions, craft your personalized experience, and continue to grow into the person you want to become.

As the heart of the university, we are home to more than 180 majors and minors that span across the natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and humanities. We believe in an interdisciplinary education of the whole person that combines theory with practice. We empower our students to curate their own experiences by engaging beyond the classroom through research, internships, service-learning, and study abroad programs. And we connect you to world-class researchers and mentors from among our dedicated faculty to promote innovation and discovery.

We are a community of compassionate, productive individuals who support one another. The USC Dornsife College is your opportunity to become the person you want to become and prepare for a career of purpose and impact.

Please use this piece as a companion to the Transferring to USC brochure that can be found at: ADMISSION.USC.EDU/APPLY/TRANSFER-STUDENTS

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Transfer Admission Requirements

Recommended courses for applicants to the USC Dornsife College that seek to transfer from another institution include a minimum of 6-12 units of college-level coursework in the natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and humanities. More information is available in the Transferring to USC brochure available in print or via the Transfer Students section of the USC undergraduate admission website. Requirements include (but are not limited to) completion of one year (two semesters) of high school-level English composition, one year (two semesters) of college-level French, Spanish, or another language, and completion with a C- or better in each course.

Recommended Courses for Admission

Transfer admission evaluation focuses on assessing a student’s preparation and readiness to make satisfactory progress toward their undergraduate degree. For this reason, we recommend completing some of USC’s general education requirements. Potential applicants should also consider lower-level or prerequisite courses before transferring to USC. Students who have completed a significant portion of the general education requirements are required to have taken the MCAT and SAT exams in the last five years in addition to the specified coursework.

Additional course recommendations are available in the Transferring to USC brochure for the various majors. These recommendations will better prepare students for study in their majors, and students accepting those recommendations will be better prepared for success and graduation. We recommend that students planning to major in the natural sciences prepare for these classes by taking a year of high school algebra, one year of high school geometry, and completing with a grade of B+ or better in each course.

For additional information on the application and required materials, please refer to the Transferring to USC brochure. As you plan your transfer coursework, we strongly recommend using the online transfer student resources and the articulation agreements and histories found on the Undergraduate Credit portion of the website for the Office of Admissions.

The Application

The application deadline is February 1. Apply using the COMMONAPP.

Applicants should be able to articulate their interest in a Dornsife major and how they plan to engage with the Dornsife community in their written responses. Please reference the checklist for more information on the application and required materials.

Please refer to the Dornsife College’s Admissions website for the most up-to-date information.
Reach out to us at admission@dornsife.usc.edu

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Latin American and Iberian Cultures, Media and Politics, Jewish Studies, B.A.

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French, B.A.

English, B.A.

East Asian Languages and Cultures, B.A.

East Asian Studies, B.A.

Contemporary Latino and Latin American Studies, B.A.

Comparative Literature, B.A.

Archaeology, B.A.

African American Studies, B.A.

Sociology, B.A.

Psychology, B.A.

Political Science, B.A.

Political Economy, B.A.

NGOs and Social Change, B.A.

Linguistics, B.A.

International Relations, B.A.

Health and Human Sciences, B.A.

Economics, B.A.

Cognitive Science, B.A.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Physics/Computer Science, B.S.

Physics, B.A. & B.S.

Earth Sciences, B.A.

Biophysics, B.S.

Biology, B.A. & B.S.

Anthropology, B.A.

Chemistry, B.A. & B.S.

Quantitative Biology, B.S.

Mathematics, B.A. & B.S.

Environmental Science and Health, B.A. & B.S.

Economics/Mathematics, B.S.

Biochemistry, B.S.

Russian, B.A.

Narrative Studies, B.A.

American Popular Culture, B.A.

Intelligence and Cyber Operations, B.A.

Environmental Studies, B.A. & B.S.

Astronomy, B.A. & B.S.