LInC FAQs

What is LInC?

LInC (BUAD 104) is an academic course with a international travel component that explores global business within a specific region or country. Taught by distinguished USC faculty, the program integrated classroom learning with international field experience, offering students the opportunity to engage with business leaders, government officials, and alumni abroad. Over seven weeks of on-campus instruction, students develop a foundation in global business concepts, which they apply during the trip through site visits, discussion, and a final project.

When do we travel and what do we do?

Travel includes company and government visits, cultural events, and some free time for self-exploration.

- **Spring Break (March)** trips: Classes start in January and conclude with one class session after return.
- **May trips:** Classes begin mid-February and travel occurs after finals.

Program Fees

Program fees include round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfasts, select group meals, in-country transportation, guides, and cultural excursions. Personal expenses, most dinners, and visa costs are not included. Students should budget approximately **$400** for personal spending.

Fees are billed to your **USC account** and due to **pay with spring tuition**. You can include them in your USC payment plan.

Passport and Visa Requirements

Ensure your **passport is valid at least 6 months after program end** (through September 2026 for Madrid, November 2026 for Seoul/Singapore/Tokyo). If you do not have a valid passport, make sure to apply for one now.

Visa needs depend on your citizenship and destination. The Office of Global Programs and Partnerships will provide visa information on whether you need visa and how they can obtain a visa to travel to their LInC destination.

Safety

USC Marshall is committed to student safety and only operates programs in low-risk destinations, continuously monitored by multiple safety and risk assessment agencies. Each group is accompanied by at least three trained USC faculty or staff members.

All participants are covered by USC Overseas Student Health Insurance and International SOS (ISOS) services for the entire duration of the LInC trip.

Flights & Accommodation

All flight and hotel arrangements are made by USC Marshall. Students travel together on the same group flight and stay in 3–4-star hotels (double occupancy) with English-speaking staff. Faculty and staff accompany students throughout travel.

Flight and hotel details will be posted on Brightspace during the spring semester.

Note for May Travelers

May trips depart after USC's official move-out date. Students needing extended housing may request an extension through USC Housing. The Marshall Global Programs and Partnerships Office can provide a support letter to help secure a reduced nightly rate, if the extension is approved.