Founded in 1880, USC started out with 53 students. Today, the total student body is nearly 35,000 students, with 17,000 undergraduates. USC is one of the largest and oldest private research universities in the United States.

Arguably one of the most popular parts of the University is our sporting program. Our football team, the Trojans, have won 7 National Titles. In total national titles for all sports, USC ranks third in the nation. Students from USC have medaled in every Olympics held, with over 112 gold medals earned total.

While we are known as the Trojans, our mascot is actually Traveler, a white horse. At almost every football game, Traveler gallops on to the field when a “touchdown” is scored.

In the Fall Semester, you will be experiencing a lot of Trojan pride surrounding our football season. One such part is “Fight On,” our university’s fight song. It is sung at all rally’s, played by the band, and repeated ‘til madness at sporting events!

The University of Southern California is prideful of what we have produced. The first man on the moon was an alumnus, the creator of Star Wars, various politicians, business leaders, activists, and more. We are happy to have you part of our history as well!
Our Campus Song

Fight on!
for ol' SC
Our men Fight on,
to victory.
Our Alma Mater dear,
looks up to you!
Fight on and win
For ol' SC
Fight on!
To victory
Fight on!
Bovard is the main auditorium on campus. It is where the President’s Office is as well. Chances are you will see an event of some sort in the auditorium whether it is a band or speaker.

Leavey Library is our campus’s 24 hour study centre. The Library only has books on one floor, and 4 floors contain rooms and areas for quiet studying. It has Wifi and printing services as well. Come early during Finals Week!

Doheny Library is our traditional library. It has a large hall for studying, meeting rooms in the East Asian Library. However, if you are doing research, you will probably be more interested in the “bookstacks.”

Located off the main hall, the book stacks are open to all students looking for books from all disciplines. There are several floors of books available.

The New Tutor Campus Center is USC’s student union. Almost everything you can want is here: A small market, several food stores, a pharmacy, the sporting ticket office, the recruiting center, our campus bar Traditions, and our bookstore is located right next door.

It is fairly hard to miss this building: it is the heart and soul of our campus. It is right across the way from Tommy Trojan, who we will discuss next...
Assembled from the most attractive parts of a past football team’s players, Tommy Trojan is the shrine to our university’s namesake. During the fall football season, especially close to the UCLA game, the statue is defended by several members of Trojan Knights against vandalism. Past sabotages have included paint and manure being dropped on the statue. Do not worry, we have gotten them back: the last major prank between UCLA and USC involved USC releasing thousands of crickets in the library during finals season. Whenever lost, Tommy is the direct center of campus at the crossroads of two major routes on campus.
If you are taking classes with the business school or need a bit of Sean O’Connell’s Buddha-like wisdom, you will be spending some time at our business school: Marshall. It is all in the southeast corner of campus.

Marshall is split between several buildings. In one area is Bridge Hall, Leventhal Hall, and Hoffman Hall. These buildings consist of the Undergraduate School. All administrative needs should be in this area of campus. All these buildings are located off Trousdale near the south edge of campus. The other portion of the Marshall school is Popovich Hall. While mostly graduate courses are conducted here, there are times when you can class here. This building is located on the south east corner of campus, adjacent to Child’s Way. If you are studying business, its almost guaranteed you will have class in these areas!

**NOTE:** HOH1 and HOH2, as well as EDISON are all in the basement of Hoffman.
USC offers free for student account holders (you) unlimited access to a variety of electronic resources. This includes research search engines, statistical websites, newspapers, online journals, and electronic books. Makes a trip to the Library absolutely unnecessary on a late night!
The Lyon Center features the Main Gym, 21,800 sq. ft. for basketball, badminton, volleyball; the Klug Family Fitness Center (weight room); an auxiliary gym (cardiovascular equipment); the Robinson Fitness Room (SCycling bikes); a stretching room; racquetball and squash courts; a climbing wall; ping pong tables; a group exercise studio; a sauna and Jacuzzi; and a Pro Shop for equipment rentals and sales. The men’s and women’s locker rooms include day-use or rental lockers as well as showers and changing areas.

All students utilizing the Lyon Center are required to complete an on-line general waiver form prior to entering the Lyon Center. Check out this form at:
http://sait.usc.edu/recsports/site_content/facilities/lrc.html
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