

USC CONFERENCE (SEPT 30, 2011)

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<https://camel2.usc.edu/articagrm/artic.aspx> (Articulation Site)

<https://camel2.usc.edu/TPG/> (USC Transfer Planning Guide)

Transfer information sessions, Transfer Day Info, Campus Tours: (213) 740-6605
www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/visit/transfer.html

Admission Info

- FALL 2011 PCC Applications to USC 407; Admits 106; Enrolled 62.
- Top 3 feeder intuitions: Santa Monica 168; PCC 62; Mt. SAC 49.
- **Feb 1, 2012: Common Application deadline: www.commonapp.org**
- **February 1, 2012: USC Common Application Supplement: www.usc.edu/uga**
- **December 1, 2012 deadline: School of Cinematic Arts, Music, and Theatre require additional application materials.**
- Admission decision is mailed in June.
- **USC does not use School officials form.**
- **Letter of Recommendation is not required but is welcome, will read.**
- **NO Spring Admission** (fall applicants who needed to complete 2nd English course in summer were offered spaces in the spring if their GPA was high).
- 1 in 3 USC undergraduate is a transfer student.
- 1 in 4 is admitted.

Costs and GPA

- \$57,876 cost of attendance.
- \$42,818 tuition and fees.
- Of the 1,434 transferred students enrolled this Fall, average GPA is 3.7.
- 60% of USC students received Financial Aid.
- For financial aid questions, email fao@usc.edu, get a response in 48 hours.
- Financial aid application deadline: Feb 1. Students should apply for FAFSA at the time they apply for admission.
- No minimum GPA, Average GPA: 3.7.

SAT, TOEFL, AP and Other Recommendations:

- If students have 30 or more units from Community college, don't need SAT.
- TOEFL: Students whose native language is not English must submit a TOEFL score: 100 (TOEFL score of 100 is negotiable if GPA is high)
- Students must have 30 units completed by end of spring – not at the time of application.
- Must also submit high school grades and proof of graduation.

- Students are considered a second semester Sophomore transfer when they have 32-64 units.
- 64 units Max and will transfer as Junior.
- Strongly prefer students to take full load (4 classes) each semester while at comm. college.
- USC awards 4-unit for each AP exam score of 3, 4, or 5. A maximum of 32 units.
- Credit cannot be earned if student got AP and then repeat course at community college.
- Recommend no more than 1 “W”.
- Recommend students to follow USC GE and IGETC to apply broadly.
- If repeating a transferable course, each grade earned in that course will be calculated in GPA.
- Does not honor Academic Renewal.
- P/NP grading is discouraged, 4 units of GE can be used as P/NP. (Not English writing).
- If there are gaps in education, USC will check with Clearing House. **Do not lie.**
- Need Inter. Algebra from comm. college or Algebra II with C- or higher in high school.
- GE classes are not admission requirements, only 2 English classes & math are admission req.
- 3 semesters of Foreign Language at community college. (3 years of Foreign Language in high school does not count, Sign Language does not count). Students can take skill exams at USC during orientation.
- All majors require level 3 Foreign Language with some exceptions. No Foreign Language Req: Architecture, Bus, Acctg, Dental Hygiene, all Engineering, Policy, planning and Development, Theatre BFA.
- Completion of USC GE or IGETC is not an admission requirement.

Business Major at USC

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- Students are required to take 2nd English and Math 5A
- Students are encouraged to take Acctg 1A, 1B, Econ 1A and 1B to be better prepared to transfer. These courses will be used as elective.
- Students who completed 64 units from community colleges now can finish 64 more units at USC (2 years). Previously required 2.5 years to complete.
- No foreign lang. requirement.
- Many opportunities to pursue minor and double majors, extensive travel and international experiential learning such as exchange programs and nine week summer internship overseas.
- Many opportunities for joining student organizations and network for job referrals.
- Well connected to alumni for mentorship.
- Have to first apply to Business and transfer to Acctg major.

School of Communications has 3 majors: Communications, Journalism, Public Relations
www.usc.edu/admission/undergrate/apply/transfer.html

- Fall 2009, average GPA of admitted transfer applicants: 3.69
- Fall 2009: More than **800 applicants for 60 slots**. Of the 800 applicants, 132 were CA Comm. College students.
- There are no lower-division prerequisites for Communication, Public Relations or Journalism. Students admitted to the Journalism major cannot apply journalism course work taken at another community college or university toward their USC degree.
- Admission interviews are not available for transfer applicants. Supplemental material will not be reviewed as part of the admission process.
- Recommend: Complete GE, 2 English courses, Math 131, Diversity course, complete one semester of foreign language.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from college instructor or advisor. Letters from high school teachers or counselors are not accepted.
- Submit a one page Statement of Intent with your application if you are applying to the Journalism or Public Relations majors. This statement is our opportunity to discuss your motivation for pursuing a major in journalism or Public Relations at USC and to describe your future career goals and aspirations.
- Complete no more than 40 units if you are applying for the Communication major.

Additional Criteria:

- Strong writing skills.
- Internships, employment, clubs and organizations, or community service.
- Leadership in campus organizations, student government, community service or clubs.
- Employment, family responsibility.
- Non-traditional or returning adult students with weaker academic performance in early college experiences and strong grades in more recent transferable course work.
- Coursework that may be helpful for upper division classes, such as college statistics for Communication majors.

Public Relations: Lots of internships so that students have resume for work done. Students learn how to write, think, organize, get exposure to situations.

Public Relations: more professional emphasis. (Accept 24 transfer each year.)

Journalism: Good ethical standards are taught. Journalism is thriving because of internet, although traditional media are struggling. Students learn all media: radio, TV, Print, etc...

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Communications What is communication? "Communication is about messages", "How the context affects the message?" USC communication major teaches a lot of research techniques and results and that informs journalism student's learning: (ex: Communication students do research on what scares kids on the news so that journalism students can be taught to be sensitive

in what they represent. Communications: more liberal arts oriented. (Accept 40-50 transfer each year.)

Cinema/TV School: 5 Undergraduate Departments

1. Production: All hands on as part of film making. (Directing, filming, editing, etc...) Usually about 450-500 transfer applications, about 10% accepted. This is the largest major in Cinema/TV.
 2. Critical Studies: Academic study of film (film theory, criticisms, become media critics, authors, professors).
 3. Animation: 3D and computer generated; also has traditional 2D hand drawn.
 4. Interactive Entertainment: Video game design. Story telling and artistic dimensions as well as technology.
 5. Writing for Screen and TV: Leave USC with portfolio of scripts, screen plays, a TV pilot.
- # 2-5, smaller than Production, about 15-25% acceptance rate. Good FAQ's on website.