



# Welcome to *Scend Off!* 2020



**USC** SSA

**University of Southern California  
Singapore Students' Association**



**USC SSA  
Website**

\* Slide deck will be available on our website: <https://usc-ssa.github.io/Singapore-Student-Association/>

# USC Singapore Students' Association



**USC SSA**

**USC SSA** organizes social, networking and fun events that are geared towards promoting Singaporean culture. These events aim to foster a sense of community amongst Singaporeans at USC and provide networking opportunities for students with local and overseas alumni.

# Executive Board



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# Stay Connected with USC SSA



USC SSA Facebook

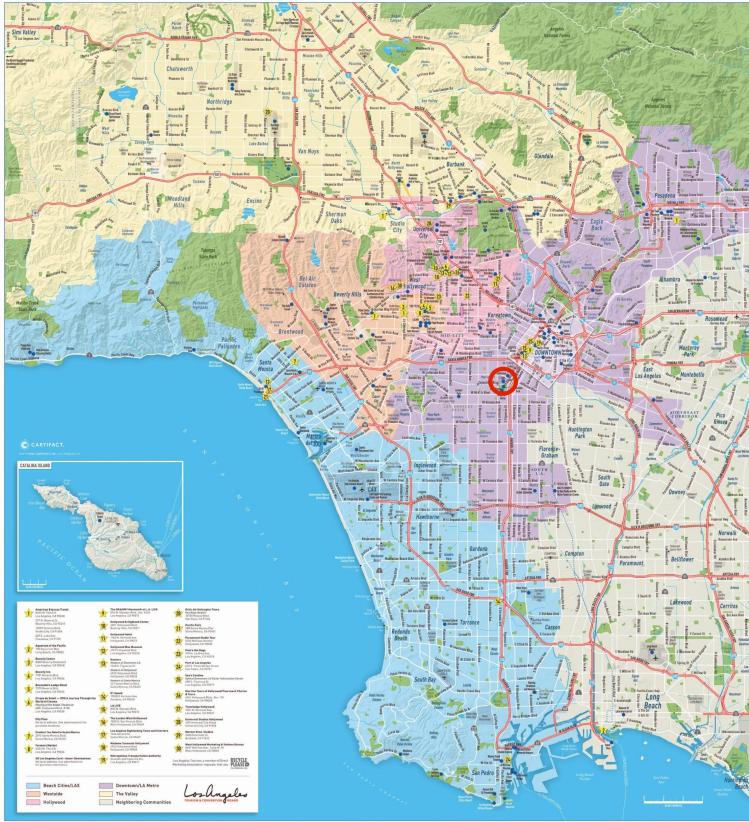
- Like our Facebook Page
  - Connect with us via our USC SSA Group Chat
  - See our website linked on the page
- Follow us on Instagram! (USC.SSA)
- Come to events (dimsum lunches etc.)
- We are here for you!!



USC SSA Website

**USC**

# Los Angeles, California

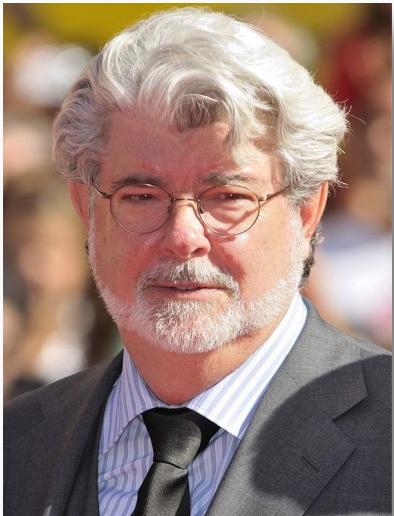


# The University of Southern California



# Alumni

# Notable Alumni I



**George Lucas**

Lucasfilms, Star Wars



**Will Ferrell**

Comedian



**Neil Armstrong**

First Man on the Moon

# Notable Alumni II



**Shinzo Abe**

Prime Minister of Japan



**Dave Franco**

Actor, *21 Jump Street*



**Grant Imahara**

Roboticist, *MythBusters*

# Notable Alumni III



**Lee Li Ping**

CEO and Founder, Sogurt



**Miranda Cosgrove**

Actress, *iCarly*



**Michelle Ford**

Olympic Gold Medalist, Australia

# Notable Alumni IV



**Jon M. Chu**

Director, *Crazy Rich Asians*



**Marc Benioff**

CEO, *Salesforce*



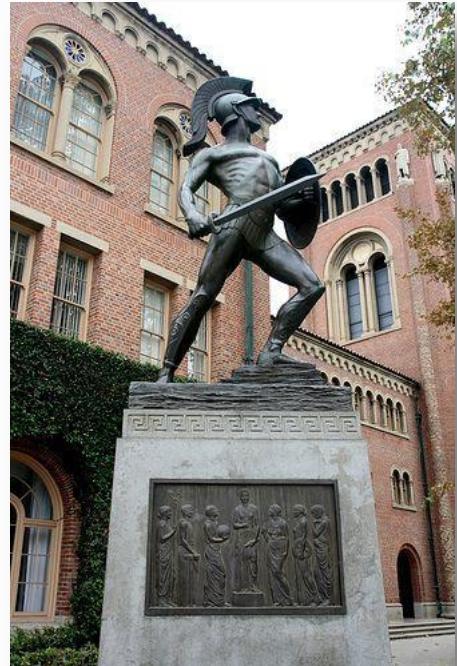
**Chris DeWolfe**

CEO, *MySpace*

# The Trojan Family

Benefits of being part of the Trojan Family:

1. Trojans always help Trojans! FIGHT ON!
2. Networking & Connections (Internships, jobs etc.)
3. You join the Trojan Family as soon as you enroll into USC
4. We feel and are like an actual family. You will find your community here!



# *Fight On!*



# Student Services

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## Cultural Communities

- Asian Pacific American Student Services
- Center for Black Cultural & Student Affairs
- LA CASA Latinx Chicanx Center
- LGBT Resource Center
- International Services

<https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/>

## Office of International Services

<https://ois.usc.edu/>

# Emergency Numbers

## Department of Public Safety

<https://dps.usc.edu/>

24HR Emergency: **(213) 740-4321**

24HR Non-Emergency: **(213)-740-6000**

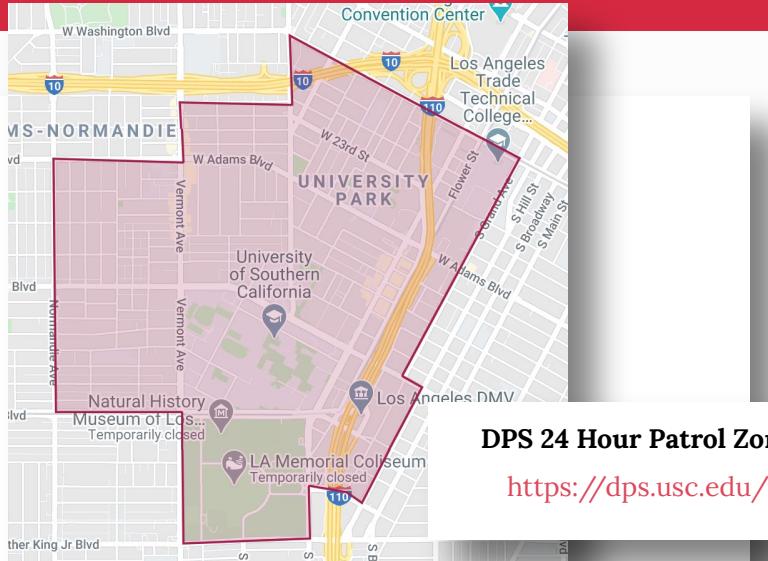
## USC Student Health

Engemann Student Health Center

<https://studenthealth.usc.edu/>

After-Hours Medical, Counseling or Sexual Assault Survivor Support

Assistance: **(213) 740-9355 (WELL)**



**DPS 24 Hour Patrol Zone**

<https://dps.usc.edu/>

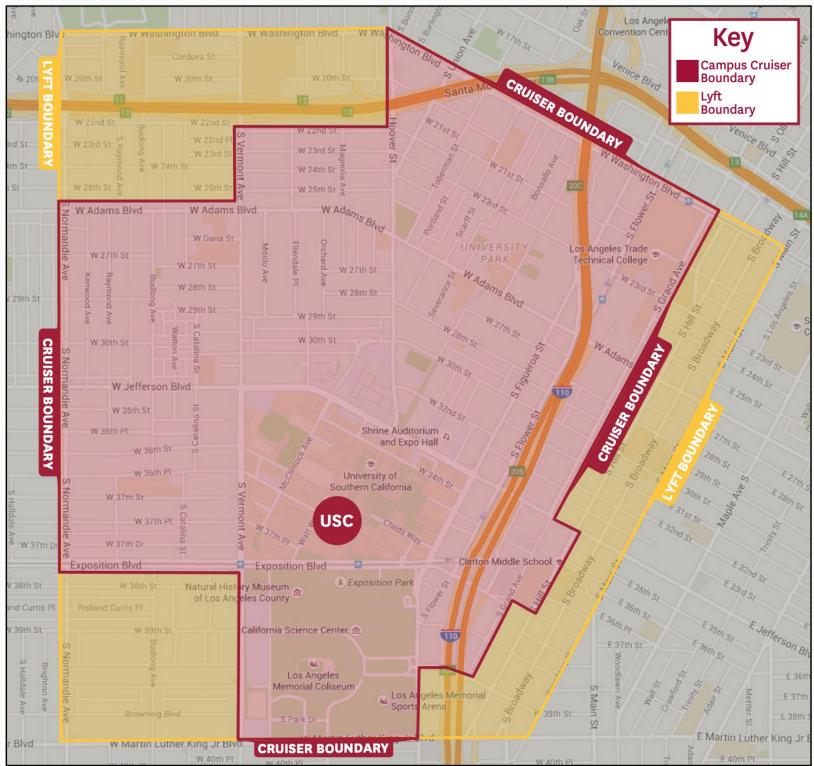
# “Fryft” and Campus Cruiser

Fryft = “Free Lyft”



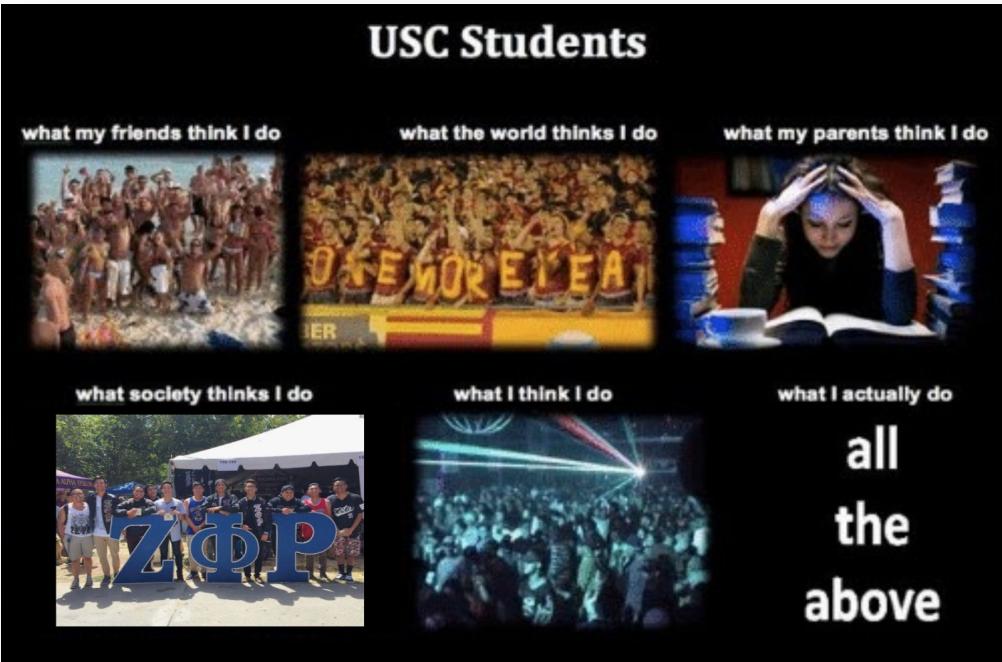
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# College Life





Shared on the USC Meme Page

# Los Angeles Orientation

Information is available on our website

USC Singapore Students' Assoc X +

usc-ssa.github.io/Singapore-Student-Association/new-students.html

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# New Students Guide

Click here for the SCend Off! 2020 slide deck.

## Pre-Departure Checklist

- Passport, I-20, Visa and copies of them
- Your address in US
- Copies of your academic transcript
- Documentation of receiving 2 doses of MMR (Measles, Mumps, & Rubella) vaccine on or after first birthday or positive Rubeola and Mumps titers (blood tests)
- Documentation of receiving 2 doses of Varicella (Chickenpox) on or after first birthday or a positive varicella titer (blood test)
- Graphing calculator
- Essential toiletries to last for the first week or so. You can make a trip to Target/Walmart to get the rest
- Adaptor and/or extension cord to use electrical appliances from Singapore

## Upon Arrival at LAX

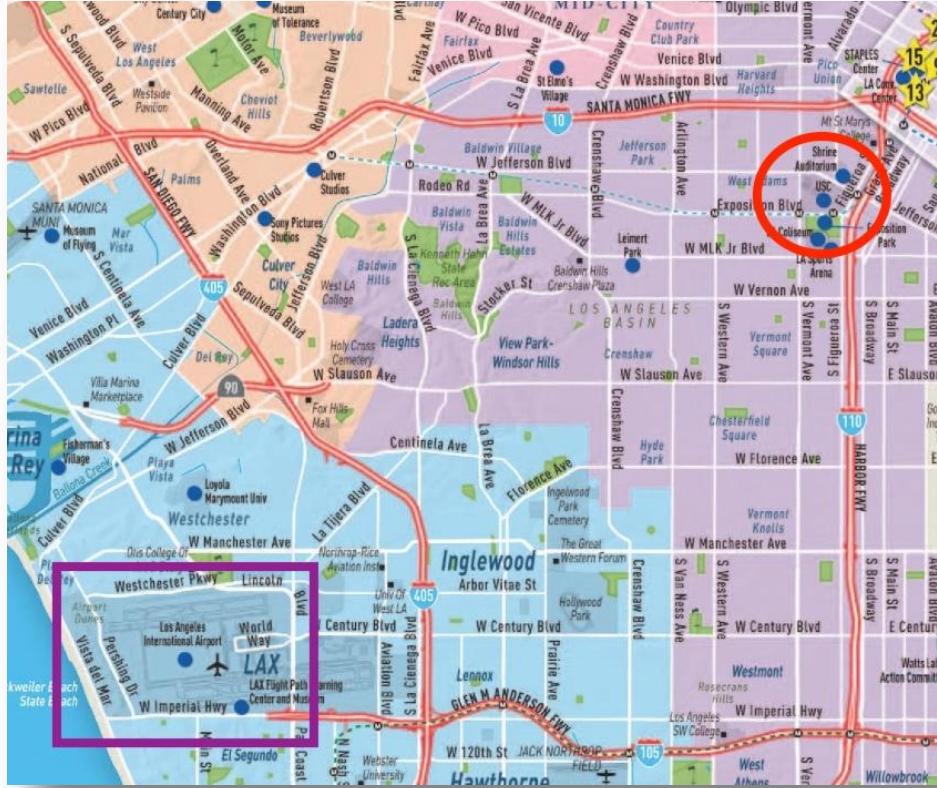
### Driving Directions to USC

1. I-105 East
2. I-110 North
3. Exit at 37th Street / Exposition Boulevard (Exit 20B)

The map shows the coastal area of Los Angeles with major highways I-105 and I-110. A blue box labeled "LAX" is located near the airport. An arrow points from I-105 towards the center of the city. Another arrow points from I-110 towards the same area. The text "37th Street / Exposition Boulevard (Exit 20B)" indicates the specific exit point on the map.

Information is available on our website

# Arriving at LAX



## Driving Directions

- I-105 East
- I-110 North
- Exit at 37th Street / Exposition Boulevard (20B)

## Taxi

- Costs at least USD 40, excluding tips

## Super-Shuttle

- USD 18, excluding tips
- Shared van service
- Go to <http://www.supershuttle.com> to book a ride

## Uber/Lyft

- Cheaper than a taxi, no tips required (unless you want to)

# USC SSA Contact List

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Please feel free to contact any of us via phone or email if you have any questions and we will get back to you asap.

- Fight On! -

## Off-Campus Housing

This is more applicable to transfer students, but can also be used for future reference for freshmen.

Many Singaporeans live in Downtown LA and some of the popular apartments are **Canvas LA**, **Orsini** and **Visconti**. If you prefer to live closer to campus, **The Lorenzo**, **Shrine Collection**, **Icon**, **Gateway** and **Tuscan** are popular choices among international students. But please note that they are also more expensive compared to renting a room in a house.

## Off-campus Housing near USC

StuHo, Nupac, FirstChoice Housing, [livenearusc.com](http://livenearusc.com)



**WELCOME TO USC!**

## Upon Arrival at LAX

### Driving directions:

I-105 East

I-110 North

Exit at 37th Street / Exposition Boulevard (20B)

### Taxi:

Costs at least USD 30, excluding tips

### Super-shuttle:

USD 18, excluding tips

Shared van service

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## Phone Matters

You can choose from Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint to get your phone plans. Tip: Verizon has better coverage, slightly slower speed. AT&T has slightly faster speed, not as good coverage.

The more people you can get, the cheaper it is.

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- Adaptor and/or extension cord to use electrical appliances from Singapore
- Stationery
- TSA Lock
- Pre-orientation homework
- Alcohol edu test online

This list is not conclusive, so please pack whatever you deem necessary!

### What not to bring:

- 2-Hole Punches because 3-hole punchers are used in US
- A4 paper, US uses letter-sized papers

## Where to Eat

### On-Campus

Dining Halls - EVK/Parkside/University Village  
Ronald Tutor Campus Center - CPK/Panda Express/Habit  
Burger/Seeds/Lemonade/Little Galen  
Moreton Fig

### Off-Campus

Chipotle - (right below Tuscany Apts at South Figueroa St)  
Chick-Fil-A  
Blaze Pizza  
Pizza Studio  
Ono Hawaiian BBQ  
Poke by Hawaii/ Ahi Poke Bowl  
Yoshinoya  
Ebaes - Ramen  
Northern Cafe - Americanized Chinese  
For more information: search “Top 10 Walkable Restaurants Near USC”  
on YouTube

### Top 10 Asian Places to Eat and/or Chill!

1. Shin-Sen-Gumi
2. Sugarfish/ Kazunori
3. Coco Tea and Juice
4. Boiling Crab
5. Mama Lu's Dumpling House
6. Boiling Point
7. Urth Cafe
8. Half and Half
9. Elite Restaurant (Dim Sum)
10. Sun Nong Dan

Check out the  
SSA Makan Guide  
(SSA Website)

## Travelling on Campus

### Biking/Longboarding

Besides walking to/around campus, popular alternatives of commuting would be by bicycles or longboards. We highly advise you to purchase **two** non-combination locks for maximum security against bicycle thefts which occur quite frequently around campus.



**Locking without wheel removal**



You don't want to find your bike looking like this:



# Traveling Out of Campus

## Driving

Getting a Driver's License is highly recommended because the public transport system in LA is not easily accessible.

## Do I need a California Driver's License to drive in LA?

We highly recommend obtaining a California Driver's License because it not only acts as an Identification Card (equivalent to Singapore's IC), but it also greatly simplifies your purchase of a motor vehicle and its corresponding insurance coverage.

## Where can I get it?

You will be able to obtain a California Driver's License at the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV). The nearest DMV to USC is located at 3615 South Hope Street, which is approximately 10 minutes walking distance from campus. Please make an appointment before heading down to DMV. **\*Recommend to go to Santa Monica DMV as the DMV near USC is VERY INEFFICIENT and has long wait times.**

## Other methods

Public transport like LA Metro, Dash bus services

Uber/Lyft

# Banking

## Major Banks around USC

### > Bank of America

Located at USC Village  
3201 S Hoover St

Los Angeles, CA 90089 US  
(213) 477-1001

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

BOA ATMs are also located in the campus center (beside Ronald Tutor Campus Center)

### > USC Credit Union

Located on campus, lower initial money deposit and money limit, credit and debit cards catered to student needs

University Park Campus  
King Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
MC 2280

Contact Number: 213-821-7100

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri: 9am to 5pm

<http://www.usccreditunion.org>

### > Chase Bank

Located at University Gateway  
3335 S Figueroa St  
Los Angeles, CA 90007  
Contact Number: (213) 745-7928

### > Citibank

Located at 3615 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90007  
Contact Number: (800) 627-3999

## Misc.

### Amazon

Free prime membership for 6 months if you sign up with USC email  
Good for misc. items so you don't have to make a trip to target  
Cheaper books

### Water Issues

Tap water is safe to drink  
Best to use a water filter  
Recommended: Brita water filter (Amazon/ Target)

### Textbooks

Usually really expensive  
Rent off Amazon/ USC Free and For Sale FB group

### Online Shopping

Pick up packages from Customer Service Center (CSC) of dorms  
You can return packages through them too  
USC Post office (located next to the Starbucks at Leavey)

### USC ID

Can get your card punched by USC Card Services so you can hang it on a lanyard  
USC Card Services is located next to the post office in PSX

### Dorm beds

Get the CSC to raise it so you can store stuff underneath to maximize space

### California ID

Obtaining a California ID from the DMV is an option if you do not wish to carry your International ID (Not U.S.). This is recommended if you cannot / do not wish to obtain a California Driver's License.

## USC Amenities

### Lyft / Campus Cruiser

Free service from 7pm-2am  
1 mile radius from USC  
Grab a bite with friends  
Runs till 6am during dead week

Campus cruiser will take you and your bike home  
Remember to sign up for Lyft with your USC account.

### Food Matters

There is always free food on campus  
Join Free Food @ USC for updates  
Free food during finals season outside Leavey and dorms  
Farmers Market @ McCarthy Quad every Wednesday

**We understand it must be frustrating to spend your first semester online.**

**Please reach out to us if we can help.**

# Thank You :)

**Website** <https://usc-ssa.github.io/Singapore-Student-Association/>

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/USCSSA/>

**Instagram** <https://www.instagram.com/usc.ssa/>

**USC COVID-19 Resource Center** <https://coronavirus.usc.edu/>

**USC Admission Office** <https://admission.usc.edu/>

**USC Office of International Services** <https://ois.usc.edu/>



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