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USC Quick Facts

♦ USC was founded in 1880, with 53 students.
♦ Today, we have over 18,000 undergraduate students.
♦ USC has the most international students out of any university in the US.
♦ The university’s seal displays three torches, representing the arts, the sciences and philosophy.
♦ USC’s motto is “palmam qui meruit ferat” meaning, “let whoever earns the palm bear it”
♦ USC’s official colors are Cardinal and Gold.
♦ USC’s mascot is Traveler the horse, which stands across the plaza from Tommy Trojan on campus.
♦ The five traits of a Trojan are faithful, scholarly, skillful, courageous, and ambitious. These words are engraved on Tommy Trojan’s pedestal.
A Map of USC

Access online at:
HTTP://WEB-APP.USC.EDU/MAPS/
Welcome to the Trojan Family!

As a university with students that come from all over the world, USC’s network of family and friends spreads across the globe. If you’re ever in trouble, no matter where you are, don’t be afraid to ask - because there might just be a fellow Trojan willing to help!

USC is perhaps most well-known for its American football team, which has won 7 national titles over the years. The athletics program itself is ranked 3rd in overall national titles, and USC alumni have won over 112 gold Olympic medals to date. You’ll get the chance to experience our pride for the Trojan football team at one of the can’t miss events of the semester!

USC Athletics

Many of our graduates are very accomplished and successful, and we cannot be more proud of our great alumni. Did you know that the first man on the moon graduated from USC? Did you know that the creator of Star Wars is also an alumni? USC alumni have made large impact in the world as politicians, business leaders, activists, entertainers, and much more. So we welcome you to our strong global alumni network, and we sincerely hope you take advantage of this opportunity to network!

Alumni Network
USC Main Buildings

Bovard Auditorium

Bovard is the main auditorium on campus. The President’s Office is also located in this building. Many events are held here, ranging from speakers to entertainment performances.

Leavey Library

Leavey is the main undergraduate library. It is open 24 hours and is mainly used for studying. Rooms are available for reservation online if you need to meet for a group project. During exam season, Leavey is packed. Be sure to have your USC ID to enter after 10 PM.

Doheny Library

Doheny sits across from Bovard and, unlike Leavey, contains lots of books. Because of its splendid architecture and design, many movie scenes have been filmed at Doheny Library. Though the view from outside is misleading, Doheny actually contains nine floors.
Located near the central Tommy Trojan plaza, TCC is a popular place for students to gather for lunch or meetups. It is also serves as USC’s student union building, containing student organization offices, a food court, the USC ticket office, the USC Career Center, and Traditions, the campus bar.

The USC bookstore is located right next to TCC. At the bookstore is where you can get your USC gear, from hats to hoodies, office supplies, and textbooks which you may need for your classes.

The Lyon center is the campus gym. It boasts a weight room, cardio workout equipment, a stretching room, racquetball and squash courts, a climbing wall, ping pong tables, group exercise studios, a sauna and Jacuzzi, and a 21,800 sq ft gym for basketball, badminton, volleyball, and other activities. The gym also includes lockers and showers. All students visiting the Lyon center are required to complete an online waiver form at: https://elmer.uscard.usc.edu/
If you have a meal plan, you can also visit:

- EVK (New/North dorms)
- Parkside (Parkside/IRC dorms)
- Café 84 (Webb Tower)

**Food**

- At Tutor Campus Center:
  - California Pizza Kitchen
  - Panda Express
  - Verde
  - The Habit Burger Grill
  - Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
  - Lemonade
  - Seeds Marketplace

**Cafés**

- Popovich Café (Popovich Hall)
- Law School Café (Law School)
- Literatea (Doheny Library)
- Tutor Hall Café (Tutor Hall at Viterbi, Engineering School)
- Starbucks (Birnkrant dorms)
- Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (Cinematic Arts School)
- Shop Café (Fine Arts School)
Aside from your basics such as toiletries, personal items, shoes, etc., below is a list of a few more specific items which you will need for your semester at USC.

**Campus Cruiser & Shuttle**

If you are one of the many individuals who work, study or take classes at night, you don’t have to walk to your car or home alone. The USC Campus Cruiser Service offers either a walking or vehicle escort to your destination.

To contact Campus Cruiser for a ride, call **213-740-4911** anytime between **6PM and 2:45AM**, any day of the week.

See [http://transnet.usc.edu/?page_id=111](http://transnet.usc.edu/?page_id=111) for the boundaries of service.

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**Shuttle Service**

USC trams also operate around both the University Park Campus and the Health Sciences Campus and is free to all USC students. For detailed information, including stops, schedules, and routes, check the website at: [http://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/bus-map-schedules/](http://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/bus-map-schedules/)
Whether it’s related to your major or just for fun, there’s a student organization on campus that may suit your interests! Listed below are just a few out of the 800+ clubs that you can explore while here at SC. Visit the annual Involvement Fair on August 26th to learn more.

Student Organizations

**Professional Organizations**
- Marshall Business Network
- Association of Integrated Marketing
- Entrepreneur Club
- Marshall Consulting & Strategy Club

**Cultural Clubs**
- Chinese American Culture Club
- Brazilian Trojans
- Italian Society
- Nikkei Association

**Athletic Groups**
- Archery
- Dragon Boat
- Badminton
- Quidditch

**And Many More!**
- Providing Animals With Shelter
- Circle K
- Wushu Nation
- SoCal Vocals

Photo by Chris Shinn
Within the first week of school, McCarthy Quad hosts a concert event for the incoming freshman, as well as returning students. The Welcome Back Concert, featuring an exclusive show on McCarthy Quad complete with food trucks, vendors, and free goods from sponsors. Previous artists have included Tokyo Police Club, Ra Ra Riot, Cold War Kids, Hellogoodbye, Mae, Hot Hot Heat, Katy Perry, White Panda, and more.

The student involvement fair is a day where booths of all the student organizations are set up along Trousdale and in Alumni Park. You can go between your classes to check out all the student organizations on campus, ranging from professional, career-developing groups to sports and dance clubs.

Homecoming is a day meant to welcome back the school’s alumni and is a great way to experience the school spirit. USC celebrates with enormous Trojan spirit which includes a parade by the marching band, festive tailgating, and a football game. This year’s homecoming will be against the Colorado Buffs.

Conquest is held annually before USC’s big game against our rival school, UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). The event takes place at McCarthy Quad and includes a concert, a ferris wheel, and a huge bonfire into which a teddy bear, UCLA’s mascot, is thrown.
Fight On!