

# USC Undergraduate Programs

## Recommended Coursework for USC Pre-Professional Programs

Each professional school has its own application procedures. This document provides only an overview of the common required or recommended coursework for each school. Consult your undecided/undeclared advisor and seek pre-professional advisement from each school for specific application details. Information sessions are available for each school.

### USC Marshall School of Business

The following courses must be completed or in-progress when applying to the Business Administration major:

**WRIT 150**

**MATH 118 or higher**

**ECON 351x \***

(\*NOTE: Math 118 or 125 is a prerequisite for ECON 351x; *ECON 351x must be taken in residence at USC.*)

- Non-majors **must attend an information session** to learn about Marshall's majors and minors.
- Students who wish to apply directly to the Accounting major must complete BUAD 285ab or 286ab (or BUAD 305 if eligible) with a grade of B or better, in addition to completing the courses above.
- Limit of 3 Marshall courses for non-Marshall students can be taken.
- Admission decisions are based primarily on students' academic performance with special attention given to the required coursework listed above.
- In order to be competitive, students are advised to complete 16 units of academically rigorous coursework each term of enrollment; all courses should be taken for a grade.
- Letters of recommendation are not part of the application process.

<http://students.marshall.usc.edu/undergrad/applying/marshall-major-prerequisites-and-admission-procedures/>

### USC Viterbi School of Engineering

Students who wish to apply to Viterbi must complete specific courses at USC towards their intended major. The courses vary by intended major and detailed recommendations are online (see link below). Typically, these include:

**Math 126 or higher, taken at USC**

**A required science course for the major (typically or CHEM 105a or MASC 110)**

**Specific Engineering course(s) depending on intended major**

- Applications are typically reviewed shortly after grades are posted each term.
- Students with 15 or more units per term and a GPA greater than 3.0 are generally more competitive for approval.
- A score of 4 or 5 on AP Chemistry satisfies CHEM 105a and MASC 110 requirement. Please consult a Viterbi advisor for the recommended alternate science course. Pre-Med students should plan to complete CHEM 105a at USC regardless of AP scores.
- Pre-engineering walk-in advisement hours are posted online, typically Wednesdays from 9-10:30am.
- Students who have not been admitted to a Viterbi major or minor may complete a maximum of 4 Viterbi courses. No further Viterbi courses may be taken until the student is admitted.

<http://viterbiundergrad.usc.edu/pre-engineering/>

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## USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

To be eligible to apply to the major in Communication, Journalism or Public Relations, students must have:

**16 units completed at USC** (no exceptions; AP and IB units are not included in unit totals)

**At least a 3.0 USC cumulative GPA** (recommended for COMM; required for JOUR and PR)

**Completed online application form for current USC students only**

**Statement of Intent**

- Non-majors are first encouraged to **attend an information session** to learn about Annenberg majors and minors.
- **FALL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. the first Friday of the fall semester.
- **SPRING APPLICATION DEADLINE:** All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. the first Friday of the spring semester.
- **SUMMER APPLICATION DEADLINE:** All applications are due by 4:30 p.m. the first Friday of the summer term.
- Students who have not been admitted to the communication major or one of the minors may complete a maximum of 20 communication units at USC. No further COMM courses may be taken until the student is admitted.

<http://annenberg.usc.edu/CurrentStudents/UGStudentSvcs/NonMajor.aspx>

## USC Sol Price School of Public Policy

Current USC students interested in changing to a major in Public Policy, Real Estate Development, or Urban Studies and Planning must be in good academic standing. Students are recommended to take the following preparatory courses for all of the majors in the Price School:

**MATH 117**

**ECON 203**

**WRIT 150 or GESM**

**PPD 225**

- Students interested in declaring a major in Price **must attend an information session.**

<http://priceschool.usc.edu/admission/undergrad-change-major/>

## USC School of Cinematic Arts

Current USC students who wish to apply to a major in one of the SIX divisions of the USC School of Cinematic Arts should consult the school's admission website below. Each program within the school has its own admission criteria and requirements. Admission is highly competitive. Common application materials include:

**Cinematic Arts Personal Statement**

**Writing Sample**

**Letters of Recommendation**

**Portfolio**

**Creative Work Sample**

**Visual Sample (Video or Photo Option)**

- Students interested in declaring a major in Cinematic Arts are first encouraged to **attend an information session.**

<http://cinema.usc.edu/admissions/apply.cfm>