

How to Apply for the Pre-Master's Program



Before You Apply

● PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS:

- ☐ Official transcripts – in their original language with accompanying English translation
- ☐ Financial Statement
- ☐ Copy of your passport page
- ☐ Copy of English language test results (TOEFL/IELTS, if available)
- ☐ Copy of your bachelor's degree diploma (if you have already graduated)
- ☐ Curriculum Vitae/Resume (if applicable)
- ☐ Contact prospective references for letters of recommendation (if required – check with academic department)

Minimum Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree that is recognized by your home country's Ministry of Education and is equivalent to a four-year U.S. bachelor's degree.
2. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 U.S. grading scale
3. Depending on your chosen degree program:
 - TOEFL iBT 75+ / IE LTS 6
 - or
 - TOEFL iBT 61 / IELTS 5.5

**If you have not taken the TOEFL or IELTS, you will be required to take International Academy's English Proficiency Exam at one of USC's international offices to help determine a study plan right for you.*

Application Process Overview

Prepare
supporting
documents



Step 1

Submit online
application



Step 2

If you have not taken the TOEFL/IELTS, an Academy representative will contact you to schedule the English proficiency exam upon receipt of your application

USC
International
Academy does
initial evaluation



Step 3

Admission
decision is made
by academic
department



Step 4

Receive your
decision from
USC International
Academy



Step 5

If accepted, confirm
your admission and
pay your enrollment
deposit.

Apply Online:
<http://international.usc.edu/pre-masters-admission.php>

USC International Academy

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→ **APPLY**
→ **QUESTIONS?**

USC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY
REALIZE YOUR POTENTIAL.
MAXIMIZE YOUR SUCCESS.

The University of Southern California ranks among the world's leading private research universities and is home to one of the most diverse and talented student and faculty populations in the United States. Building on USC's expertise, the USC International Academy invites extraordinarily talented students to cross geographic and linguistic boundaries and pursue their educational goals in one of our four avenues of study.

We can equip you with the tools to express your ideas powerfully, pursue knowledge across boundaries, and successfully navigate life in the United States—all while experiencing the transformative power of USC.

P-M Pre-Master's Program
UP Undergraduate Preparation Program
MP Master's Preparation Program
IE Intensive English Program

ADMISSIONS
PRE-MASTER'S PROGRAM
UNDERGRADUATE PREPARATION
MASTER'S PREPARATION
INTENSIVE ENGLISH

Neil Armstrong, M.S. '70
Astronaut and the first person to walk on the Moon

P-M **USC PRE-MASTER'S PROGRAM**
PREPARE. EXCEL.

Scroll down to the **How to Apply** section, click **Step 1**, and follow link to online application.

DATES AND COST

↓ CLICK BOXES FOR MORE INFO

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

APPLICATION DEADLINES

PROGRAM COST (PER SEMESTER)

HOW TO APPLY

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STEP 1: COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION.

To begin the process, please go to USC's [online application system](#) and create an account. A unique PIN code will be emailed to you, which you will need to access the application. Please remember to select "USC International Academy" on #2 of the Application Information section.

STEP 2: PREPARE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.

STEP 3: PAY APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

↓ CLICK BOXES FOR MORE INFO

All supporting documents should be uploaded to the Supporting Documents section of the online application system. If you are experiencing problems uploading documents, please email us for further instructions: info-international@usc.edu

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEST RESULTS (TOEFL/IELTS)



Application Part 1: Account Set-Up, Biographical, Academic, and Test Information

Graduate Admission



Welcome to our online application admission to graduate study at the University of Southern California.

Our online application is part of the Hobsons/ApplyYourself Application system. You have accessed this page to set up a new account and password. Please review the system requirements and complete the form below. If you already have an application account, please return to the login screen to login to your application.

Already have a PIN but cannot remember it? Please use the [automated search >>](#) to locate it.

[Create Account](#)

[User Login](#)

Account Profile

** indicates a required question*

First or Given Name *

Last or Family Name *

Email Address *

Confirm Email Address *

Birth Date * mm/dd/yyyy

Zip/Postal Code *

enter 00000 if you do not have a Zip/Postal Code

Passwords must be between 8-30 characters, contain at least 1 uppercase letter (A-Z), 1 lowercase letter (a-z), 1 number (0-9), and 1 of the following special characters: !@#\$%^&*()_+|~=-'\`{}.;'<>?,./ Spaces are not allowed.

Password *

Confirm Password *

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Application Part I: AY PIN vs. 10 digit USCID



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[Create Account](#)[User Login](#)

Sarah,

Your online personal account has been created and an email containing your account information (excluding your Password) has been sent to sarahjb@usc.edu.

PIN: 448964F5237

Please record this PIN and the password you entered in a safe place. You will need both of these items to access your account in the future.

login

[Technical Support](#)[Security Information](#)[System Requirements](#)

Your AY Pin is NOT your USC ID.
A USC ID is 10 digits. Example: 1234-5678-90

Complete Biographical Information and Contact Information

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Submit Application

save

save & continue

Biographical Information

Please note that all questions followed by an asterisk (*) are required in order to submit an application.

Identification

Please use your legal name. Do not use nicknames or abbreviations. International students: Type your name exactly as it appears on your passport.

1. Legal Name:*

Last Name (Legal, Family, Surname) *

First Name *

Middle Name

2. Did you use your legal first and last name to create your login account for this online application? If you used a different first and last name to establish your login account, please provide this information in the "Last Name - Other" and "First Name - Other" fields below.*

☒ Yes ☐ No

3. Other Name:

Last Name (Other). Please indicate if you have used another name in the past (such as a maiden name).

First Name (Other)

IMPORTANT: Application Information section

For #2, select "USC International Academy"

For #3, select "International Academy – Pre-Master's Program"

🏠 Application for Admission

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Program of Study

Please note that questions followed by an asterisk * are required in order to submit an application.

Students pursuing graduate degrees must apply for admission to specified programs; graduate applicants cannot be admitted to "undeclared" status. The fee for applying to graduate study at USC is \$85 per application. Some schools and departments charge an additional fee for applying to specific programs. If you have questions, please contact the school or department to which you are applying.

To Select a Program of Study:

1. Select the semester.
2. Select the school/college to which you are applying.
3. Select your chosen program of study. **NOTE:** If a program does not appear in the list, contact the school/college to confirm that the program is offered during the term you selected, and that applications are still being accepted.

1. Please select the semester for which you wish to apply*:

Fall 2014 ▼

2. Please indicate the school or college to which you are applying:*


USC International Academy ▼

3. Select your intended program of study.*

International Academy - Pre-Masters Preparation ▼

After filling out the subsequent sections, upload transcripts, financial statement, English test scores (if applicable) and other required documents in the Supporting Documents section

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Supporting Documents

Please adhere to specific requirements for your Statement of Purpose or any additional documents you submit below, as established by the school or college for your chosen program of study. Contact the school, department or college directly, or [click here](#) to browse for this information on departmental websites for graduate and professional programs at USC.

Statement of Purpose (sometimes also referred to as a Personal Statement, or Statement of Intent):

To upload a document in response to this question, please click the 'upload' button below. If your upload is successful, you will see a 'view document' button and a 'delete' button appear next to the question.

Upload Document

Supporting Documents:

This is an area where you can upload additional documents or forms required by the school, department or program to which you are applying.

PLEASE NOTE: You may use this section to submit unofficial copies of your transcripts to the department and program to which you are applying. This may expedite the department's review of your application for admission. However, the central USC Graduate Admissions office must receive official copies of your transcripts from the institution(s) you attended and does not review documents submitted here. Official transcripts must be mailed to the address listed in the Application Instructions page of the online application.

Additional Document #1:

Describe the document.

To upload a document in response to this question, please click the 'upload' button below. If your upload is successful, you will see a 'view document' button and a 'delete' button appear next to the question.


Upload Document

Additional Document #2:

Describe the document.

Click on USC International Academy under “Supplemental Forms” and select the department and program in which you are interested after the Pre-Master’s Program.

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USC International Academy

For more information regarding application requirements to the USC International Academy, please visit our website (international.usc.edu).

Please select the department in which you are interested after completing the USC International Academy Pre-Master Program.

USC Viterbi School of Engineering ▼

Please select the master program in which you are interested after completing the USC International Academy Pre-Master Program.

Electrical Engineering (M.S.) ▼

Final Steps

- Make sure to click on “Save & Continue” until you reach the last page of the application.
- Once you complete all of the sections, click on the “Submit” button.
- You will receive an email to confirm that your application has been submitted and received.

Application Mistakes

- Incorrect biographical information
 - Name, birthdate, citizenship, address
 - Indicate *all names*
- Incomplete education history
- Missing academic records
- Old or incomplete records
- Sending documents before you submit your application
- Sending academic documents without 10 digit USC ID
- Unpaid application fee – fee is \$175
- Not responding to USC e-mails

Required Documents for I-20 and DS-2019 Issuance

- Submission of a copy of your passport (and dependents, if applicable) is mandatory for all international applicants.
- We recommend students submit adequate financial documents and a passport copy at time of application.



Contact Information

- USC International Academy website
<http://international.usc.edu>
- General questions
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