

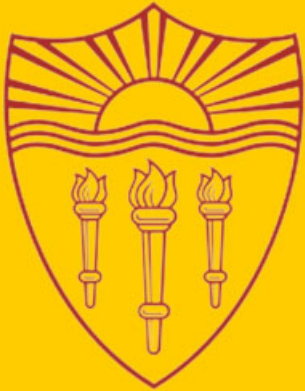
University of Southern California Marshall School of Business



Fact Sheet for MBA International Exchange Program
2025-2026



About the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business



Trojan Network

**485,000+ USC
Alumni**

**101,000+ Marshall
Alumni**

The University of Southern California (USC) was established in 1880. It is the oldest private research university in the western United States. As of 2024, USC is home to around 48,000 students and over 4,750 full-time faculty.

Founded in 1920 as the College of Commerce and Business Administration, the USC Marshall School of Business (USC Marshall) is not only the oldest AACSB accredited school of business in Southern California, but also one of the nation's oldest and most prominent business schools. The Marshall School of Business is the largest of USC's 23 professional schools. It is located on the USC main campus (also known as "University Park Campus") next to downtown Los Angeles.

Downtown Los Angeles offers a plethora of prominent attractions such as L.A. Live, Crypto.com Arena, Dodger Stadium, Museum of Contemporary Art, and the iconic Walt Disney Concert Hall. It also houses a variety of music center venues that showcase major theater, opera, and dance productions, creating a diverse and dynamic entertainment scene. Other prime attractions in Los Angeles include the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Universal Studios Hollywood, Disneyland, the Getty Villa, the Getty Center, as well as numerous beaches near the main campus.



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***"Working together,
collaborating, is
what the Trojan
brand is all about.
It's what the
network is all
about."***

***- Andrew Devine,
USC MBA Alum***



FACTS

About the USC Marshall School of Business MBA Programs

The USC Marshall School of Business provides a variety of program options catering to managers and business professionals. These options include the Full-Time MBA, Part-Time MBA (MBA.PM), Executive MBA Program (EMBA), One Year MBA Program (IBEAR), Online MBA (OMBA) and various specialized master's degree programs. The programs and curriculum cater to professionals with diverse levels of experience and unique career aspirations, ensuring that students obtain the knowledge crucial for their success. Alongside coursework, students can actively engage in Marshall's student clubs, attend industry conferences, and participate in case competitions, further enriching their educational journey.

Students across all the programs acquire critical skills in leadership, analytical thinking, and collaboration, enhanced by a global perspective developed through firsthand experiences. At Marshall, students have the privilege of learning from world-class faculty comprised of prominent business thinkers and innovators. Furthermore, they have the advantage of connecting with Marshall's extensive worldwide alumni network, which exceeds 101,000 members.

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National Ranking of the USC Marshall Full-Time MBA Program

According to U.S. News & World Report



#8

National Ranking of the USC Marshall Part-Time MBA Program

According to U.S. News & World Report



#14

National Ranking of the USC Marshall Executive MBA

According to Fortune

#3

National Ranking of the USC Marshall Online MBA

According to U.S. News & World Report



MBA CLASS OF 2024

41%

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

199

CLASS SIZE

35%

WOMEN



Education & Employment

Average GMAT: 722 | Middle

80%: 681 - 760

Average GRE: 160V | 163Q |

Middle 80%: 135 - 166V |

155—170Q

Average GPA: 3.5 | Middle

80%: 3.09 - 3.87

Average Work Experience: 5.5
Years



Average Age

29

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USC By The Numbers

Research and Development

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FACULTY-LED CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE RUN BY USC
MARSHALL

USC MARSHALL SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INSTITUTES & CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- ◇ BRITTINGHAM SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LAB
- ◇ CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS
- ◇ PETER ARKELEY INSTITUTE FOR RISK MANAGEMENT
- ◇ INSTITUTE FOR OUTLIER RESEARCH IN BUSINESS (IORB)
- ◇ RANDALL R. KENDRICK GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN INSTITUTE
- ◇ CENTER FOR INVESTMENT STUDIES (CIS)
- ◇ LLOYD GREIF CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES
- ◇ NEELY CENTER FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP & DECISION MAKING
- ◇ CENTER FOR GLOBAL INNOVATION





Facilities

Most of business graduate classes are conducted in Popovich Hall (JKP), which also houses program offices and services for the USC Marshall MBA and Specialized Master Students. This building features case study rooms with audio-video teleconferencing, experiential learning classrooms with the ability to transmit lectures and presentations throughout the building, data hookups in the building and courtyard, and high-speed wireless network access.

Additional USC Marshall classrooms can be located in Hoffman Hall, Bridge Hall, Fertitta Hall, and the Leventhal School of Accounting.

On campus, you can find the USC bookstore, multiple libraries, as well as outstanding sporting and recreational facilities. The University Park Campus also has many retail cafés, while the USC Village offers an extensive selection of shopping and dining options with its wide array of retail stores, restaurants, and supermarkets.



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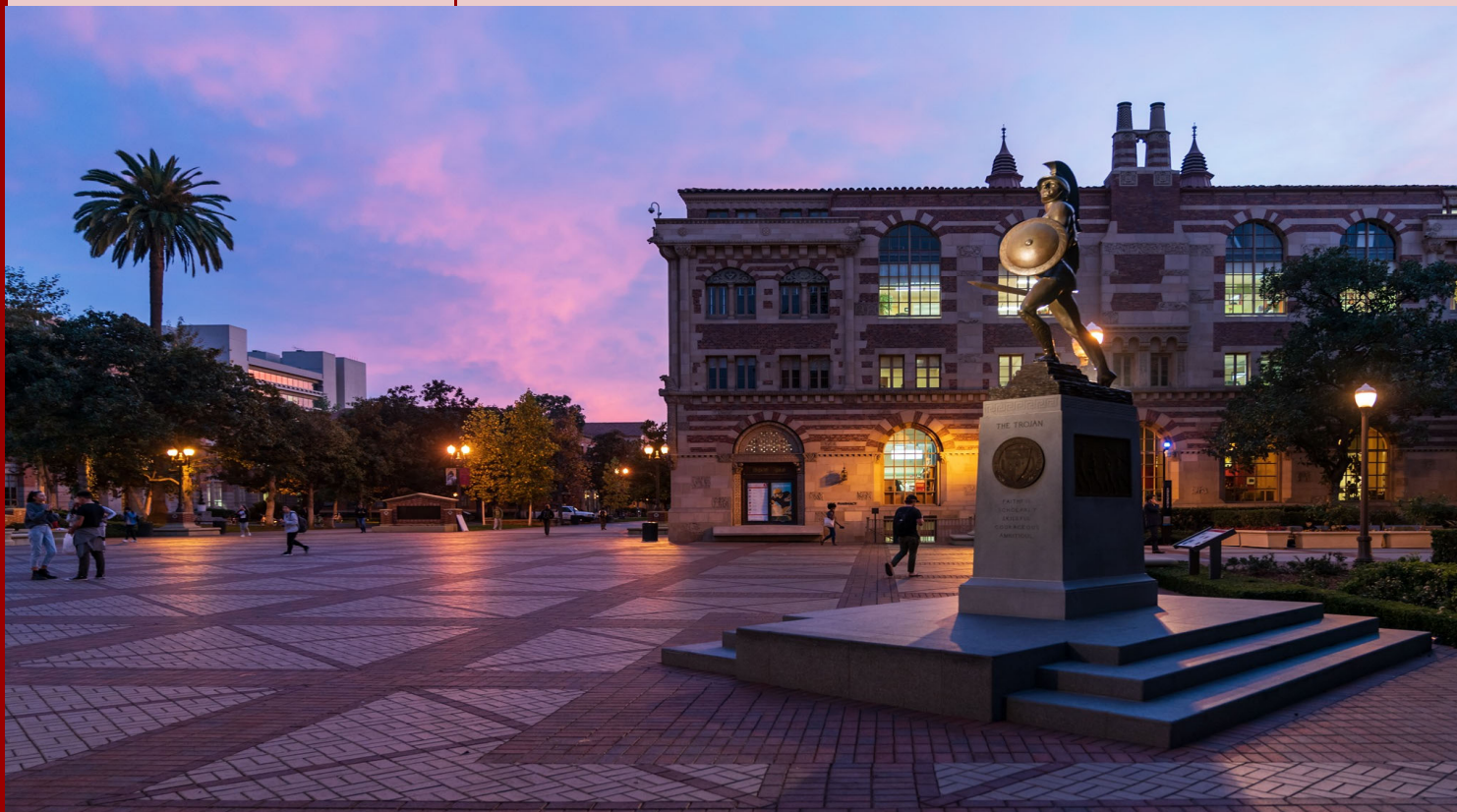
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Websites

University of Southern California	www.usc.edu
Marshall School of Business	http://www.marshall.usc.edu/
International Exchange Program	https://www.marshall.usc.edu/current-students/marshall-global-programs-and-partnerships-mba-international-exchange-program/incoming-participants
Academic Calendar	https://www.usc.edu/academic-calendar/#chapter=academic-calendar-2025-2026
Schedule of Classes	http://www.usc.edu/soc
Marshall School of Business Elective Course Guide	http://www.marshall.usc.edu/ECG
Transcript Request	http://www.usc.edu/transcripts



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2025

August 20:	Last Day to Arrive in Los Angeles
August 21-22:	Marshall IEP Student Orientation
August 22:	Deadline to pay insurance and program fees
August 25:	Classes Begin
September 1:	Labor Day, University Holiday
October 9-10:	Fall Recess
November 11:	Veterans Day Holiday
November 26 – 30:	Thanksgiving, University Holiday
December 5:	Classes End
December 6-9:	Study Days (No class)
December 10-17:	Final Exams

Spring Semester 2026

January 7:	Last Day to Arrive in Los Angeles
January 8-9:	Marshall IEP Student Orientation
January 9:	Deadline to pay insurance and program fees
January 12:	Classes Begin
January 19:	Martin Luther King's Birthday
February 16:	President's Day
March 15 – 22:	Spring Recess
May 1:	Classes End
May 2– 5	Study Days (No class)
May 6 – 13:	Final Exams

Nomination

School partners can nominate their students via the link below during the nomination period https://usc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_abKi4adMjn9hY5o

2025 Fall Semester	March 1-31
2026 Spring Semester	August 1-31



Language Requirements

Non-native English speakers must provide proof of English Language Proficiency: TOEFL iBT score of 90 with no less than 20 on each section **OR** an IELTS score of 6.5 with no less than 6 on each band score.

Student Application & Document Requirements

The nominees must submit the application and required documents via the following link https://usc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_01JBESTwtRoNQXz by the deadline.

2025 Fall Semester Submission

Period

April 15, 2025

2026 Spring Semester Submission

Period

September 15, 2026

List of Required Documents

- ⇒ Resume
- ⇒ Limited Status Form
- ⇒ Passport Copy
- ⇒ *DS-2019 Request Form with Proof of English Language Proficiency
- ⇒ *Bank Statement
- ⇒ *Financial Status Form



*Note: *These forms will be sent to each nominee via email after nomination deadline has passed.*



"The Marshall Graduate school prepares leaders to discover and develop their personal leadership strengths, build core business knowledge and skills, and lead high performing teams in the global economy."

*Suh-Pyng Ku,
Professor of Clinical Finance and
Business Economics
Director of the Center for Investment Studies*

Elective Classes

Marshall offers close to **100** elective courses for MBA students in any given year.



Course, Credit, Workload, Grading & Transcript Information

Language of Instruction: English

Units per Course: 3 units for full semester courses and 1.5 units for half semester courses.

Contact Hours per Unit: 12.5 hours

Average Course Load: Most full-time MBA students take four to five classes. Exchange students must take between 8 and 12 graduate business units.

Teaching Methods: Teaching methods vary between courses; however, many incorporate lectures, case studies, and interdisciplinary teamwork.

Elective Courses Offered:

Numerous electives are offered in the following areas: Accounting, Business Communications, Business Entrepreneurship, Data Sciences and Operations, Finance and Business Economics (including Real Estate), Marketing, and Management and Organization. International exchange students may only enroll in Marshall-approved graduate business elective courses (***numbered 500 and above***).

Online descriptions of elective classes are provided through the Marshall School of Business Full Time MBA Curriculum section at <https://www.marshall.usc.edu/programs/graduate-programs/mba-programs/full-time-mba> or <https://students.marshall.usc.edu/graduate-students/elective-course-guide>

A complete list of courses offered by USC can be found at <http://www.usc.edu/soc>.

Excellent/Superior (A):	4.0	Very Good (A-):	3.7
Good (B+) :	3.3	Satisfactory (B):	3.0
Average (B-):	2.7	Below Average (C+):	2.3
Unsatisfactory (C):	2.0	Failing (C-) :	1.7

Grading scale: Minimum passing for MBA credit is **C**.

Transcript Requests: Students must request a transcript to be sent to their home universi-



Estimated Expenses

Housing:	\$1,200 - 3,000+ per month (Depending on location & features)
Living Expenses:	\$500 - \$1,000 per month
Materials:	\$300 - \$700 per semester
Health Insurance:	\$451 - \$600 per semester
Student Fees:	\$600 per semester
Miscellaneous:	\$500 - \$1,000 per month

**On-campus housing is not available for graduate international exchange students. A list of online rental listings for off-campus housing will be provided with the acceptance letter.*



Additional expenses for those who choose to have a car during the exchange semester:

Auto-Insurance	\$53- \$475 per month
Parking at USC (for all vehicles)	\$85.50- \$531 per semester



VISA REQUIREMENTS

All exchange students who are non-U.S. citizens or non-US permanent resident are required to apply for a J-1 visa through the local U.S. consulate or embassy.

To start the process, a nominee must submit the DS-2019 form with a proof of English language proficiency (TOEFL iBT score of 90 with no less than 20 on each section OR an IELTS score of 6.5 with no less than 6 on each band score) to the USC Marshall School. Once the DS-2019 is approved, the certificate of eligibility for exchange visitor (J-visa) status will be sent to each nominee with the acceptance letter/information package. Then the nominees are required to pay the SEVIS (I-901) fee (current rate about \$220 for J-1 students) to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) before the visa interview date. Visa applicants must provide the financial proof of funding with minimum amounts as follows:

Exchange student (J-1)	\$2,000 per month
Exchange student's spouse (J-2)	Additional \$1,187 per month
Exchange student's child (J-2)	Additional \$594 per month per child



J-1 VISA EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

<https://ois.usc.edu/j1-exchange-visitors/j-1-scholars/obtaining-a-ds-2019/>



Immunization Requirements

Within the first two weeks of the exchange semester, international exchange students are required to submit the following:

- Proof that the person has received either two doses of the **MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella)** vaccine, or have Measles and Mumps immunity
- Proof of two doses of the **Varicella (chicken pox)** vaccine or proof of immunity
- You may also need a Tuberculosis (TB) test if you are from a country designated as “high TB burden.” More information at: <https://sites.usc.edu/new-student-health-requirements/immunizations/special-clearances-tb-screening/>
- USC strongly recommends all students, faculty, and staff to complete vaccination for COVID-19
- Influenza vaccine is also strongly recommended

For more detailed information:

<https://sites.usc.edu/new-student-health-requirements/immunizations/>



Health Insurance

USC requires all students including international exchange students to have a comprehensive health insurance plan that will help cover the cost of care that cannot be obtained on campus, particularly for an emergency situation where hospitalization may be required.

All students are automatically enrolled in the USC Health Insurance Plan.

Students may request a waiver to opt out of the USC Health Insurance plan if the students can demonstrate their insurance provides equal or greater coverage than the USC Health Insurance plan. It is **very rare** that a waiver is granted. You can find more information about the USC Health Insurance waiver online at: <https://sites.usc.edu/new-student-health-requirements/costs/insurance-waiver-requirements/>



Student Health Center

Because the Student Health Center Fee and Student Health Insurance premium is mandatory for all students, everyone, including international students, has access to the medical services at USC's Engemann Student Health Center. This fee covers most primary medical care provided by the Student Health Center; however, there may be nominal fees for some services such as laboratory tests, immunizations, and copies of x-rays.



Student Services & Facilities



Access

Exchange students enjoy access to a range of campus amenities, including campus-wide Wi-Fi, computer and printer facilities, state-of-the-art libraries, participation in MBA student clubs, and attendance at MBA mixer events.

MBA Career Services

Exchange students can attend career networking events and receptions. In order to take advantage of these opportunities, the international exchange students must join a Marshall MBA student club and sign up to attend the career networking events and receptions organized by their respective student club.

At present, the Marshall School of Business is unable to offer additional career services for international exchange students, which includes on-campus recruiting activities, training, career advising, and job interview scheduling.



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Further Information

Students interested in attending USC's Marshall School of Business should contact their home institution's International Exchange Program Coordinator for detailed information on the application and selection process. For additional information on the USC Marshall MBA Program and courses, please contact the Marshall MBA International Exchange manager at the email address or phone number listed below.

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