

# USC

## University of Southern California

### General Education Core Requirements

Fall 2009 – Summer 2010

**GENERAL EDUCATION: Complete one (1) course from Categories I, II, III, V, the Diversity Requirement and the lower division writing requirement. Categories IV, VI, and the upper division writing requirement must be completed at USC.**

**I. WESTERN CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

Architecture 104  
Art 2; 3  
History 5A  
Philosophy 10; 11

**II. GLOBAL CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

Anthropology 2; 6; 7; 8  
Art 5A; 5B; 7; 9  
History 9; 12A; 12B; 14A; 14B; 30; 152; 178

**III. SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY**

Astronomy 12 with 20; 12 with 25  
Biology 10; 11; 12; 17 with 18; 101, 102  
Chemistry 1A; 20; 21A  
Geography 1 with 6  
Geology 1 with 3; 2 with 4  
Oceanography 10  
Physical Science 25  
Physics 1A; 2A; 3A; 11 with 12

**IV. MUST BE COMPLETED AT USC**

**V. ARTS AND LETTERS**

English 10; 12; 15A; 15B; 18; 20; 21; 23; 28; 29; 30; 31; 34; 35; 36; 39; 40A; 40B; 41A; 41B; 42; 43; 44; 47; 48  
Film 1  
French 35  
Music 15A; 15B  
Theatre 4

**VI. MUST BE COMPLETED AT USC**

**DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT:**

American Studies 3  
Ethnic Studies 1  
History 9; 16B; 17; 27; 122  
Political Science 5  
Sign Language/Interpreter Training 202  
Sociology 101; 107  
Women's Studies 1

**LOWER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT:**

One semester of college composition: **English 1B or 1C** (English 1B or 1C is articulated with USC's WRIT 130).  
An additional upper-division writing course will need to be completed at USC.

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**FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** Certain USC majors have a language requirement for graduation, which requires completing the third semester (or fifth quarter) of a college-level foreign language with a passing grade (C- or higher), or passing USC's placement examination at a level equivalent to third semester competency. Students who do not finish their third semester (or fifth quarter) before transferring to USC must take USC's placement examination to determine their level of competency. If the test score indicates placement into a level, which the student has already completed, the student will be advised (but not required) to repeat the course at USC for no additional credit. Therefore, if your major requires the foreign language skill level and if you have started taking a foreign language, you are advised to complete the requirement before transferring to USC. International students whose native language is not English are exempt from the foreign language requirement. A score of 4 or higher on an AP foreign language exam (other than Latin) can fulfill this requirement. **Courses that fulfill this requirement: French 3; German 3; Japanese 3; Spanish 3**

### **Departments or Degrees with a Third-Semester Foreign Language Requirement**

**College of Letters, Arts and Sciences – (All majors) and the majors listed below:**

**B.A.:** Animation and Digital Arts, Cinematic Arts Critical Studies, Cinematic Arts Production, Communication, Fine Arts, Interactive Entertainment, Journalism, Music, Public Relations, Theatre

**B.S.:** Computer Science, Gerontology, Global Health, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, Occupational Therapy

**B.M. in Performance:** Vocal Arts

### **RESTRICTIONS ON COURSES:**

- No more than four (4) semester units of pass/no pass credit may be applied to GE requirement.
- There are limitations on the maximum number of American Sign language (ASL) (12 units), Physical Education Activity (4 units), Physical Education Theory (12 units), Dance (8 units), Music (Ensemble 4 units, Lessons 12 units), Acting (12 units), Production (12 units), Stagecraft (12 units), Studio Arts: Drawing (12 units), Painting (12 units), 2-D Art (printmaking, photography, computer generated art, miscellaneous) (16 units), 3-D Art (ceramics, sculpture) (12 units), ESL (4 units) units applicable for credit.
- Once a student enrolls at USC, he or she must complete all remaining GE and writing requirements at USC.
- A maximum of 64 units including general education and subjects in preparation for your major may be accepted for transfer toward your degree of USC.
- Courses must receive at least a grade of C- (or pass or credit) to transfer. The lower division writing course may not be taken pass/no pass.
- Course repetition: 1) courses taken for repeat credit will not be accepted for additional unit credit unless otherwise indicated (i.e. PE activity, music ensemble) 2) courses repeated in which a D or F grade is received, only the first course passed with a C- or higher will be granted unit credit (although **all** attempts will be calculated in the transfer GPA).

**USC's POLICY ON DISTANCE EDUCATION:** USC will not grant subject credit to foreign language or laboratory science courses taught via distance learning, television, or online correspondence format. USC will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to grant credit for non-traditional time modes such as "intensive" sessions or special weekend modules. Students are advised to complete courses in the traditional classroom modality to assure that they will get full credit.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSIONS:** 1) Intermediate Algebra, 2) Lower division writing requirement (course equivalent to WRIT 130), 3) There is no minimum number of units students must complete before applying for admission. However, if you have fewer than 30 transferable units, the primary focus will be on your high school record and results from the SAT/ACT.

**MATH REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSIONS:** Transfer students are expected to have achieved a grade of "C" or better in intermediate algebra at the college level or to have completed a minimum of three years of math in high school, including advanced algebra. Some majors require specific math courses for major preparation. Students should consult with an ECC counselor or the department to which they intend to apply.

### **LIMITS ON COLLEGE COURSES TAKEN BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:**

**\*Courses must be taught on the college campus by college faculty and NOT used toward high school graduation to earn credit; courses taught in a high school setting, even if they are on a transcript by a college or university, do not earn credit at USC.** However, high school students may take a maximum of 16 semester units of degree credit for college courses taken before high school graduation, if used for college credit only. Courses taken in high school receive elective credits only (no equivalence), except that they may, where relevant, fulfill GE categories I, II, III, and V ONLY. Departments may use these courses as a basis to waive prerequisites or specific course requirements on a case-by-case basis.

### **ADDITIONAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

See the booklet "Transferring to USC," available from the USC Office of Admissions

Additional information available at [www.usc.edu/articulation](http://www.usc.edu/articulation) .