Reach out to us at admission@dornsife.usc.edu. We're happy to help!

We're here to guide you every step of the way. Think of us as your personal mentor – you choose the pace and direction of your academic journey, and we help you navigate it as well. At the beginning of your first year, you’ll be advised by a faculty member and staff advisor to help ensure you start on the right track. You’ll also have access to a variety of resources and programs to help you grow and thrive. Our faculty members are dedicated to helping you succeed, and we'll work with you to customize your college experience to meet your needs.

Electives/Double Majors/Minors

UP TO 56 UNITS

Electives

Your academic journey is yours to shape as you explore your interests and passions. Our breadth of elective courses makes it possible to pursue a variety of majors and minors, or to double major or minor. Our program offers nearly unlimited possibilities, offering you access to options that are perfect for you. Our placement test will help you determine your starting level in your major, as well as any prerequisites you may need to fulfill. We encourage you to take advantage of the breadth of our curriculum to grow and expand your horizons.

Pre-professional advising

Whether you’re interested in health professions, law, or graduate studies, we’re here to help guide you. Our pre-professional advisors are dedicated to helping you prepare for the competitive graduate school application process, ensuring you meet all requirements and have a strong academic and extracurricular record. We’ll work with you as you explore your options and help you develop a plan that will position you for success.

Study abroad

We believe in the value of international experience, so our graduates can reach their full potential. We offer a variety of study abroad programs to expose you to different cultures and ways of thinking, allowing you to apply your academic knowledge in new and different contexts. Our faculty members are experts in their fields, and they will help you develop the skills you need to succeed in a globalized world.

Global Perspectives

The USC core is the hallmark of a USC education—offering you the opportunity to explore new ideas and perspectives. Each semester, you will find a variety of courses to choose from within each category. This is the strength of the USC core: offering you the chance to expand your horizons and do the unexpected. Our program bridges the academic and the practical, enabling you to master your intended profession. Our program bridges the academic and the practical, enabling you to master your intended profession.

Writing

As a junior, you’ll take a second writing course that will prepare you with specific writing skills for your intended profession. Our program bridges the academic and the practical, enabling you to master your intended profession. Our program bridges the academic and the practical, enabling you to master your intended profession.

The USC Core

32-48 UNITS

The USC Core is built around a foundation of core competencies in order to help you achieve your personal and professional goals. It’s the bedrock of USC Dornsife’s educational philosophy: facilitating self-directed learning and giving you the critical tools and opportunities you need to achieve your goals. It’s the foundation on which you’ll build your future.

Electives

40-80 UNITS

You have the freedom to choose from among a wide variety of classes, allowing you to customize your college experience to fit your needs and interests. As you grow and develop, we encourage you to engage with course content that challenges you, expands your horizons, and helps you expand your skills.

Your Major

Your major is the cornerstone of your academic journey. It allows you to explore your interests in depth and become an expert in your field. Our programs are designed to give you the knowledge and skills you need to succeed, and we’ll work with you to ensure you’re on track to graduate on time.

College of Letters, Arts & Sciences

99 programs, 38-100 units

The College of Letters, Arts & Sciences offers a diverse range of programs, allowing you to explore your interests in depth. Our programs are designed to give you the knowledge and skills you need to succeed, and we’ll work with you to ensure you’re on track to graduate on time.