ENHANCING YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNDECIDED/UNDECLARED STUDENTS

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USC University of Southern California
UNDecided

Purposefully seeks to decide their major focus and fit.

Inspiration vs Indecision

UNDeclared

Has identified a major to pursue but has not yet officially declared or is not yet admitted to major.
180+ MAJORS

190+ MINORS

SO MANY COMBINATIONS AND POSSIBILITIES
Academic Advising

Assessment Reflection Affirmation

Explore Your Possibilities

Attending Info Sessions

Internal Transfer Requirements

Decision Making

Declaring a Major
Research

Research is searching for the truth. It is getting to know a subject matter by reading, reflecting, exploring ideas and choosing the areas that interest you most.
Framing Your Education

Challenges of the 21st Century

University Graduates need to...

- Work in teams with those who are differently trained and differently situated
- Be literate in a high-tech world
- Interpret validity, relevance, and reliability of data
- Organize and deploy data effectively
- Communicate across disciplines, cultures, and languages
- Lead in public and private spheres
- Understand importance of values
YOUR USC DEGREE

Bachelor of Arts
- Major: 33%
- USC Core: 33%
- Electives: 33%

Bachelor of Science
- Major: 50%
- USC Core: 33%
- Electives: 17%

128 units

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GENERAL EDUCATION & CORE REQUIREMENTS

Core Literacies

- GE A: The Arts (1 course)
- GE B: Humanistic Inquiry (2 courses)
- GE C: Social Analysis (2 courses)
- GE D: Life Sciences (1 course)
- GE E: Physical Sciences (1 course)
- GE F: Quantitative Reasoning (1 course)

Some GE courses may overlap with major requirements

Global Perspectives

- GE G: Citizenship in a Global Era (1 course)
- GE H: Traditions & Historical Foundations (1 course)

Global Perspectives may overlap with one Core Literacy

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First Year GE Seminar

Must be completed in your first year at USC (Fall preferred)

Can satisfy one of the GE Core Literacies (A-F)
GENERAL EDUCATION & CORE REQUIREMENTS

Writing Requirement (2 courses)
WRIT 150: Writing and Critical Reasoning-Thematic Approaches
WRIT 340: Advanced Writing (based on field of study)

Foreign Language (0-3 courses)
Applies to most majors at USC. Are exceptions for some major programs within the professional schools.
Requirement must be finished in the first 64 units completed at USC (within four semesters, end of sophomore year)
AP

Only scores of 4 or 5 will be accepted and given 4 units of credit towards graduation

Can also receive subject credit towards select courses (depending on major)

Can fulfill certain GE requirements (see sheet in folder)

IB

Only scores of 5 or higher will be accepted; works in one of two ways

Receive 6 semester units of elective credit for IB Higher Level exams up to a maximum of 4 exams

OR

Receive 20 semester units of elective credit if you earn the IB diploma with a score of 30 or higher
COMMUNICATION & APPOINTMENTS

TIPS & TOOLS

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STARS Report

1. Completing Two Courses in Literature Written Before 1800:
   - ENGL 421: 4.0 B+ English Literature of the 16th
   - ENGL 420: 4.0 RG [2E] English Literature of the Mid

2. Completing One Course in 19th Century Literature:
   - ENGL 424: 4.0 [2E] Periods and Genres in America

3. Completing One Course in American Literature:
   - ENGL 461: 4.0 [2E] American Literature

4. Completing One Course in English Studies:
   - ENGL 491: 4.0 [2E] Senior Seminar in Literary Studies

5. Completing Two Additional Upper Division ENGL Courses:
   - ENGL 304: 4.0 RG [2E] Introduction to Poetry Writing
   - ENGL 470: 4.0 RG [2E] Women in English and American

Note: Transfer students must complete at least two of their core literacy courses at USC.
Academic Integrity
Honesty and responsibility in scholarship

Trojan Standard
USC degree: acknowledgment of your academic success and ability to be a positive, honest, and outstanding citizen within society

Sample Violations:
- Plagiarism
- Cheating
- Unauthorized Collaboration

"Your beliefs become your thoughts,
Your thoughts become your words,
Your words become actions,
Your actions become habits,
Your habits become your values,
Your values become your destiny."
-Mahatma Gandhi
Registration Preparation

- Placement Exams
- Advisement Sheet
- Course Scheduling
- WebReg Help
- Advising
Registration
First Semester Enrollment

- GE Seminar (GESM) - required 4 units
- GE Core Literacy (GE A-F) 4 units
- Foreign Language or Pre-Major Requirement 4 units
- GE Core Literacy or Pre-Major Requirement (4 units)
- Elective (Optional) (1-2 units)
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