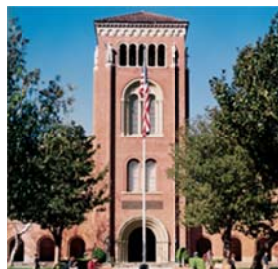


University of Southern California

Office of Undergraduate Admission



USC Admission Volunteer Training Manual 2012-2013

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Introduction

Thank you for your commitment to the USC Admission Volunteer team! Because of the support of Trojan Family members like you, the University continues to rise to new heights.

USC has grown tremendously in the past decade. In 2012, the Office of Undergraduate Admission received more than 46,000 applications for 2,950 spots in the freshman class. The admission rate was about 20%. This makes USC one of the most selective universities in the nation. The average GPA and SAT of the enrolled fall 2011 freshman class is 3.8 (un-weighted) and almost 2100, respectively. Of course, these students are not only strong academically. They are inspired leaders and concerned citizens; they are creative artists and thoughtful scholars; and they will pave the road for future generations of Trojans.

As a USC Admission Volunteer, you play an integral role in shaping the future of USC. We may call upon you to attend local college fairs or admission receptions. You are ambassador of the University and an extension of our professional staff. Please take a few moments to review the Volunteer Handbook, which covers the messages, policies, and procedures of our office.

I look forward to another successful year!

Fight On!

JOE BELTRAN

USC Admission Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteer Guidelines

Overview

The USC Office of Undergraduate Admission maintains a volunteer database of alumni and other Trojan Family members throughout the world. These “USC Admission Volunteers” attend college fairs and receptions on behalf of the University. As an extension of our professional staff, you are expected to conduct yourself professionally at all admission events.

Training

You are expected to read through the USC Admission Volunteer Training Manual each year and to stay up-to-date regarding what is happening at USC. You can direct any questions not covered in the manual to the USC Admission Volunteer Coordinator.

Contacting You

Once you sign up to become a USC Admission Volunteer – by filling out and returning the New Volunteer Form – we will store your contact information in our database. We will contact you about volunteer opportunities in your area throughout the year.

Dress Code

In general, the dress code at admission events is business casual. Gentlemen should wear slacks and a button down shirt or USC polo. No need for a tie. Ladies should wear pants or a skirt and a nice top. No need for pantyhose or high heels.

Outside Events

If you are contacted about an event by someone outside of the Office of Undergraduate Admission, please notify the USC Admission Volunteer Coordinator. We must be aware of all events to which the University has been invited.

New Volunteers

We are always looking for more USC Admission Volunteers. If you have friends or family members who would be great additions to our team, please refer them to the USC Admission Volunteer Coordinator.

Volunteers with Family in the Applicant Pool

USC Admission Volunteers with family members in the applicant pool must recuse themselves from the program for one year. To do so, please contact the USC Admission Volunteer Coordinator.

What Not To Do / NACAC Statement of Principles of Good Practice

The University of Southern California, as a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), follows the Statement of Principles of Good Practice in College Admission and Recruitment (SPGP). As such, you are not to:

- Attempt to answer a question when you do not have the appropriate information. It's okay to say “I don't know” and to direct them to a member of our staff.
- Speak negatively of other colleges and universities.
- Volunteer a guess regarding an admission decision.
- Promise financial assistance.
- Pressure a student to consider USC

Please visit www.nacacnet.org for the full SPGP document.

Boosters

The NCAA publishes guidelines for appropriate contact between boosters and prospective student athletes. If you are an athletic booster, please visit the USC Athletics website to ensure that you are in compliance with all rules.

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College Fairs

Overview

College Fairs are organized by high schools, school districts, colleges, or professional guidance associations. They are an opportunity for students and parents to talk with representatives from a variety of colleges and universities.

Before the College Fair

We will send you brochures to distribute at the college fair at least one week prior to the event. We will also mail you a packet of information and supplies. This packet will include:

- A copy of the college fair invitation and/or confirmation materials
- *USC Admission Volunteer Training Manual*
- *Freshman Profile* with detailed admission statistics
- *Introduction to USC* with a list of all majors on the back
- *Freshman Application Overview* with application information
- *Inquiry Card*, which allows students to join USC's mailing list
- USC table banner
- Nametag and alumni ribbon
- Pens & rubber bands
- *College Fair Evaluation Form* to return

During the College Fair

- Arrive about 30 minutes early
- Check in and receive your table assignment
- Arrange handout materials on your table
- Encourage students to complete the *Inquiry Cards*
- Collect completed *Inquiry Cards*

After the College Fair

- Clean up your area and gather brochures
- Fill out the *College Fair Evaluation* form and return it, along with the completed *Inquiry Cards* and USC table banner, to our office using the pre-paid Fed-Ex return slip.

What If...

...I agreed to volunteer for a college fair but, at the last minute, I can no longer attend?

Please contact the fair organizer (whose information should be on the copy of the invitation included in your volunteer packet) and CC the USC Admission Volunteer Coordinator.

... I have not received brochures to distribute during the fair?

You should make photocopies of the *Freshman Profile* and *Inquiry Card* provided in your volunteer packet.

... The other Admission Volunteer did not show up for the college fair and he/she has most of the fair materials?

If you do not have enough brochures, make photocopies as instructed above. If you are missing a table banner or nametag, ask the fair organizer if they have these items.

....I get to the college fair and the fair organizers do not have USC on their attendance list?

This rarely happens. If it does, just ask the fair organizers to squeeze you in.

Receptions

Overview

The Office of Undergraduate Admission will be held in the following cities around the world, including:

- Atlanta
- Beijing
- Boston
- Chicago
- Dallas
- Denver
- Hong Kong
- Honolulu
- Houston
- Las Vegas
- Miami
- Minneapolis
- New York
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Portland
- Sacramento
- San Diego
- San Francisco Bay Area
- Seattle
- Seoul
- Shanghai
- Taipei
- Washington D.C.

Receptions typically last two hours and include a formal presentation, academic unit meeting, and a question and answer session.

Volunteers

In addition to USC Admission Volunteers, members of the local alumni club are invited to volunteer. So as not to overwhelm our guests, a maximum of ten volunteers may attend each reception.

Discover USC (October & November)

Discover USC offers prospective students and their families the opportunity to learn more about USC and its admission process.

Representatives from the Office of Undergraduate Admission, Financial Aid Office, and select academic departments will lead the program. Prospective students attending this event may or may not have applied to USC.

Admitted Student Receptions (April)

Admitted Student Receptions provide admitted students and their families the opportunity to learn more about the academic, social, and cultural life at USC. Representatives from the Office of Undergraduate Admission, select academic departments, and Financial Aid Office will lead the program. The admitted students attending this event may or may not have committed to enrolling at USC.

On-Campus Events

The Office of Undergraduate Admission hosts a full-day Open House in the fall (for prospective students) and Admitted Student Reception in the spring (for admitted students). Students from all regions of the world are invited to attend.

Before the Reception

- We will send you a reminder email with detailed information and instructions at least three days prior to the event.

During the Reception

- Arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the reception
- Check in with the admission counselor designated in your confirmation email
- Work check-in and mingle with students and families. Be prepared to introduce yourself to the group during the program. You may be asked to mention your name, year of graduation, major, activities you were involved in at USC, and what you are doing now.

After the Reception

- Return all check-in materials to the admission representatives.

Do...

- Be proactive about introducing yourself to students and their families. The admission counselor in charge of the event will be busy running the program.
- Feel free to share your perspective as a former student and an alumnus of USC.
- Make parents feel comfortable about sending their students away from home.
- Have fun! This is also an opportunity for you to connect with other current and future Trojan Family members.

Numbers & Statistics

General

Founding	1880
Size	226 acres
Location	Los Angeles, CA
President	C.L. Max Nikias
Endowment	\$3.5 billion
Type	Private Research Univ.
USNWR Ranking	23 rd

Los Angeles

Economy Ranking	15 th , if own country
Languages Spoken	224

Students

Total	38,000
Undergraduates	17,500
Graduate Students	20,500
Countries Represented	135
Living Alumni	300,000

Classes

Faculty	3,400 full-time 11,800 part-time
Student:Faculty	9:1
Average Class Size	26

Academics

Structure	Liberal arts college + 17 professional schools
Majors	Approx. 150
Minors	Approx. 150
Study Abroad	60+ Programs 30+ Countries
Research Budget	\$561 million annually

Student Activities

Student Clubs	725+
Religious Groups	80+
Cultural Organizations	60+
Greek Life	21% participation 3,500 members 60 chapters 6 councils

Student Life

Housing Guarantee	2 years
Freshmen On-Campus	99%
Number of Beds	6,500
Dining Options	Lots!
Parking Availability	Yes
Semester Parking Rate	\$229-414

Athletics

Varsity Teams	9 men's 12 women's
NCAA Championships	100+
Olympic Athletes	360+
Intramural Sports	24 men's 24 women's
Intramural Participants	9,600
Club Sports	56

Freshman Admission

Total Applicants	46,100
Admitted Students	9,200
Enrolled Students	2,950
Admission Rate	20%
Average GPA	3.8 un-weighted
SAT (middle 50%)	2030-2250
ACT (middle 50%)	30-33

Freshman Profile (Class of 2015)

National Merit Scholars	261
Mork Scholars	20
Geographic Diversity (from schools in)	48% California 37% Other U.S. States 16% Other Countries
Ethnic Diversity	41% Caucasian 23% Asian 14% Latino 5% African-American 1% Native American/ Pacific Islander
Gender Diversity	52% Women 48% Men
Legacy Students	20%
First Generation	14%

Transfer Admission

Total Applicants	8,250
Admitted Students	2,600
Enrolled Students	1,400
Average GPA	3.7

Financial Aid & Cost

Tuition & Fees	\$43,722
Books & Supplies	\$1,500
Room & Board	\$12,440
Misc. and Travel	\$1,480
Total	\$59,883
Need Aid Recipients	Over 60% of students
Scholarship Recipients	23% of freshmen

Admission

Process

USC has a holistic admission process. Each applicant is considered on the basis of academic performance, unique talents, individual passions and interests, personal qualities, and potential for success at USC. No strict formula is applied and there is no absolute cutoff for grades, class rank, or test scores. The admission committee carefully reviews all components of the application.

Applicants

- *First-Year Applicant:* Current high school student or anyone who has not attended any college since finishing high school
- *Transfer Applicant:* Current college student or anyone who has attended college since finishing high school

First-Year Application

- ✓ Background information
- ✓ SAT or ACT (with Writing test)
- ✓ High school transcript
- ✓ 1 recommendation with secondary school report from a counselor or academic teacher
- ✓ Essay and short answers
- ✓ Activities and work experience
- ✓ Application Fee of \$70

Transfer Application

- ✓ Background information
- ✓ Final high school transcript
- ✓ All college transcripts
- ✓ Essay and short answers
- ✓ Activities and work experience
- ✓ Application Fee of \$70

Common Application

Starting this year, USC is an exclusive user of the Common Application. This means that students will submit the bulk of their application materials via the Common Application. The Common Application is available online or in print. Please note that there are separate applications for freshmen and transfer students.

USC Supplement

Students applying to USC must also submit the *USC Supplement*, which includes major information, an academic history, and quick takes. The supplement has an additional short essay question that asks students to explain their academic interests and how they plan to pursue them at USC.

Additional Major Requirements

Some majors require additional application materials, such as a portfolio, audition, or Statement of Intent. This is true of applicants to Architecture, Cinematic Arts, Fine Arts, Journalism, Public Relations, Music, Theatre, and the Resident Honors Program. Specific requirements are listed on the *USC Supplement*.

International Students

International students are required to submit a *Financial Statement of Personal or Family Support* – with the appropriate financial documents – verifying their ability to pay the annual cost of education-related expenses for the first academic year.

International students whose native language is not English must also take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). International freshman applicants with minimum scores of 600 on the SAT Critical Reading or 27 on the ACT English are exempt from taking the TOEFL.

Spring Admission

Students can only apply for the fall term. However, we automatically consider all fall applicants for admission to the following spring term, beginning in January. There is no difference of quality between students admitted to the fall and to the spring.

Wait List

USC does not have a waitlist. If we do not receive enough deposits for the fall semester, we will move students who have been admitted to the spring semester.

Financial Aid

General

USC has a long tradition of helping students finance their education. Undergraduate financial aid consists of four parts: scholarships, grants, low-interest loans, and work study. USC has one of the largest financial aid budgets in the country and guarantees to meet 100% of a student's USC-determined financial need, if they meet all deadlines and eligibility requirements. In addition to the 23% of freshman receiving merit scholarships, over 60% of USC students receive need-based financial aid.

Need-Blind

USC is a need-blind institution. This means that USC does not factor an applicant's ability to pay for USC when making admission decisions.

Financial Aid Application

The following documents are required to apply for need-based financial aid at USC:

- ✓ FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- ✓ CSS Profile (College Scholarship Service Profile)
- ✓ Tax Returns

The priority deadline for the FAFSA and CSS Profile is January 26. The Tax Return should be filed in early March.

It is important that both freshman and transfer applicants submit financial aid documents prior to hearing their admission decision. Our hope is to send students their financial aid package within days of sending their letters of admission.

Merit-Based Scholarships

Merit-based scholarships are awarded based upon a variety of factors. Interested applicants must submit their *Common Application* and *USC Supplement* by the December 1 deadline.

Scholarships range in amount from several hundred dollars to full tuition.

Examples of scholarships requiring additional materials are those housed within alumni, religious, cultural, and other campus groups. Applicants interested in these scholarships should visit www.usc.edu/scholarships for more details about additional materials needed.

Examples of scholarships requiring no additional work beyond the application:

- *Mork Family Scholarship (20 awards):* Full tuition plus \$5000 stipend per year (4 years)
- *Trustee Scholarship:* Full tuition (4 years)
- *Presidential Scholarship:* Half tuition (4 years)
- *Dean's Scholarship (250 awards):* Quarter tuition (4 years)

Furthermore, admitted students who are eventually named *National Merit Finalists* are guaranteed a half tuition scholarship if they declare USC as their first choice.

International Students

International Students are not eligible for need-based financial assistance but are eligible for all merit-based scholarships.

Deadlines

December 1	<i>Freshman Scholarship Deadline</i> – Freshman applicants who would like to be considered for any of our merit-based scholarships should submit their applications by this date.
January 10	<i>Freshman Final Deadline</i> – This is the last date for freshman applicants to submit their applications.
Late-January	<i>Scholarship Finalists Admit Notification</i> – Freshman applicants who are finalists for merit-scholarship hear of their admission. All other December 1 applicants will be notified that they are still being considered for admission.
February 1	<i>Transfer Final Deadline</i> – This is the final date for transfer applicants to submit their applications.
February 1	<i>FAFSA & CSS Profile Priority Deadline</i> – This is the priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA and CSS Profile to the Financial Aid Office.
March 1	<i>Tax Return Deadline</i> – This is the priority deadline for submitting tax returns to the Financial Aid Office. Families may need to file their taxes early in order to meet this deadline.
April 1	<i>Final Freshman Notification</i> – All remaining admission decisions for freshman applicants will be mailed at once by this date.
May 1	<i>National Candidates' Reply Deadline</i> – All freshman applicants must select the college or university they will be attending.
June 1	<i>First Transfer Notification</i> – Transfer applicants will be (1) notified of an admission decision or (2) receive a request for their spring grades.
Mid-July	<i>Final Transfer Notification</i> – All remaining admission decisions for transfer applicants will be mailed at once around this time.

Freshman Territories*

Note: We are finalizing our staff list. Please direct students from areas where the admission counselor is listed as “TBD” to the general admission line, (213) 740-1111, for now.

California

Northern California

Far Northern California	Maria Rodriguez
Valley of the Moon	Jomar Gomez
Sacramento County	Eric Gebert
Marin County	Yamilet Medina Lopez
San Francisco County	Courtney Wilk
Contra Costa County	Eric Gebert
Alameda County (including Oakland)	Diana Moreno
San Mateo County	Alyshia Silva
Santa Clara County (excluding San Jose)	Neelam Savla
City of San Jose	Kristen Chang**

Central California

Central Coast	Samantha Schreiber
Santa Barbara & West Ventura County	Olivia Sajjadieh
Central Valley	
Imperial Valley	

Los Angeles Area

San Fernando Valley West	Joe Beltran**
San Fernando Valley East	Neelam Savla**
Glendale & Pasadena	Sean Ohira**
West Los Angeles & West Beach	Michael Gulotta**
Hollywood & Wilshire	Maria Rodriguez**
East Los Angeles	Rakin Hall
South Bay	Courtney Wilk**
South & South Central Los Angeles	Oscar Cancio
Long Beach	Corey Marquetti

Southern California

Covina & West Covina	Alejandra Gillette-Teran
Whittier & North Orange County	Jesse Rueter
Anaheim	Whitney Sims
Santa Ana	Kenley Turville
Riverside & San Bernardino	Kendall Williams
South Orange County	Noel Viramontes**
North San Diego County	Bruce Grier**
South San Diego County	Rakin Hall
City of San Diego	Bruce Grier

U.S. Out-of-State***

Alabama	Jesse Rueter
Alaska	Jesse Rueter
Arizona	John Marfield
Arkansas	Jesse Rueter
Colorado	Olivia Sajjadieh
Connecticut	Olivia Sajjadieh & Alyshia Silva

Delaware	Alejandra Gillette-Teran
Florida	Corey Marquetti
Georgia	Michael Gulotta
Hawaii	Mark Rasic
Idaho	Kenley Turville
Illinois	Risa Tewksbury
Indiana	Risa Tewksbury
Iowa	Risa Tewksbury
Kansas	Jessica Howard
Kentucky	Meredith Schweitzer
Louisiana	Michael Gulotta
Maine	Alyshia Silva
Maryland	Whitney Sims
<i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>Kristen Chang (Boston) & Alyshia Silva</i>
Michigan	Courtney Wilk
Minnesota	Meredith Schweitzer
Mississippi	Jesse Rueter
<i>Missouri</i>	<i>Risa Tewksbury (St. Louis) & Jessica Howard (Kansas City)</i>
Montana	Kenley Turville
Nebraska	Courtney Wilk
Nevada	Maria Rodriguez
New Hampshire	Alyshia Silva
<i>New Jersey</i>	<i>Joe Beltran, Diana Moreno, & Oscar Cancio</i>
New Mexico	Diana Moreno
<i>New York</i>	<i>Alyshia Silva, Kendall Williams, Oscar Cancio (NYC), and John Marfield</i>
North Carolina	Noel Viramontes
North Dakota	Risa Tewksbury
Ohio	Meredith Schweitzer
Oklahoma	Neelam Savla
Oregon	Jesse Rueter
Pennsylvania	Alejandra Gillette-Teran
Rhode Island	Kristen Chang
South Carolina	Yamilet Media-Lopez
South Dakota	Risa Tewksbury
Tennessee	Meredith Schweitzer
<i>Texas</i>	<i>Jessica Howard (Dallas) & Samantha Schreiber (Houston & San Antonio)</i>
Utah	Kenley Turville
Vermont	Alyshia Silva
Virginia	Sean Ohira
Washington	Jomar Gomez
Washington D.C.	Gary Clark
West Virginia	Sean Ohira
Wisconsin	Eric Gebert
Wyoming	Kenley Turville

Other Territories & Exceptions

China & Taiwan	Megan Wang
Africa, Canada, & South Asia	David Park
India, Southeast Asia, & Europe	Miloni Gandhi
Latin America	Yamilet Medina Lopez
U.S. Territories	Yamilet Medina Lopez
Jewish Schools	Samantha Schreiber
Non-Traditional & Home Schools	Aaron Brown
Multicultural Recruitment	Rakin Hall & Yamilet Medina Lopez

* Please refer transfer applicants to the admission website for information about their admission counselor.

** California areas with notable school assignment exceptions.

***States noted in Italics are split among various admission counselors. Feel free to contact any of the individual listed under the state and he/she will transfer you to the appropriate admission counselor.

Directory

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Neelam Savla	Assistant Director	(213) 740-6613	neelamsa@usc.edu
Meredith Schweitzer	Assistant Director	(213) 740-8817	mschweit@usc.edu
Alyshia Silva	Assistant Director	(213) 740-7058	alyshias@usc.edu
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Architecture	(213) 740-2723
Business	(213) 740-8885
Cinematic Arts	(213) 740-2911
Communication/Journalism	(213) 740-6180
Dentistry/Dental Hygiene	(213) 740-2841
Engineering	(213) 740-7832
Fine Arts	(213) 740-2787
Gerontology	(213) 740-5930
Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	(213) 821-1602
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	(213) 740-5930
Music	(213) 740-6935
Occupational Therapy	(866) 385-4250
Pharmacy	(323) 442-1369
Policy, Planning, & Development	(213) 740-6842
Theatre	(213) 821-2744

Honors Programs

Freshman Science Honors	(213) 740-2961
Resident Honors Program	(213) 740-2961
Thematic Option Honors Program	(213) 740-2961

Student Services

Asian Pacific American Student Services	(213) 740-4999
Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs	(213) 740-8257
Disabilities Services	(213) 740-0776
El Centro Chicano	(213) 740-1480
Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development	(213) 740-2080
LGBT Resource Center	(213) 740-7619
Office of Religious Life	(213) 740-6110
Trojan Marching Band	(213) 740-6317
Veteran Affairs	(213) 740-4619
Volunteer Center	(213) 740-7012

Administrative

Athletics	(213) 740-3843
Air Force ROTC	(213) 740-2670
Army ROTC	(213) 740-4026
Navy ROTC	(213) 740-1839
USC Alumni Association	(213) 740-2300

FAQs

1. Does USC have an honors program? USC has several honors programs including Freshman Science Honors (a one year science honors program) and Thematic Option (the honors alternative to the General Education program). Please contact these programs directly for more information.

2. Is USC a safe campus? USC is a safe campus. In fact, USC's crime statistics are equal to or better than most universities. That being said, USC is an urban campus. As a result, students need to use common sense while they are members of the community. USC provides several resources to ensure the safety of its students. This includes the University Tram Service, Campus Cruiser, and the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

3. Will my choice of major affect my admission to USC? No. Applicants are considered for their first choice major then their second choice major. If, for whatever reason, they are not admitted to either major, they can be considered for general admission to the University as "Open/Undecided" students. They then have until junior year to declare a major.

4. Does USC have an 8-year medical program? No. USC no longer has the Baccalaureate/M.D. program. The pre-medical advising track within the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences is so strong that the program was no longer necessary.

5. How is your (insert) major? All USC programs are strong. I encourage you to browse the department's website to learn more about the major's curriculum, faculty, and research opportunities. You can contact the department directly if you have any other questions.

6. What are your admission requirements? USC does not have minimum SAT and GPA requirements. The averages were (see p. 6)...

7. Who do I talk to about playing a sport at USC? You will need to have your current coach contact the coach at USC. You will find the USC coach's information on the Athletics website.

8. Do I need an interview? Interviews are optional. You will not be penalized if you are unable to interview. Interviews are available on campus and in select cities nationwide. They are always conducted by a member of the admission staff. Interviews are scheduled online at www.usc.edu/admissioninterviews.

9. How do I schedule a visit to campus? You can schedule a visit to campus at www.usc.edu/visitusc.

10. I have a (insert) GPA and (insert) SAT/ACT score. What are my chances of being admitted to USC? I cannot speculate as to your chances of admission. USC has a holistic process that considers many factors. If you are interested in USC, I encourage you to apply for admission. After all, you cannot be admitted if you do not apply.

11. Does USC have an early entry program? Yes. USC's Resident Honors Program (RHP) offers high school juniors the opportunity to complete their senior year while enrolled at USC. Please contact the RHP office directly for more information.

12. Does USC have an early notification process, like Early Action or Early Decision? No, USC does not have an early notification process. However, it does have an earlier deadline, December 1, for those students interested in merit-based scholarships.

13. How large are classes at USC? USC's average class size is 26. While introductory courses can have up to 200 students, 80% of classes have fewer than 40 students. Also, all lecture classes are taught by professors.

14. How does USC housing work? You apply for housing after being admitted. Undergraduate students can choose between dorms, suites, and apartments. Housing is guaranteed for two years. Upperclassmen who would like to continue to live in USC housing can apply and are assigned via a lottery system.