USC Dornsife

Transferring to

DORNSIFE COLLEGE

WHAT IS THE DORNSIFE COLLEGE?

When you imagine the next step in your college experience, what do you see? Developing your academic path is an opportunity to hone your passions. It's more than sitting in classes and reading books—it's conversations with professors and exploring ideas with equally curious peers. The USC Dornsife College will challenge you in ways you can't yet imagine and open a new world of possibilities and perspectives. We provide you with the space to ask your questions, craft your personalized experience, and continue to grow into the person you want to become.

As the heart of the university, we are home to more than 180 majors and minors that span across the natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences, and humanities. We believe in an interdisciplinary education of the whole person that combines theory with practice. We empower our students to curate their own experiences by engaging beyond the classroom through research, internships, service-learning, and study abroad programs. And we connect you to world-class researchers and mentors from among our dedicated faculty to promote innovation and discovery.

We are a community of compassionate, ambitious individuals who support one another. The USC Dornsife College is your opportunity to become the person you want to become and prepare for a career of purpose and impact.

Please use this piece as a companion to the Transferring to USC brochure that can be found at:
ADMISSION.USC.EDU/APPLY/TRANSFER-STUDENTS

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Transfer Admission Requirements

Successful transfer applicants to the Dornsife College meet the profile outlined in the Transferring to USC brochure available in print or via the Transfer Students section of the USC undergraduate admission website. Requirements include writing/composition (equivalent to USC's WRIT 130) and a minimum level of math, with the latter possibly completed with a high school course or with intermediate algebra at the college level. More specifics are available in the brochure.

Recommended Courses for Admission

Transfer admission evaluation focuses on assessing a student's preparation and readiness to make satisfactory progress toward their undergraduate degree. For this reason, we recommend completing some of USC's general education requirements. Potential applicants should also consider beginning or completing the foreign language sequence before transferring to USC since all Dornsife majors are required to have fluency in another language comparable to a third- or fourth-semester of instruction by the time of graduation.

Additional course recommendations are available in the brochure for many majors. These recommended courses will better prepare students for study in their majors, and students completing these courses will become more competitive applicants to Dornsife. This is particularly true for students hoping to major in the natural sciences. These students are most competitive with successful completion of courses like general biology, general chemistry with a lab, introductory physics, and calculus. Students with a pre-health emphasis may also consider completing some pre-health requirements prior to transferring.

As you plan your transfer coursework, we strongly recommend using the **online transfer student resources** and the articulation agreements and histories found on the **Undergraduate Transfer Credit** portion of the website for the Office of Academic Records and Registrar. In addition to more detailed descriptions of required and recommended courses, the Transferring to USC brochure includes planning tools, statistics and averages, and the application checklist.

The Application

The *application deadline* is **February 15**.
Apply using the **COMMONAPP**.

Applicants should be able to articulate their interest in a Dornsife major and how they plan to engage with the Dornsife community in their written responses.

Please reference the **checklist** *for more information on the application and required materials.*

WHO WILL BE YOUR PEERS?

Lucero and Carmen

Transferred From: Community college as first-generation college students

Area of Study: Lucero earned a double major in Psychology and Sociology with a Master's in Social Work. Carmen majors in NGOs and Social Change and completed a **progressive degree program**, a Master's in Public Policy

Campus Involvement: Trojan Guardian Scholars and the Norman Topping Student Aid Fund

Research: **Problems Without Passports** summer course in Dubai that focused on forced labor and human trafficking

Future Plans: After completing their master's degrees, twin sisters Lucero and Carmen continue to advocate for policy and legislation aimed at increasing opportunities for formerly incarcerated and foster youth.

Clifton

Transferred From: Private 4-year university

Area of Study: International Relations with minors in French and Dance

Research: Civil wars and military intervention through Dornsife's **Security and Political Economy (SPEC) Lab**

Internship: Discover Financial Services legal department internship through the **Gateway Internship Program**

Future Plans: Working in higher education at a college campus and applying to law school

Maya

Transferred From: Community college

Area of Study: Political Economy major with a minor in Cinematic Arts: pre-law

Campus Involvement: Pre-law professional fraternity, Southern California Moot Court, social sorority

Research: Dornsife's **Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR)** in the Behavioral and Experimental Economics Lab investigating risk-aversion and procrastination in decision-making

Future Plans: Pursuing a Master of Studies in Law through USC's **progressive degree program**, and working at a political consulting firm in Los Angeles

Abigail

Transferred From: Community college

Area of Study: Psychology with a minor in Cinematic Arts: pre-medicine

Campus Involvement: **Joint Educational Project (JEP)** tutor at elementary schools. JEP is the service-learning hub at USC that allows students to volunteer in the local neighborhood and learn more about Los Angeles.

Future Plans: Applying to medical school after a gap year

Devon

Transferred From: American University of Paris

Area of Study: Environmental Studies with a minor in Marine Biology

Campus Involvement: Social fraternity, **Joint Educational Project** volunteer, recipient of **SURF funding**

Research: Intern with the **USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies** researching compost technology and biodegradable ocean plastics

Future Plans: Pursuing a Master's in Environmental Studies through USC's **progressive degree program**

Sheridan

Transferred From: Public 4-year university

Area of Study: Neuroscience; pre-medicine

Campus Involvement: Pre-med honor society, multiple campus-sponsored medical relief initiatives, local health care center and youth shelter volunteer, Camp Kesem. Camp Kesem is a camp for children whose parents have cancer.

Academic Leadership: **Supplemental Instruction** leader for statistics, an academic-support program where leaders facilitate weekly review sessions and develop study materials for fellow undergraduate students in the course

Future plans: Medical school

Chloe

Transferred From: Community college

Area of Study: Political Science with a minor in Law and Public Policy

Campus Involvement: Latino Alumni Association, Canuto Catholic Center, Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity

Academic Involvement: **Dornsife Washington, D.C. semester, Center for the Political Future**

Future plans: Pursuing a career in government and potentially attending law school

Christopher

Transferred From: Public 4-year university

Area of Study: History with a minor in Religion

Campus Involvement: USC Rugby, Southern California Moot Court, recipient of the Provost's Research Fellowship

Academic Involvement: Editor for the **USC Journal of Law and Society**, an academic journal for interdisciplinary research on topics aimed at promoting greater awareness and understanding of the legal field; published research on legal history of the American West through **The Ezrohi Undergraduate Historical Journal**

Future Plans: Enroll in a joint J.D./Ph.D. program to study the intersections between law, history, and economics

Fay

Transferred From: Community college

Area of Study: Computational Neuroscience; pre-medicine

Campus Involvement: Pre-med honor society, equestrian team, various **research** projects

Research: Neuro-imaging research with the CSROIS Lab at Children's Hospital Los Angeles focused on developing artificial intelligence software for the analysis of fMRI data and brain anatomy targeted at discovering potential future brain illnesses

Work Experience: Medical scribe, lab technician and site manager for a testing clinic as part of New York City's COVID response effort

Future plans: Medical school for neurosurgery

Join Our Compassionate, Ambitious And Supportive Community

USC Dornsife Majors

NATURAL SCIENCES

Applied and Computational Mathematics, B.A. & B.S.
Astronomy, B.A., & B.S.
Biochemistry, B.S.
Biological Sciences, B.A. & B.S.
Biophysics, B.S.
Chemistry, B.A. & B.S.
Computational Neuroscience, B.S.
Earth Sciences, B.A.
Economics/Mathematics, B.S.
Environmental Science and Health, B.A. & B.S.
Environmental Studies, B.A. & B.S.
Geological Sciences, B.S.
Human Biology, B.A. & B.S.
Mathematics, B.A. & B.S.
Neuroscience, B.A. & B.S.
Physics, B.A. & B.S.
Physics/Computer Science, B.S.
Quantitative Biology, B.S.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology, B.A.
Cognitive Science, B.A.
Economics, B.A.
Geodesign, B.S.
Global Geodesign, B.S.
Global Studies, B.A.
Health and Human Sciences, B.A.
History, B.A.
Human Security & Geospatial Intelligence, B.S.
Intelligence and Cyber Operations, B.A.
International Relations, B.A.
International Relations and the Global Economy, B.A.
International Relations (Global Business), B.A.
Law, History and Culture, B.A.
Linguistics, B.A.
Middle East Studies, B.A.
NGOs and Social Change, B.A.
Political Economy, B.A.
Political Science, B.A.
Psychology, B.A.
Sociology, B.A.

HUMANITIES

African American Studies, B.A.
American Popular Culture, B.A.
American Studies and Ethnicity, B.A.
Archaeology, B.A.
Art History, B.A.
Asian American Studies, B.A.
Central European Studies, B.A.
Chicano/Latino Studies, B.A.
Classics, B.A.
Comparative Literature, B.A.
Contemporary Latino and Latin American Studies, B.A.
Creative Writing, B.A.
East Asian Area Studies, B.A.
East Asian Languages and Cultures, B.A.
English, B.A.
French, B.A.
Gender and Sexuality Studies, B.A.
Italian, B.A.
Jewish Studies, B.A.
Latin American and Iberian Cultures, Media and Politics, B.A.
Narrative Studies, B.A.
Philosophy, B.A.
Philosophy, Politics and Economics, B.A.
Philology, Politics and Law, B.A.
Religion, B.A.
Russian, B.A.
Spanish, B.A.

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