ENHANCING YOUR ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNDECIDED/UNDECLARED STUDENTS

OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

USC University of Southern California
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

- Electives: 33%
- USC Core: 33%
- Major: 33%

128 units

Bachelor of Science

- Electives: 17%
- USC Core: 33%
- Major: 50%
GENERAL EDUCATION & CORE REQUIREMENTS (PRE-FALL 2015)

Core Literacies
Category I: Western Culture & Traditions (1 course)
Category II: Global Cultures & Traditions (1 course)
Category III: Scientific Inquiry (1 course)
Category IV: Science & Its Significance (1 course)
Category V: Arts and Letters (1 course)
Category VI: Social Issues (1 course)

Diversity
An approved multicultural course that carries the "m" designation (1 course)

GE IV and VI must be taken at USC

Diversity may overlap with one Core Literacy
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
Dornsife College Requirement (2 courses in GE A-F)

- All transfer students must complete TWO GE Core Literacy Courses (A-F) at USC offered through the USC Dornsife College
- If you have more than two GE's remaining, additional GE courses may be from other USC schools
- No additional GE Core Literacy courses allowed in transfer once enrolled at USC
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 48 units completed at USC (within three semesters)
TRANSFER CREDITS (SUMMER ONLY)

General Education

- No additional Core Literacies (GE-A-F) or Writing courses may be transferred

- Global Perspectives (GE-G & H) are still transferrable

Foreign Language

- Foreign language course enrollment is based on USC Placement Exam - transfer courses in language do not determine placement at USC

- Foreign Language courses are still transferrable - MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN YOUR FIRST 48 UNITS AT USC
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
Articulation Petitions

- Course must already appear on your Transfer Credit Report
- Syllabus required; other work from course may also be requested/submitted
- Petitions should occur in your FIRST TERM of enrollment at USC to avoid petition fees
- All science GE courses must include a lab

TIPS & TOOLS
STARS Report

**GENERAL EDUCATION GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES REQUIREMENT** - COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TWO CATEGORIES (NOTE: A COURSE MAY APPLY TO BOTH A CORE LITERACY REQUIREMENT AND A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES REQUIREMENT):

1) CITIZENSHIP IN A GLOBAL ERA:
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE

2) TRADITIONS AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS:
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE

**GENERAL EDUCATION CORE LITERACIES REQUIREMENTS** - COMPLETE EIGHT COURSES FROM SIX CATEGORIES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM CATEGORY A - THE ARTS:
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE
   SELECT FROM: CATEGORY AEA

- 2) COMPLETE TWO COURSES FROM CATEGORY B - HUMANISTIC INQUIRY:
   NEEDS: 2 COURSES
   SELECT FROM: CATEGORY AEB

- 3) COMPLETE TWO COURSES FROM CATEGORY C - SOCIAL ANALYSIS:
   NEEDS: 2 COURSES
   SELECT FROM: CATEGORY AEC

- 4) COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM CATEGORY D - LIFE SCIENCES:
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE
   SELECT FROM: CATEGORY AED

- 5) COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM CATEGORY E - PHYSICAL SCIENCES:
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE
   SELECT FROM: CATEGORY AEE

- 6) COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM CATEGORY F - QUANTITATIVE REASONING:
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE
   SELECT FROM: CATEGORY AEF

- 7) FIRST YEAR GE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT HAS NOT BEEN SATISFIED.
   NEEDS: 1 COURSE

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH (ENGL and CENR):**

- **EARNED:** 12.00 UNITS
  - **2 SUB-GROUPS**

  1) COMPLETE TWO COURSES FROM ENGL261, ENGL262, OR ENGL263:
     - 2 COURSES TAKEN
     20123 ENGL263 4.0 A- American Literature
     20131 ENGL261 4.0 A English Literature to 1800

  2) COMPLETE ONE ADDITIONAL LOWER DIVISION COURSE FROM ENGL261, ENGL262, ENGL263, ENGL290, ENGL298, OR ENGL299:
     - 1 COURSE TAKEN
     20115 ENGL262 4.0 A- English Literature since 1800

**UPPER DIVISION ENGLISH MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (LITERATURE EMPHASIS)** -- SEVEN UPPER DIVISION COURSES ARE REQUIRED (MINIMUM 24 UNITS), AS FOLLOWS:

- **EARNED:** 16.00 UNITS
  - **3 SUB-GROUPS**

  IN PROCESS: 0.00 UNITS

- **NEEDS:** 8.00 UNITS
  - **2 SUB-GROUPS**

**IF+** 1) COMPLETE TWO COURSES IN LITERATURE WRITTEN BEFORE 1800:

  - **1 COURSE TAKEN**
  20133 ENGL421 4.0 B+ English Literature of the 16th
  20151 ENGL420 4.0 G 2IP English Literature of the Mid

  2) COMPLETE ONE COURSE IN 19TH CENTURY LITERATURE:

  - **1 COURSE TAKEN**
  20143 ENGL411 4.0 G 2IP Periods and Genres in America

**IF+** 3) COMPLETE ONE COURSE IN AMERICAN LITERATURE:

  - **1 COURSE TAKEN**
  20143 ENGL411 4.0 G 2IP Periods and Genres in America

  4) COMPLETE ENGL491, SENIOR SEMINAR IN LITERARY STUDIES:

  - **1 COURSE TAKEN**
  SELECT FROM: ENGL491

  **IF+** 5) COMPLETE TWO ADDITIONAL UPPER DIVISION ENGL COURSES:

  - **2 COURSES TAKEN**
  20133 ENGL504 4.0 G 2IP Introduction to Poetry Writing
  20131 ENGL470 4.0 G 2IP Women in English and American

[Image of Tips & Tools: Blue = Completed or In Progress, Red = Not Yet Completed]
Time Management
Office Hours
Learning Support

Tips & Tools

Active Learning
Wellness
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
Thrive@USC  Campus Well Being & Education Workshops  Mindfulness

Wellness
Registration Preparation

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

- GE Core Literacy (GE A-F) 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)