

Information for Students

A. University	<i>University of Southern California</i> http://www.usc.edu/ http://ois.usc.edu/
B. Country	<i>USA</i>
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	https://academics.usc.edu/calendar/2015-2016/
iii) Exchange Duration	<i>One semester</i>
iv) Examination	<i>Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.</i>
v) Curriculum Structure	
vi) Entry Requirements	<i>CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C</i>
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p><i>English</i></p> <p>New regulations have been issued by the U.S. Department of State for the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, including a new requirement to document that all J-1 exchange visitors have an adequate level of English proficiency to carry out their proposed program at the university. These changes will be in effect from the Fall 2015 exchange program applications.</p> <p>Students can meet this requirement with a 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. Copies of test scores will need to be submitted with students' exchange application.</p>

	Students who do not have TOELF or IELTS can opt for a telephone or Skype interview, which will be conducted by the USC Admission & Student Affairs Office. USC will contact students to arrange the interview on receipt of their application. This arrangement for the English Language Proficiency evaluation is subject to change.		
viii) Modules Compatibility	<p><i>Suitable for students from the following Faculties (this does not mean there will be places available for each Faculty).</i></p> <table border="1"><tr><td>FoE</td></tr><tr><td>FoS</td></tr></table> <p>Classes: SEP through IRO is with the USC Viterbi School of Engineering.</p> <p>Exchange students are permitted to enrol in 12 to 18 units, at least 12 units must be in the Viterbi School of Engineering.</p> <p>Enrolment in courses outside of the engineering school is limited to one course. Exchange students must meet all pre-requisite requirements for the courses they wish to register for. Enrolment in graduate level courses (numbered 500 and higher) is not permitted.</p>	FoE	FoS
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ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites	<p>Restrictions for Exchange Students</p> <p>Only NUS students from FoE and SoC may apply to exchange to USC. Students take courses only in the Viterbi School of Engineering.</p>		
D. Application			
i) Procedures	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean’s Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>		
ii) Deadlines	<p>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>		
E. Accommodation			

i) University Accommodation	Housing Options On campus housing: USC owns and manages several housing complexes on campus and in the nearby University Park neighborhood which includes several residences and various apartments. USC-owned housing is available, however it is not guaranteed. Interested students must submit a housing application once they receive their USC ID number. http://housing.usc.edu/ Off campus housing: Housing around campus is in great demand by USC students. There are several reasons for this: limited USC housing, non-USC housing is relatively cheaper, no need for a long commute to campus.
F. Visa	
Consular/Visa Regulation	Consular/Visa Regulation Once you have been approved to study in the United States and officially admitted to the University, you will receive your Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019). Your Certificate of Eligibility is valid for 30 days before and 30 days after your academic program. This means that if you so desire, you can arrive in the United States one month before Purdue's semester begins and depart for your home country one month after the semester ends. After paying the SEVIS fee, take the SEVIS receipt, the Form DS-2019, valid passport, and evidence of financial support to the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate to obtain your J-1 exchange visitor visa. When you depart for the U.S. be sure to carry these documents with you. You should also carry original financial documents as proof to support the funding listed on your Form DS-2019. A United States immigration officer will review these items at your U.S. city of arrival.
G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance	
i) Health/Medical Insurance	All registered NUS students are covered under the University health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the University health insurance coverage, please refer to

	<p>http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/healthservice/insurance-schemes/undergraduate-scheme.html.</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/InsuranceCoverforOfficialNUSTrips.html</p> <p>USC requires that all students either have proof of a US based health insurance, or they will have to enroll in the USC plan (enrollment is automatic, and you do not have to fill out any paperwork. You only have to complete paperwork if you wish to "waive" the USC insurance for a different carrier- see below).</p> <p>If you wish to get insurance for the semester on your own, please be sure that it is with a company that has offices in the US. Foreign Carriers/Insurers are not sufficient (these are the same rules USC students must abide by when they go to your institutions). And make sure that it meets the requirements as spelled out on the following website.</p> <p>Most insurance companies will not pay for services outside of the home country, or will only reimburse you when you return. We do not have "socialized" medicine in the US, and health care costs can be quite substantial. So it makes sense to enroll in this plan.</p>
ii) Emergency Number at host university	
H. Cost of Living	
i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses	<p>(Tuition is waived for exchange students): Please refer to the following site for more information on cost of living (note prices are in US\$): http://www.viterbi.usc.edu/students/undergrad/overseas/exchange/incoming-students/finances.htm</p>