



**El Camino College**  
**ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE**  
**USC VITERBI SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING**

The Viterbi School of Engineering admits transfer students for the fall. Admission is very competitive. The **most important considerations for transfer admission** are completion of as many major preparatory courses and academics. In determining admission to the Engineering program, USC reviews the grades from math and science courses more heavily than grades from GE courses.

Students should concentrate on completing as many major preparation courses as possible and meet minimum eligibility requirements for admission to USC (English 1B or 1C, two courses of calculus, and lab-based science/programming for CS applicants). They do not require applicants to have completed the general education requirements in order to be admitted, although it is to the student's benefit to have completed as many as possible. Please see below this sheet for general education courses.

A maximum of 64 units can be transferred from community colleges. However, if a student has more than 64 transferable units, "subject credit" may be granted.

Minimum Requirements for all majors (<https://viterbiadmission.usc.edu/transfer/>)

- Two courses in Calculus (or beyond), with at least Calc II in-progress at the time of application
- Two courses in lab science (or programming for CS Applicants. See below for more details)
- WRIT 130
- Full time enrollment highly recommended

Identify the acronym of the engineering major from the list to identify courses needed for your major.

<b>AE:</b> Aerospace	<b>CEWR</b> Civil (Water Resources_	<b>CHPM:</b> Chemical (Polymer/Materials Science)
<b>ASTE:</b> Astronautical	<b>ENVE:</b> Civil (Environmental)	<b>CSBA:</b> Computer Science/Business Admin
<b>BME:</b> Biomedical	<b>ENE:</b> Environmental	<b>CSCI:</b> Computer Science
<b>BMCE:</b> Biomedical (Molecular & Cellular)	<b>CECS:</b> Computer Engineering & Computer Science	<b>CSGM:</b> Computer Science Games
<b>BMEN:</b> Biomedical (Electrical)	<b>CHSE</b> Chemical (Sustainable Energy)	<b>ECE:</b> Electrical & Computer Engineering
<b>BMEL:</b> Biomedical (Mechanical)	<b>CHE:</b> Chemical	<b>ENGR:</b> Undeclared
<b>CE:</b> Civil	<b>CHEB:</b> Chemical (Biochemical)	<b>ISE:</b> Industrial & Systems
<b>CEBS:</b> Civil (Building Science)	<b>CHEE:</b> Chemical (Environmental)	<b>ISIS:</b> Industrial & Systems (Information Systems)
<b>STRC:</b> Civil (Structural)_	<b>CHEN:</b> Chemical (Nanotechnology)	<b>ME:</b> Mechanical
<b>CCEM:</b> Civil (Construction and Engineering Management)	<b>CHPE:</b> Chemical (Petroleum)	<b>MEPE:</b> Mechanical (Petroleum)

## ENGINEERING CORE COURSES:

### English

All majors

English 1B or 1C

### Mathematics

All majors

Math 190, 191, 220, 270

### Physics

AE, ASTE, ME, MEPE

Physics 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D

BME, BMCE, BMEN, BMEL,  
CHE, CHSE, CHEB, CHEE, CHEN,  
CHPM, CE, CEBS, STRC, CCEM, CEWR  
ENVE, ENE, CSGM, CECS, ISE, ISIS

Physics, 1A, 1B, 1C

### Chemistry

CHE, CHSE, CHEB, CHEE, CHEN,  
CHPE, CHPM

Chemistry 1A-1B; 7A

BME, BMEN, BMCE, BMEL

Chemistry 1A-1B; 7A-7B

AE, ASTE, ME, MEPE,  
CE, CCEM, STRC, CEWR  
CEBS, ISE, ISIS

Chemistry 1A

ENVE, ENE

Chemistry 1A-1B

### Biology

BME, BMCE, BMEN,  
BMEL, ENVE, ENE

Biology 101, 102 (may not need both courses for all majors but need to take both in order to earn credit for USC BISC 120 & 220, unless taking honors version)

### Other:

CSCI

Basic Science I & Basic Science II (may be satisfied by taking two of the same type of courses; 2 Bio, 2 Chem, 2 Phys)

CSBA

Basic Science I (may be satisfied by taking one science)

### CS Classes

CSCI, CSBA, CSGM, CECS

Computer science students may take programming courses (C++) instead of, or in addition to, lab-based science courses before applying to transfer to USC. While programming courses very rarely transfer for course-equivalent credit at USC, they can be good preparation for placement exams. If a student does well enough on a placement exam for a particular

course at USC, the student may be able to waive that course requirements. More info:

<https://viterbiadmission.usc.edu/transfer/#programming>

Recommended Web sites:

<https://viterbiadmission.usc.edu/transfer/>

<https://camel2.usc.edu/articagrmt/artic.aspx>

Other Resources:

Transfer Info Sessions: [https://applyto.usc.edu/portal/viterbi\\_transferinfosession](https://applyto.usc.edu/portal/viterbi_transferinfosession)

Individual Counseling Appointments for Admission: <https://applyto.usc.edu/portal/viterbitransfercounseling>