Living at USC: Freshmen
2016–2017
Your undergraduate years at USC may be your first experience living away from home, or your first time in a new city — possibly in a new country. You will be in an unfamiliar environment, keeping a different schedule and making new friends. This new lifestyle will be a change and a challenge, but it will also be memorable and exciting.

This booklet can help you with one of your biggest decisions — determining where to live. You will find descriptions of USC’s freshman housing facilities and our many special interest programs. You will also learn about meal plans, parking and how to select your roommate.

Why live in university housing? Because you will be close to your classes, USC libraries, and the student organizations and events that make campus life rewarding. Your years at USC will be enriched by your fellow residents — a mix of students from places as different as Brooklyn, Bangkok and Boise. You will make friendships that will last a lifetime.

See what we have to offer. Welcome to USC Housing!
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Deciding Where to Live

With all the buildings and room accommodations USC Housing has to offer, you need to make an informed decision. Please read this section carefully to find the housing that’s right for you.

Housing Options

Should you live in an apartment or in a residence hall? Your preference will depend on the lifestyle you enjoy. Both types of housing provide resident assistants, resident faculty mentors and special interest communities. Keep in mind that, no matter where you live, the quality of the experience depends largely on your participation.

The USC Housing Advantage

With university housing at USC you have...

- No commute
- Faculty involvement
- Community activities & programs
- Rent payable by university student account
- A Department of Public Safety (DPS) that operates 24 hours a day
- A computerized entry-monitoring system
- Live-in staff available 7 days a week
- Free cable TV, WiFi & individual Ethernet connections
- No extra rent to pay if your roommate leaves
- Guaranteed housing for your sophomore year
- Easy access to libraries, the Lyon Recreation Center and other campus facilities
- Free USC bus & Campus Cruiser service
- Maintenance service available 24/7 for emergency repairs
- The option to be reassigned to different housing
- Multiple workout areas with state-of-the-art equipment
- Laundry facilities
**Freshmen**

USC Housing considers you a freshman if you are a recent high school graduate with no college experience. Freshmen younger than 18 may wish to consider living in a smaller community in a building such as Marks or Trojan Hall. Freshmen 19 years and older may prefer an apartment community with students closer to their own age.

**Residence Halls and Suites**

Clustered in four areas around the University Park Campus, USC's 10 residence halls and suite-style buildings offer convenient access to university resources. The approximately 2,500 spaces in these buildings are available primarily for freshmen.

Living here offers the traditional collegiate housing experience. Students stay in double-occupancy rooms, share community bathrooms and socialize over meals in our residential dining facilities. Numerous programs and activities keep residents involved and help them make friends. These features make residence halls a very popular choice. They usually fill first, so apply early!

**Apartments**

Freshmen may also be assigned to one of our apartment communities in Cardinal Gardens or Webb Tower. Their locations, on or near campus, make it easy for residents to participate in the many activities that USC offers.

Apartments have several advantages: larger spaces, the convenience of private bathrooms, and air conditioning. Although these units may have a full kitchen, a meal plan is required for residents of both buildings. A variety of floor plans is offered, most with double-occupancy bedrooms. Unlike residence halls and suites, apartments are open during winter break.

These buildings also house upperclassmen, so spaces for freshmen are limited.

Traditional residence halls, suites and apartments are available to freshmen. For descriptions, see pages 8-15.
Living Options

Residence Hall Double
Buildings: Birnkrant, New and North Colleges, Marks Hall, Marks Tower, Pardee Tower and Trojan Hall.
Occupancy: 2
This accommodation consists of a furnished room used for both living and sleeping. A gender-specific community bathroom is on the same floor. Approximate dimensions of these rooms are 12’ by 15’.

Suite
Building: Fluor Tower.
Occupancy: 8
Four double rooms open onto a common area with a microwave and stovetop. The large bathroom has two showers, two toilets and two sinks.

Suite
Buildings: International Residential College, Arts & Humanities Residential College.
Occupancy: 5, 6, 7 or 8
Most suites in these buildings have four double rooms for eight residents (pictured). The International Residential College has a variety of suite types, some including both single and double rooms. All suites have two bathrooms.

Studio-Double Apartment
Building: Webb Tower.
Occupancy: 2
This unit has a combined living/sleeping area, bathroom and full kitchen (stove and refrigerator are included).

Floor Plans

USC Housing offers a wide variety of floor plans. The illustrations presented here show typical configurations; however, the actual layout and dimensions will vary among buildings that share the same basic floor plans.
Housing Accommodations

Choosing university housing means more than just putting a roof over your head. USC strives to provide its students with a pleasant living environment that includes many special features.

General Amenities

All units within USC housing provide high-speed, individual Ethernet lines, wireless connections and cable TV with HD and premium stations. Rent always includes gas and water costs; electricity costs are sometimes included. (See pages 8–15 for details.) Laundry facilities are available in all buildings, operated by either credit or debit card — there’s no need to stock up on quarters to have clean clothes.

Furnishings

All university housing facilities are furnished. Every resident is provided with an extra-long twin bed (36” X 80”), desk, desk chair, three-drawer dresser and closet space. Apartments also come with living room and dining room furniture. For information about ordering linens for extra-long twin beds, see page 6. Freshman apartments have “full kitchens” with cabinet space, a sink, and a full-size refrigerator and stove. Apartment kitchens do not include a microwave. Residents will need to bring their own pots, pans, utensils and dishware.

Students with Disabilities or Requesting Specific Accommodations

The office for Disability Services and Programs (DSP) facilitates disabled students’ full participation at USC. Students must register with and be approved by DSP, and complete a housing application, to be eligible for special housing considerations. Please contact DSP and USC Housing as early as possible if you have such needs (including requests for single accommodations).

Housing for students with disabilities is available in several locations, accommodating different levels of access. Because of the high demand and limited supply of this housing, USC cannot guarantee assignment to a specific building or room type. DSP works closely with USC Housing to assign students with special needs to appropriate accommodations, based on availability and DSP’s recommendations.

For more information, call Disability Services and Programs at (213) 740–0776 | Video phone: (213) 814-4618.

Furniture

All university housing facilities come with basic furniture (bed, chairs, tables, etc.) appropriate to the room type. Apartments with living rooms come with a couch, armchair, coffee table and, in some cases, end tables. All apartments with full kitchens are equipped with a sink, stove and full-sized refrigerator (sorry, no microwave or other appliances) and include a dining table and chairs. Every resident in USC Housing is provided with:
- One twin bed (extra long, 36” X 80")
- One desk with chair
- One three-drawer dresser

More individualized plans and photos can be found on our website: housing.usc.edu
Items to Bring to Campus

**DO**

If you’re **ASSIGNED TO A RESIDENCE HALL**, bring:

- Towels
- Blankets
- Bedspread or comforter
- Sheets
- Pillows & pillowcases
- Cell phone
- Alarm clock

If you’re **ASSIGNED TO AN APARTMENT** bring all of the above, plus the following:

- Dishes
- Glasses
- Cooking & eating utensils
- Pots & pans
- Microwave

- Toiletries
- Hangers
- Decorations
- Fan
- Computer
- MP3 player
- TV (cable ready)

**DON’T**

Please leave the following at home:

**Pets**

Students are not permitted to have dogs, cats or other pets in USC Housing. The only exception is for fish in a 10-gallon (or smaller) tank. Residents found with a pet will be charged a substantial clean-up and re-carpeting fee, and will be documented for violating university policy.

**Air Conditioners**

If your housing does not have air conditioning, you may not install a unit yourself. This is considered a “physical alteration” of the room or apartment, which is prohibited by your contract for safety and security reasons. If you need an air-conditioned room, please select one of our many facilities with air conditioning when you complete your housing application.

**Dish/Satellite TV Antennas**

Installation of these devices is a “physical alteration” of the building and/or the room or apartment, and is not allowed for safety and security reasons. Remember: All housing facilities come with cable TV service.

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**RSG Linens Program**

Our residence halls and apartments contain extra-long twin beds that require specific linens to fit the mattresses. Residential Student Government (page 24), in conjunction with On Campus Marketing, has arranged to provide you with high-quality, extra-long linens, with on-campus delivery available. This summer, you will receive a letter and order form that describes available products and special packages. Please order by the deadline to ensure you have your linens sent to USC for pick-up on Move-in Day. Proceeds fund various student leadership development programs and initiatives at USC. Please visit [rsg.usc.edu](http://rsg.usc.edu) for more details.
Financial Facts and Figures

What will living at USC cost? Is it more expensive to live in a residence hall or in an apartment? How does the billing system work? The information provided here will answer your questions.

**Housing Fees**

**Application Processing Fee**
A $45 nonrefundable application processing fee must be paid at the time you submit your housing application. See “Application & Assignment,” page 32.

**Contract Confirmation Payment**
An $800 confirmation payment must be made online at the time you confirm your contract. See “Contracts,” page 34.

**Activity Fee**
Each student in university housing is charged an activity fee of $50 (subject to change) per semester to support group outings and programming coordinated by the Office for Residential Education.

**Rent**
Rent and meal plan costs are billed at the beginning of each semester (August and December). Charges will appear on the billing statements issued by the university Cashier’s Office.

**Billing Procedures**
Each admitted student has a billing account that reflects all university-related charges and credits, including tuition, lab and general fees, financial aid, as well as dining and housing charges. The Cashier’s Office will email you each month notifying you that your current bill is available at www.usc.edu/epay for you to view and pay. Your fall semester housing charges will appear on your August bill. Rent payments must be made to the Cashier’s Office, not to USC Housing. Only application and confirmation payments are made directly to USC Housing.

If you have university billing questions, call the Cashier’s Office at (213) 740–7471. Please visit www.usc.edu/contactfao with any questions about financial aid or loans.

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**Sample Costs Residence Hall vs. Apartment**

The chart below compares estimated annual costs for a double-occupancy room in a residence hall (in this case, Marks Tower [DMT]) with a two-bedroom, four-person apartment (in this case, Cardinal Gardens [CAR]).

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Costs presented above are estimates and do not include electricity charges for Cardinal Gardens. Please consult the USC Housing, Hospitality and Transportation websites for final rates.
Building Choices

From residence halls to suites and apartments, USC Housing offers a wide variety of building options. The following pages provide the details you will need to make an informed choice about where to live. You should also review the special interest communities described in the section that follows.

Housing Icon Key

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All housing facilities are non-smoking.

Rents listed and building descriptions are subject to change. Check the USC Housing website for current information.
Arts & Humanities Residential College (PRB)
920 West 37th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007

The Arts & Humanities Residential College offers the opportunity to be part of an exciting community focused on arts-related activities, including programs centered on student works and performances. The four-story building provides housing for 440 male and female students. Same-gender suites of double rooms are clustered around a small common space. A wide variety of facilities are shared with the other residents of the Parkside area, including a performance space, a multipurpose room, music practice rooms, a collaborative learning center, a lounge on each floor, a recreation room, a laundry room, an exercise area and a Customer Service Center. Residents of the college have a meal plan that can be used at the on-site Parkside Restaurant as well as other dining venues. Those with dietary restrictions can also find allergy and gluten-free foods, as well as vegetarian or vegan options, at the Parkside Restaurant.

Special Interest Communities: Arts & Humanities Residential College [AHRC] (page 17); Art & Architecture Floor [ARFL] (page 21); Performing and Creative Arts Floor [PCAF] (page 21).

Students requesting Art & Architecture, or Performing and Creative Arts floors must submit a supplemental application. Please see page 22.

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<td>DBLE-WB</td>
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Birnkrant Residential College (BSR)
642 West 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Conveniently located next to Leavey Library, Birnkrant is home to the University Residential College (URC), a vibrant and enhanced living and learning experience for Mork Family, Stamps Leadership, Trustee and Presidential scholars. Through faculty interaction, diverse programming, opportunities to experience Los Angeles, and a community-building retreat, this program is designed to inspire students to reach their full potential. Due to the timing of the retreat, URC residents will be allowed early move-in. Space in the residential college is limited, and it is possible that not all qualified students will be assigned to the building. Assignments are made on a first-applied basis.

Birnkrant is an eight-story building with seven residential floors, each divided into a men’s and women’s section. Each floor has approximately 20 rooms, two large bathrooms (one for each gender) and a laundry room. The first floor includes the residence of the college’s faculty master, a music practice lounge, a study area, a large multi-purpose room, and is home to the popular Starbucks at Trojan Grounds coffeehouse, which accepts meal plan Dining Dollars. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Community: University Residential College at Birnkrant [URCB] (page 20).
Cardinal Gardens (CAR)
3131 South McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Located across the street from campus, this highly popular, townhouse-style apartment complex consists of nine individual buildings. Cardinal Gardens is an energetic community, home to both freshmen and upperclassmen housed in fully furnished one- and two-bedroom apartments. Each has a full kitchen, spacious air-conditioned living room with plank wood flooring and a bathroom.

The complex has a Customer Service Center on-site, a 70-inch TV/billiards/foosball lounge, and a beautifully hardscaped barbecue deck with resort-style patio furnishings, a fountain and an outdoor fireplace. Cardinal Gardens also features a basketball half-court for those wishing to sharpen their shooting skills. Cardinal Gardens is convenient to both the Lyon Recreation Center and Café 84. Spaces in the large parking lot are allocated by USC Transportation. All residents have a required partial meal plan. Since it is an apartment building, Cardinal Gardens does not close over the winter break.

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Fluor Tower Residential College (FLT)
1027 West 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

This suite-style residence hall is a popular choice for new students and home to two special interest communities. Fluor has 10 floors of living space and an attractive lobby that features a television area, community kitchen and a Customer Service Center. Each residential floor has four suites (typically, two for men and two for women) housing eight students, and a lounge for group study, special programs and community events. Suites house eight students in four double rooms and have a common living area, kitchenette (microwave and range top), air conditioning and an extra-large bathroom with double facilities. Located next door is King Hall, featuring the Café 84 residential dining facility; a large, mixed-use room for study and educational programs; and a computer lab. The Lyon Recreation Center is just steps away. All residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: Fluor Tower Residential College [FTRC] (page 17), El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor [LATF] (page 21), Somerville Place [SMRV] (page 21). Students requesting El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor or Somerville Place must submit a supplemental application. Please see page 22.
**International Residential College (IRC)**

3771 South McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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USC’s International Residential College at Parkside is located in the southwest corner of campus. The four-story building provides housing for 400 students in a variety of five-, six-, seven- and eight-person suites, mixing single and double rooms. Residents enjoy privacy and independence, as well as the benefits of a residential college. Although IRC has “international” in its name, the college is made up of students with varying backgrounds from the U.S. and around the world. The complex shares facilities with residents of the Parkside area, including a collaborative learning center for group study, formal and informal meeting and seminar spaces, music rooms, lounges, a recreation room with exercise equipment, a laundry facility and a Customer Service Center. The central dining hall features international gourmet cuisine and accommodates special dietary needs, such as gluten-free and vegan.

**Special Interest Community:** International Residential College [PIRC] (page 18), WiSE (Women in Science & Engineering) [WiSE] (page 21).

**Marks Hall (DXM)**

631 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Built in the classic style of college residence halls, three-story Marks Hall is located next to the university’s historic Alumni House. Its small community provides a perfect environment for residents to get to know one another. A pleasant lawn and garden plaza are right outside the front door.

Marks Hall’s first floor has two lounges: one set up for social activities, with a piano and a TV viewing area, the other more suited to individual and small-group study. The second and third floors are living areas. The basement has a laundry room and a recently upgraded exercise area, with a weight machine, treadmills, and ellipticals. Residents have a required meal plan.

**Special Interest Communities:** South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 19).
Requesting a Single

USC Housing receives many requests for single rooms. Singles comprise approximately two percent of our total housing inventory, and most are filled by returning students. Although we do our best to accommodate new applicants’ preferences, it is not possible to offer singles to everyone who requests them.

Parking at University Housing

Buildings listed with the parking icon have on-site parking facilities. USC Transportation issues permits for all lots and garages. In most cases the number of spaces is limited. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis; not all applicants will receive a parking space. Please see page 29 for information about obtaining a parking permit for a university housing building.
Marks Tower (DMT)
612 Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

At eight stories tall, Marks Tower offers all the features of a traditional residence hall— and amazing views from many of the rooms. The primarily freshman population lives, eats and studies together while participating in the campus and residential activities so important to a student’s first year at college. This coed facility has seven single-gender residential floors, each with 14 double rooms. The common area on the ground floor features a spacious remodeled lounge with banquettes, study tables, and comfortable living room seating around the TV. Marks Tower is conveniently located next to Ground Zero (a student-run entertainment venue and coffeehouse), libraries and classrooms. Residents are welcome to use the workout room in adjoining Marks Hall. There is a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 19); Great Outdoors [GO!] Floors, one each for men and women [DOOR] (page 21).

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New Residential College (EVK–NEW) (COL–NEW)
635 McCarthy Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Despite its name, New Residential College is one of USC’s oldest housing facilities. Steeped in Trojan tradition, New College combines classic residence-hall architecture with modern amenities and forward-looking programs. New College comprises two buildings: College Hall and Elisabeth Von KleinSmid Memorial Hall (EVK), home to Everybody’s Kitchen dining center, and a Customer Service Center. Rooms in EVK have sinks while those in College do not. A workout area equipped with treadmills, ellipticals and stationary bikes makes living a healthy lifestyle easy. The Starbucks at Trojan Grounds coffeehouse and Leavey Library are just steps away. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: New Residential College [NEWC] (page 18); Cinema Floors, one each for men and for women [CINE] (page 22).

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North Residential College (HRH–NRC) (URH–NRC)
635 McCarthy Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Occupying two buildings, Harris and University Residence Halls, North is conveniently located near dining and library facilities. A coeducational residential college, North houses men and women in different areas. It is one of three residence halls offering a limited number of singles to freshmen. Every floor has a laundry facility, and rooms in Harris Hall have sinks while those in University do not. Residents are welcome to use the gym equipment in the adjoining New College. The study rooms and television lounges have been recently remodeled and provide quiet reading space as well as a great space to hang out with friends. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: North Residential College [NORC] (page 19).

Pardee Tower (PTD)
614 Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Close to Doheny Library and McCarthy Quad, this eight-floor coed residence hall alternates single-gender floors. Each floor has 18 double rooms, a common bathroom and a laundry facility. The air-conditioned lobby features a flat-screen TV area and comfortable seating where residents can relax and catch the latest game or news. The building has study lounges on most floors, as well as a music practice room. The large, newly renovated second-floor lounge and programming space provides several large TVs, tables and comfortable seating – a great place to watch Trojan football games. Residents can also use the exercise equipment in the Marks Hall basement. Pardee Tower is a great place to make friends easily while maintaining a positive lifestyle balance of work, rest and play. Residents have a meal plan that can be used at any residential dining facility, as well as other campus eateries.

Special Interest Communities: South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 19); Business Floors, one each for men and for women [BUSI] (page 22).
Webb Tower Residential College (WTO)
1015 West 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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At 14 stories, Webb is USC’s tallest housing building, providing many of its residents spectacular views of the city or the campus. Each floor has just eight apartments, fostering tight-knit communities. Its excellent location near the Lyon Recreation Center, variety of floor plans, and attractive interior design help explain its popularity with undergraduates. The building’s population is divided between incoming freshmen and returning upperclassmen.

Next door is King Hall, which includes Café 84 (the area’s residential dining location), a mixed-use room perfect for study or educational purposes, and a computer lab. Although no parking is specifically designated for Webb, students can park in the large university parking structure nearby. As Webb is an apartment-style community, it does not close over winter break. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Community: Webb Tower Residential College (WTRC) (page 20).

Trojan Hall (TRO)
615 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Three-story Trojan Hall is part of the South Area Residential College. Its size and layout help residents socialize and get to know each other, while building a strong community within the complex. It is conveniently located across the street from Popovich Café and next to the Ground Zero Performance Café, a venue for student programs and music. A small gym facility is located next door in the basement of Marks Hall. Trojan Hall has 108 double rooms on three floors, with a comfortable air-conditioned lounge on the first floor and a laundry facility in the basement. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: South Area Residential College (SARC) (page 19).
Residential Colleges & Special Interest Communities

Living and Learning at USC

To help maintain our standards of excellence in undergraduate education and prepare students to become resilient and competitive leaders, USC houses all freshmen in residential colleges.

Sharing ideas and experiences with diverse people is an integral part of undergraduate life at USC. Our special interest housing enhances your university experience, bringing together students and faculty to share in a broad range of cultural and recreational activities and programs.

All USC special interest communities attract students who want to make the most of their college years, yet each community offers something different. Some bring together students with similar career or academic interests. Others attract people interested in a particular culture or lifestyle. Some communities are small, while others are quite large. All communities are residential colleges, providing opportunities offered by only a few universities in the United States.

If you select one of these programs, you will find faculty, staff and students interested in exploring the rich cultural, social and intellectual life of Los Angeles.
Residential Colleges

**Arts & Humanities Residential College at Parkside**

The Arts and Humanities Residential College creates a space where students and faculty can form a strong scholarly community centered on the arts and humanities. In addition to its special interest floors dedicated to music, writing, drama, the visual arts and architecture, the Arts & Humanities Residential College at Parkside connects students with the cultural offerings of the campus as well as Los Angeles. Adjacent to the residential college, the USC Fisher Museum of Art, the Roski School of Art and Design, and the School of Architecture provide convenient access to their creative communities. Living in the Arts & Humanities Residential College gives students from all academic backgrounds the opportunity to express themselves — from mounting a theatrical production, to screening their films, or reading their poetry — all in state-of-the-art facilities. Each year, residents stage a showcase of student works in the Arts in the Park program.

Faculty Master Gail Peter Borden hosts the weekly catered Parkside “Master Dinners” featuring stimulating guest speakers. Recent participants have included Dean Qingyun Ma, architect, dean of the School of Architecture and winemaker; Charlie White, artist, photographer and professor of fine arts; Athletic Director Pat Haden; and renowned writer Joshua Wolf Shenk. Faculty also host floor dinners, performances, screenings, and trips around Los Angeles. Living in the college is not limited to majors in the arts and humanities. Everyone who appreciates the role of culture and the exploration of ideas is invited to apply.

**Faculty Master:** Gail Peter Borden, RA, AIA, NCARB, Associate Dean, Architecture Discipline Head, Director of Graduate Architecture Programs, and Associate Professor of Architecture in the USC School of Architecture.

**Resident Faculty:** David Albertson, Assistant Professor of Religion in the School of Religion; Malancha Gupta, Assistant Professor; Jack Munushian, Early Career Chair, Mork Family Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science.

**Special Interest Communities:** Art & Architecture Floor, Performing & Creative Arts Floor (page 21).

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**Fluor Tower Residential College**

Opened as a residential college in 2012, Fluor Tower is conveniently located near the Café 84 residential dining facility in King Hall, the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swim Stadium. Fluor is supported by a dynamic team of faculty and staff who create a vibrant community where diversity is celebrated and living-learning opportunities abound. Residents of Fluor are involved in the building government, engage in a multitude of intramural athletic opportunities and actively participate in conversations that explore cultural issues.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a long-standing traditional program within the West Area, which includes the Webb Tower Residential College, and the Century and Cardinal Gardens apartment communities. This event examines a wide spectrum of intercultural issues to promote active involvement in a global society. Faculty master Stan Huey coordinates off-campus activities with students, including food tours, movie premieres, arts and cultural events, and volunteer activities.

Fluor’s suite-style residences provide smaller, communal “living room” spaces surrounded by four, two-bedroom units shared by eight students — which makes a building with over 300 residents comfortable.

**Faculty Master:** Stan Huey, Associate Professor of Psychology and American Studies.

**Special Interest Communities:** El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor (page 21) and Somerville Place (page 21).
International Residential College at Parkside

In the 21st century, a compassionate understanding of global issues is vital. The International Residential College at Parkside serves as a campus focal point for discussing global issues, learning about international cultures and connecting with students from abroad. Living at Parkside will allow you to participate in intellectual, cultural and social exchanges with people who have a wide range of backgrounds and interests, in one of the most attractive locations on campus. The International Residential College hosts a wide range of programs and events with an international theme, marking holidays and independence days from around the world. Parkside also hosts top-flight programs with experts from a wide range of fields: visiting scholars, renowned international figures, and world-class artists from stage, television and film.

Residents are encouraged to participate in community service projects in local ethnic communities and take advantage of volunteer opportunities that draw upon the city’s extensive international links. Resident faculty master Oliver Mayer works to support group activities, events and programs that engage residents’ compassion and curiosity, including field trips to see local theatre and discover Los Angeles. Along with fellow faculty master Gail Peter Borden, Mayer curates the Parkside Masters Dinners, a weekly dinner and dessert reception at which experts from on campus and off speak informally about their work and life experiences. Recent guests have included actor Matt Lillard (The Bridge, Scooby Doo), Senior Vice President of University Relations Thomas Sayles, classical guitarist Billy Arcila, filmmaker Lorena Gordon and Senior Vice President of Advancement at the Natural History Museum Tom Jacobson.

Oliver lives at Parkside with his wife, actress Marlene Forte (Dallas), and dog Don Aldo.

Resident faculty member Ellie Nezami organizes Reel World Dinners, a lecture series that celebrates cultures around the world, and often hosts meals for residents at IRC. Fellow resident faculty member Brett Sheehan routinely leads hiking excursions around town and hosts boardgame nights, where he is affectionately known as the “Bro-fessor.”

**Faculty Master:** Oliver Mayer, Associate Professor of Dramatic Writing, School of Dramatic Arts.

**Resident Faculty:** Ellie Nezami, Associate Professor of Preventive Medicine. Brett Sheehan, Associate Professor of Chinese History.

**Special Interest Communities:** WiSE (Women in Science and Engineering) (page 21).

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Parkside Supplemental Application

If you would like to live on a special interest floor at Parkside (such as the Schalom, Muslim, Performing and Creative Arts, or Art & Architecture Floors), you must list that community as your first choice on your housing application and complete a supplemental application. The supplemental application consists of several short essay questions that address commitment to and interest in the themes of the special interest floor. These supplemental applications will be available in January 2016 at [www.usc.edu/ResEd/about_special_communities.asp](http://www.usc.edu/ResEd/about_special_communities.asp).

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New Residential College

New fosters a community of friends by offering programs that draw upon the cultural resources of both USC and Los Angeles. Noted for its vibrant atmosphere and strong personal and academic support network, New is led by faculty master Phil Ethington, who works with the residence coordinator and staff of resident assistants to sponsor activities that encourage students to learn and have fun by making close connections with each other, in the city and the world around them. Every Tuesday evening, residents of the New community are welcomed to Ethington’s apartment for an informal Faculty Master Dinner, and are joined by a talented and accomplished guest from the university, the movie industry, or from the city at large. During the week and especially on weekends, New offers opportunities for students to attend concerts, plays, films and sports events. Through their building’s system of government, residents also plan activities such as beach trips, nature hikes, movie studio tours and community service projects for neighborhood children.

New’s goal is to be more than a residence hall. It’s a lively, dynamic place where students continually interact and learn from one another and from faculty who join in the many programs and activities. New shares a shaded courtyard with North Residential College, where residents relax, read, and play volleyball, and join the faculty master for his frequent (free) weekend barbecues. Many residents play for New in USC’s intramural competitions and enjoy pick-up soccer games and billiard tournaments. An exercise room with top-of-the-line treadmills and Stairmasters gives residents a convenient way to stay fit. New Residential College also organizes the Ed Wood Film Festival each spring. Students from across campus are given 24 hours to complete original films, the best of which are shown publicly. Space in New is available on a first-applied basis.

**Faculty Master:** Phil Ethington, Professor of History and Political Science.

**Special Interest Communities:** Cinema Floors (page 22).
North Residential College

North offers a premium location: You can grab a cappuccino right next door at Starbucks at Trojan Grounds on your three-minute walk to Leavry Library, toss a Frisbee on McCarthy Quad, or dangle your feet in the reflecting pool. Nearby are the Galen Center and the historic Shrine Auditorium. Attached to the residence hall, EVK dining hall and grill serves students from across campus, allowing you to meet and dine with a diverse group of peers.

Established in 1993 as one of the first residential colleges at USC, North strives to integrate a dynamic social setting with academic excellence. It is part of the North Area, the only residential area exclusively for first-year students, who gather for monthly Sunday brunches in the faculty master’s residence. The theme of North is “Get Involved!”

North residents describe the building as dynamic, hip and open. The residence floors of North College connect with New College, creating an especially large (500+) and vibrant community with many opportunities to socialize and network. It is known for its blend of academic distinction and cosmopolitan ambience. Many become leaders in student government, special interest organizations and greek life. North is coed by hallway.

Faculty Master: Ange-Marie Hancock, Associate Professor, Political Science and Gender Studies.

South Area Residential College

The South Area Residential College comprises four traditional residence halls: Marks Hall, Marks Tower, Pardee Tower, and Trojan Hall. Conveniently located near Doheny and Leavry libraries and McCarthy Quad, South community is close to freshman classrooms and the Tutor Campus Center. This location allows residents to make friends easily and engage in campus programs and activities.

A vibrant team of residential faculty and staff facilitate the transition to college and expose residents to new people, places, and ideas. South activities emphasize leadership, community engagement, and social justice. First-year general education and writing seminars are offered to South residents each semester, which creates opportunities for small learning communities and a common intellectual experience.

Faculty master Tim Biblarz, Associate Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, studies social mobility and the diversification of family life. Biblarz hosts frequent dinners in his private residence and leads South’s “Tuesday Nights With the Faculty” event series, where students are given exceptional opportunity for conversation with faculty, graduate students, and accomplished guests from science, politics, business and the arts. The dinner series themes are “From College to Career” and “Stories of Upward Mobility.”

Marks Tower’s resident faculty fellow, John Pascarella III, is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Education and Director of Fieldwork for Academic Programs at the Rossier School of Education. Pascarella specializes in teacher education, literacy, new media and HIV/AIDS prevention education. Seeking to cultivate partnerships between universities and K-12 schools, Pascarella encourages South Area residents to join mentorship programs for neighborhood secondary-school youth, and leads South’s annual College Access Day. With a strong interest in the arts and humanities, Pascarella leads trips to LACMA, Ahmanson and Disney Hall performances, the DTLA Art Walk, and other cultural events.

Marks Tower’s resident faculty fellow, Myka Winder, is a Clinical Professor of Occupational Therapy at the Mrs. T.H. Chan Division of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the Ostrow School of Dentistry. Winder brings her teaching and clinical expertise in lifestyle management to South Area. Winder leads on- and off-campus seminars on healthy eating and cooking, stress management, mind/ body wellness and community participation.

Trojan Hall and Marks Hall benefit from the global perspective of resident faculty fellow Benjamin Graham, Assistant Professor of International Relations at Dornsife. Graham spent two years in Turkmenistan with the Peace Corps and runs a large survey in the Philippines. He leads students on walking tours of Chinatown and other areas, and hosts events that teach students how to connect what they are studying to the types of careers they aspire to.

Special Interest Communities: GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors (page 21), Business Floors (page 22).
University Residential College at Birnkrant

University Residential College at Birnkrant (URC) offers a vibrant and enhanced living and learning experience for Mork Family, Stamps Leadership, Trustee and Presidential scholars. Through faculty interaction, diverse programming, opportunities to experience Los Angeles, and a community-building retreat (held either on or off campus), this program is designed to inspire students to reach their full potential as agents of global change.

The Birnkrant experience is led by faculty master Stan Rosen, with contributions by numerous faculty from diverse disciplines. Rosen incorporates his interests in film, music, politics and international studies into residential college programs. Off-campus activities include trips to sample food from around the world, see new films, and visit jazz and blues clubs. For the last two years, incoming residents have been treated to a concert at the Hollywood Bowl.

Residents often visit Rosen’s apartment to watch the Academy, Emmy and Golden Globe awards, USC football games and the Super Bowl on his home-theater system. Weekly themed faculty master dinners may feature live music — anything from jazz to classical. Dinner guests might include USC faculty members and senior administrators, distinguished professionals in the arts and humanities, a prominent visiting scholar or even the occasional Asian film director.

Space in the URC at Birnkrant is available on a first-applied basis. Due to the timing of the retreat, URC at Birnkrant residents are asked to move in early (Monday, August 15).

Faculty Master: Stan Rosen, Professor of Political Science, specializing in Chinese and Asian politics.

Webb Tower Residential College

Webb Tower Residential College, founded in 2012, is conveniently located near the Café 84 residential dining facility in King Hall, the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swim Stadium. As in neighboring Fluor Tower, a dynamic team of faculty and staff create a lively community that celebrates diversity and living-learning opportunities. Residents take part in building government, engage in intramural athletics and explore cultural issues. Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a longstanding program that promotes global involvement by examining a spectrum of intercultural issues. Faculty master Laura Baker develops programs for residents that promote both mental and physical health. On- and off-campus events explore the Los Angeles community and include hiking, cooking, trips to museums, movies, concerts and restaurants.

The apartment experience in Webb provides students with an excellent opportunity to develop independent living skills while enjoying all the benefits of living on campus. Webb Tower also offers a small dining program to support informal interaction with roommates and other floormates. As an apartment-style building, Webb is the only predominantly freshman facility that remains open during Winter Recess.

Faculty Master: Laura Baker, Professor of Psychology.
Special Interest Communities

ARTS & HUMANITIES RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE AT PARKSIDE

Art & Architecture Floor
The Art & Architecture floor provides a living environment where you can explore your art and design interests alongside faculty from the nearby USC Roski School of Art and Design and the USC School of Architecture.

Performing & Creative Arts Floor
The Performing and Creative Arts Floor provides a living environment for residents to explore their inner artist. Under the guidance of the faculty and staff of the Arts & Humanities Residential College at Parkside, residents will have opportunities to participate in events that focus on dance and movement, the craft of writing, and various kinds of music. Students in Arts & Humanities will have access to multiple music practice rooms in the building.

If you are interested in living on one of these floors, you must complete a supplemental application. See next page for details.

FLUOR TOWER RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor
Are you of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Dominican, Central or South American descent? Or are you simply interested in becoming a member of a close-knit cultural community in a home away from home? Consider the El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor. Established in 1974, this special interest community for first-year students creates a supportive environment that eases the transition to USC by promoting cultural awareness, community involvement and academic success. You will connect with floormates, faculty, staff and Latino Floor Alumni, as well as make a difference in the community. Residents host the annual Día de Los Muertos celebration for local school children and tutor through the Peace Kids program. Many Latino Floor alumni regard the experience as the best year of their college life and talk about making lifelong friends. The program will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year!

An online supplemental application is required. Please visit www.usc.edu/elcentro to submit your application. Contact El Centro Chicano at (213) 740–1480 or ecc@usc.edu for additional information.

INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE AT PARKSIDE

WiSE (Women in Science & Engineering) Program
Residents on the WiSE floor are offered the resources and opportunities to help them excel both in and out of the classroom. Residents learn about prominent clubs and organizations on campus, attend lectures and panels by renowned science and engineering professors, and gain critical insights from older female students about attaining both academic and professional success.

MARKS TOWER

GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors
If you enjoy the natural beauty of California beaches, forests, mountains and deserts; aquatic and wildlife centers such as the Long Beach Aquarium and the Los Angeles Zoo; as well as recreational sports and activities, you will fit right in on the Great Outdoors floors. The GO! floors’ mission is simple: exploration and fun. Students take advantage of the near-perfect Southern California weather to get moving and enjoy the great and small outdoors. Activities include camping and day hikes, beach trips, bonfires, field trips to landmarks and nature centers, exploring Los Angeles, recreational sports and activities, barbecues, community service and much more. GO! Floors provide opportunities for people of all levels of experience, interest and ability.
NEW RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

Cinema Floors
If you are interested in cinema or the film industry, this floor is for you. The Cinema Floor’s rich history is revealed through hall paintings of landmark films. Common activities include frequent film screenings and movie-making, as well as trips to off-campus, first-run films. Each year, the floor sponsors the Ed Wood Film Festival, in which individuals and teams from the entire USC student body are given 24 hours to produce five-minute films about a designated topic. Films are judged and awarded by those in the industry. Offered primarily to freshmen, the Cinema Floor is not restricted to students majoring in a Cinematic Arts program.

PARDEE TOWER

Business Floors
Pardee Tower partners with the USC Marshall School of Business to create a special interest community open to all students who want to explore their interests in business. Your resident assistant is an undergraduate Marshall student. You will gain insight into various industries through guest speakers, workshops and student groups. In addition, you will develop your leadership skills in your first semester by participating in the Business Leaders Association — a student organization catering to the business interests of its members.

Popular programs have included dinners and discussions, a faculty-led entrepreneurship brainstorming session and behind-the-scenes tours of local companies.

Special Interest Communities in Predominantly Upperclassman Housing

CENTURY APARTMENTS

Rainbow Floor
The Rainbow Floor provides lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) students, along with their straight allies, a safe and affirming living environment. This floor is one of a few themed student-housing programs in the United States designed specifically for the LGBTQ community and its allies.

Residents are members of Rainbow Scholars, a student organization that promotes the floor through community service, social events and faculty discussions. The Rainbow Floor collaborates with academic departments, other campus residential communities, the LGBT Resource Center and the Office of Residential Education to sponsor campus and community events. It is the only USC housing choice with a gender-inclusive option.

The Rainbow Floor’s Overnight Experience gives prospective students the opportunity to visit campus, attend classes, participate in LGBTQ events and stay with a student host. All students who identify as LGBTQ or as an ally are encouraged to apply. An online supplemental application is required. Call (213) 740-7619, email lgbt@usc.edu or visit www.usc.edu/rainbowfloor for more information.

PARKSIDE APARTMENTS

Muslim Housing
USC’s Muslim Housing provides a venue for the exploration of Islam and Muslim culture — for Muslim and non-Muslim students alike. Muslim Housing units have individual kitchens that enable residents to prepare halal food. The units also offer space for residents’ prayer needs. Resident Assistants (RAs) facilitate social activities around Islamic holidays and create opportunities to learn about Islam. Residents can also collaborate with USC’s Muslim student organizations, Muslim faculty and staff. Visit housing.usc.edu for more information about Parkside Apartments. If you are interested in Muslim Housing, you must complete a supplemental application. See below for details.

Schalom Housing
If you have a special interest in Jewish life, Schalom Housing gives you the opportunity to live with Jewish students, explore Jewish culture and connect with the USC Jewish community. Apartments have individual kitchens to accommodate the dietary needs of students who keep kosher. Residential staff partner with USC Jewish student organizations to help celebrate Jewish life through cultural, religious and social activities. Visit housing.usc.edu for more information about Parkside Apartments. If Schalom Housing is your choice, you must complete a supplemental application. See below for details.

How to Apply for Special Interest Communities

If one of these special interest communities seems right for you, be sure to select the program on your housing application. Many special interest communities are available to incoming freshmen only. Check first to confirm you are eligible for your choices. (For example, students must meet certain academic qualifications to live in University Residential College at Birnkrant.) When applying online for housing, be sure to first specify the residence hall, then specify the special interest community located within it. Some programs fill quickly, so apply early.

The following special interest communities require supplemental applications: Schalom Housing, Muslim Housing, Art & Architecture Floor, Performing and Creative Arts, Latino Floor, Rainbow Floor and Somerville Place. For details, see page 21 and this page. These supplemental applications will be available in January 2016 on the special interest supplemental application website at www.usc.edu/ResEd/about_special_communities.asp.
Life in USC Housing

Living in university housing will enrich your freshman year. Joining a community of fellow residents, faculty and staff members and engaging in activities and programs will broaden your interests and support your studies.

Living with Others

**Coeducational Living**

Our residence halls are primarily coeducational, with men and women assigned to different wings or floors with separate bathroom facilities. Buildings with apartments or suites are coed, with each unit designated for a single gender. Gender-neutral housing is available for freshmen. Contact the Division of Student Affairs regarding application requirements and space availability.

**The Roommate Experience**

One of the most anticipated events for college students is meeting their roommates. Living with new people is an opportunity to learn from others and share experiences.

Students have different expectations regarding roommate relationships. Some people simply want a person who is easy to live with, while others are looking for a new best friend. You don’t have to be best friends to be good roommates. In fact, it can be easier to live with someone when you spend most of your time with other people. What is important is learning to adjust to new people.

**Roommate Requests**

If you have a specific roommate in mind, the two of you must request each other and list identical housing preferences, including special interest programs, when completing your housing applications. You can search for your requested roommate on the Search by Details page of the housing portal, and then add them to your application.

**Online Roommate Matching**

Most new students do not have a specific roommate in mind when they apply. Our online roommate-matching process will help you search for and contact potential roommates. To use this feature, follow the instructions on page 32 for registering with USC Housing. Profile questions will ask you about your study and sleeping habits, musical tastes and what you like to do in your spare time. Your answers will be used by our search tool to match you with students who have similar habits and interests.

You will be prompted to create a screen name, enabling you to participate anonymously in the matching process. USC does not use your screen name for any other purpose. (Note: Screen names deemed inappropriate or offensive will be deleted and information about their use forwarded to Student Judicial Affairs as necessary.) Once you apply, you can use our website to search for roommates. You will be provided with potential roommates’ screen names and be able to review their answers to the Profile questions. Using screen names, you can then contact anyone you think may be a good match for you. If you find someone compatible, you will have to log in to our system to confirm the roommate request. USC Housing will make every effort to honor your request but cannot guarantee that it will be fulfilled. Once you have been assigned, you may not search for roommates.

**Roommate Assignments**

If, like most freshmen you do not have a specific request, you will be assigned a roommate based on gender, building assignment and information in the Your Profile section of your housing application. Unlike requested roommates, these matches are subject to change as students are reassigned.

**Roommate Information**

For applicants participating in roommate-matching, updated roommate information will be available on our website as assignments are completed. You communicate with your roommate or roommates by screen name, and share contact information as you see fit.
Programming & Activities
Residents of USC Housing enjoy many activities and events, funded through an activity fee included in your housing contract. These are a great way to get to know the people in your building and to make friends.

USC’s Residential Education staff designs programs that support your out-of-class learning experiences and create a sense of community on your floor. Your Resident Assistant (RA) will keep you informed about events in the area. Various campus organizations sponsor dances, movies, athletic events, trips and other activities. Visions & Voices, part of the university’s arts and humanities initiative, features many outstanding on- and off-campus programs. The Los Angeles area offers world-class museums, recreational sports, beaches, music and theatre performances, and great restaurants and vibrant ethnic neighborhoods. For up-to-date information, check with your RA, look for campus posters, visit the USC website, and consult the Daily Trojan.

The Residential Student Government (RSG)
Residential Student Government serves all students who live in university housing by providing them with ways to contribute and enhance their residential experience at the University of Southern California. RSG acts as a unified voice to build community, empower residents, and create opportunities for leadership development. RSG also strives to act as a resource by promoting and practicing self-governance, while representing the residential community on both regional and national levels. In addition, RSG oversees the Building Government (BG), a group of elected leaders in each of the individual buildings. For more information, visit rsg.usc.edu or stop by Student Union 200H.

Smoke-Free Environment Policy
All University Park (on-campus), North University Park (off-campus) and Health Sciences Campus housing facilities are smoke-free environments. Smoking is not allowed even if a roommate gives consent or even if the resident is the sole occupant. All common areas — including apartment balconies — of all housing facilities are also designated as non-smoking areas.

Residential Education Staff
Residential Education staff members, your neighbors within the residential community, ensure that help is always nearby during your years at USC. They include live-in professional Residential Area Supervisors who supervise individual or groups of residence halls, live-in professional Assistant Directors who supervise an entire residential area, and student staff who interact with residents on a regular basis.

All housing facilities have a staff of Resident Assistants (RAs), typically with one RA assigned to each floor or wing. RAs support your academic and career goals, provide programming and counseling, and offer guidance about university policies. RAs are students, too, so they know firsthand what you are going through. They are trained to assist in a variety of situations and can be especially helpful in sorting out roommate issues. RAs are supervised by either professional staff or graduate students with many years of experience in on-campus living.

Members of the Residential Education staff are on call at all times and available to assist residents and offer support to students and family members, especially in emergencies.

Residential Education
Phone: (213) 740–2080
Website: www.usc.edu/ResEd
Living on Campus

Selecting your housing is just the beginning. You also need to know how to get your USC ID card, how to apply for a parking space and how to choose a meal plan. In this section you will find the information you need about the range of services provided for USC residents.

USC Housing Services

Move-in and move-out, reassignment to a new building, help with maintenance problems — these are just some of the many residential services of USC Housing.

The Housing Services Office

Housing Services’ full-time, professional staff handles housing assignments and billing, and is available by phone or email to answer your questions.

Customer Service Centers (CSCs)

Six Customer Service Centers are conveniently located in our freshman housing facilities, each serving a specific community of buildings. You won’t have to travel very far to take care of business. Our trained staff of full-time Customer Service Representatives and student support workers is available on-site to take care of move-in and move-out, early arrival requests, mail and package delivery, and maintenance issues. See the inside back cover for a list of CSC locations and telephone and fax numbers.

Housing Maintenance Services

The upkeep and cleanliness of university housing facilities are important for residents’ comfort, health and safety. USC Housing has custodial staff responsible for maintaining the public areas in each building, and a maintenance office to handle repairs. You can request a repair in person, by phone or online. Assistance with emergency maintenance needs is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

ResNet Internet Access

USC Housing provides high-speed wireless and Ethernet connections throughout its facilities. Residents may register with ResNet after moving in.

Cable TV Service

All USC housing facilities provide cable television service with an expansive lineup of channels, including Showtime and HBO, with a number in HD. There is no additional monthly charge for cable TV. Students who wish to take advantage of this service should bring a digital-ready television with them when they move in.

Telephone Service

Due to the widespread use of cell phones by college students, USC has eliminated landlines from university housing. (Residents may request the installation of a landline at an additional cost.) Public phones, where students can dial campus numbers and 911, are located in all university housing facilities.

USC Housing Services Office

Parking Structure X (PSX)
Between New Residential College and Pardee Tower
620 McCarthy Way | Los Angeles, CA 90089–1332
Phone: (800) 872–4632 or (213) 740–2546
Fax: (213) 740–8488 Email: housing@usc.edu
Meal Plans & Dining Options

Meal plans are an integral part of the USC residential experience, providing nutritious and healthy menu options and supporting an interactive social environment for freshmen and the USC student community. Plans include meals taken in USC Hospitality’s three residential dining centers, as well as Dining Dollars that may be used in retail dining locations. In most cases, plans include a combination of meals and Dining Dollars.

All freshmen living in university housing will be assigned a meal plan specific to their residence when they confirm a USC Housing contract. Residents may elect to change or upgrade to any meal plan available for their assigned hall or apartment. All plan changes must be submitted by August 26 for fall 2016 and by January 14 for spring 2017.

Prices for 2016–2017 meal plans have not been finalized as of the publication of this brochure. Updated information and pricing for fall 2016 meal plans will be available on the Hospitality website in spring 2016.
Residence Halls Requiring Full Meal Plans

Students assigned to the following buildings are required to have a full meal plan:

• Arts & Humanities Residential College
• Birnkrant
• Fluor Tower Residential College
• International Residential College
• Marks Hall
• Marks Tower
• New Residential College
• North Residential College
• Pardée Tower
• Trojan Hall
• Webb Tower Residential College

Required Apartment Meal Plan

Freshmen living in USC-owned, off-campus apartment buildings are required to have at least a partial meal plan, but may upgrade to a full plan. Those assigned to on-campus apartments will be required to purchase full meal plans.

Other Dietary Options

Kosher

Kosher meals are available at the Seeds Marketplace, where all forms of payment, including Dining Dollars, are accepted.

Vegetarian & Vegan

Everybody’s Kitchen, Parkside, Café 84 and campus retail venues offer vegetarian and vegan entrées, side dishes and salads.

Food Allergies and Other Special Dietary Needs

We recommend that students with special dietary preferences or medically related needs contact the Hospitality dietitian at lpine@usc.edu prior to accepting a housing assignment. This will enable you to determine the location and meal plan best suited to your personal dietary needs.

For additional information regarding meal plans and other services provided, contact USC Hospitality.

USC Hospitality

Phone: (213) 740–6285 Website: hospitality.usc.edu
Visit the USCard website at www.usc.edu/uscard to change or inquire about the status of your meal plan.

Residential Dining Centers

At USC, we are committed to providing a dining program with a wide range of options and facilities to ensure you have a rewarding experience every time you visit.

Accepted Meal Plans: All dining facilities listed here accept meal plans (within plan restrictions), as well as Dining Dollars and Discretionary Points.

Everybody’s Kitchen

Featuring a buffet-style format as well as exhibition-style cooking, this newly remodeled restaurant offers freshly prepared entrées, seasonal vegetables, vegetarian options, an extensive salad bar, pizza and a make-your-own-sandwich bar. Our restaurant staff fosters community interaction by planning and preparing special theme dinners throughout the semester.

Café 84

Nestled between Fluor and Webb Towers, Café 84 has become the LSO (local, sustainable and/or organic) headquarters on campus. The new menu features five distinct dining stations with health consciously prepared entrees and accompaniments made from scratch with simple, fresh ingredients.

Cafés & Quick-Serve Venues

USC Hospitality operates a variety of cafés and eateries conveniently located around campus. You are never far from a cup of coffee, a sit-down meal or a grab-and-go lunch between classes. In addition to healthy, fresh menu items, we offer attractive, inviting settings ideal for meeting friends or studying. Hot and cold selections are available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Our cafés serve familiar brands such as Starbucks, Peet’s, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf and Illy; and our skillful baristas will craft your coffee, tea or ice-blended beverage to perfection on every visit.

Located near Tommy Trojan, Tutor Campus Center has become the true dining and social gathering spot for all Trojans. The impressive complex features the largest number of dining outlets at USC, including Seeds Marketplace, California Pizza Kitchen, Panda Express, The Habit, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Lemonade, and Verde. Campus Center venues include plasma screens, a contemporary sound system, ATMs and WiFi.
The USC Pertusati Bookstore

A university-owned, on-campus resource, the USC Bookstore provides Trojans with a wide variety of products and services. In addition to a full range of textbooks and course-related study guides, the USC Bookstore stocks an array of everyday products and clothing. Other offerings include exclusive USC spirit clothing and gifts, office and school supplies, designer clothing, gifts, greeting cards, cosmetics and much more. The Computer Store sells a complete line of technology products and services for computers.

Our online store at www.uscbookstore.com offers all the USC gifts and apparel that you find in the campus store, as well as textbook reservations, textbook rentals, general books, current technology products and exclusive online promotions. You can also call (800) 447-8620 to request a USC gift catalog or to place an order.

**Remember:** The USC Bookstores are the only place that you can use your USCard to purchase course materials and technology products.

The USC Bookstore

**University Park Campus** (213) 740–0066  **Customer Service** (800) 447-8620  **Website:** www.uscbookstore.com

USCard

Your student ID card, your USCard is also a multipurpose passport to services and activities on the USC campus. It enables you to gain entry to your USC housing, track your meal plan usage, and conveniently pay for campus purchases.

USCard recommends that you submit a JPEG photo image via their website, and your card will be ready for pick-up when you arrive on campus. Refer to the “Getting Your ID” instructions on the USCard website for more information. Alternatively, you can visit the USCard office in Parking Structure X on the main campus to have your picture taken and your card made.

**Identification**

By identifying you as a currently enrolled student, your USCard entitles you to many campus privileges. It enables you to gain access to USC libraries, computer centers, and the Lyon Recreation Center and other recreational facilities. It is also your ticket to USC athletic events, including football games, and can be used for discounts for on-campus cultural events. You should carry your USCard with you at all times.

**Purchases**

You can arrange to use your USCard as a debit card to buy a variety of goods and services on campus, including books and merchandise from the USC Bookstore, daily parking permits at most university parking structures and lots, entertainment, amusement park and sporting event tickets from the USC Ticket Office, and items from convenience stores on campus. In addition, the card can be used in many university vending and copy machines.

**Meal Plans**

If you are enrolled in a meal plan, your USCard will be electronically programmed with your plan’s features. Simply present your card to the cashier to pay for your meal.

**Access Network**

The Access Control System Network is an electronic entry-monitoring system that operates in all USC Housing facilities. The Access Network’s closed-circuit television and alarm systems help ensure residents’ safety. If you are a resident of a university-owned housing facility, your USCard is programmed to function as an electronic “key,” giving you access to your building or apartment complex and parking facilities.

**USCard Services**

Parking Structure X
620 McCarthy Way, Room 200 | Los Angeles, CA 90089
**Phone:** (213) 740–8709  **Website:** www.usc.edu/uscard
(Visit the USCard website to sign up for various meal plan services or to add discretionary points to your account.)

Residential Services
Transportation & Parking Services

USC Transportation Services is the key to your university parking and transportation needs.

Parking Permits

USC Transportation offers parking convenient to all University Park Campus housing facilities. A permit is required to park in any USC structure or lot. Spaces are limited, and they sell out every year, so apply for your permit early.

Permits are issued by lottery for the entire academic year (fall and spring semesters). Your student fee bill will be charged once in the fall and again in the spring. To purchase a permit, please visit the Transportation website at www.usc.edu/parking and create an online Parking Account. During the Parking Lottery Registration Period, log in to your account and click on Add or Edit Parking Waitlists to add yourself to waitlists for up to eight different lots, in descending order of preference. Registration periods are May 1 through June 30 for fall permits, and November 1 through December 7 for spring permits. You will be notified by email after the registration period closes.

Bus Service

University-owned buses operate seven days a week, from early in the morning until late in the evening, providing service to nearby apartments. Schedules are available online and in person from USC Transportation. Students, staff, faculty and university guests may use the buses free of charge.

Campus Cruiser

The student-run Campus Cruiser program provides a supplementary service to our buses and a safe ride home for students and staff during evening hours. This car service offers rides to locations within a one-mile radius of the center of campus.

Parking Locations & Rates

Parking is available on the University Park Campus, at all university-owned apartments in the North University Park area and at the USC Parking Center. A permit is required to park in any USC structure or lot. Spaces are limited.

Please note: Information regarding parking permits and rates is accurate at the time of publication. Permits, conditions and pricing are subject to post-publication changes.

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<td>USC Parking Center</td>
<td>East of University Park Campus. Bus service is available to and from campus every 15 minutes, Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m.–11 p.m.</td>
<td>$342 per semester</td>
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USC Transportation Office

Parking Structure X | University Park Campus.
Phone: (213) 740-3575
For the most up-to-date parking rates, bus schedules and more information, visit www.usc.edu/transportation.
Residential Services

Residential Safety

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

As the central coordinating office for USC’s security programs, the primary goal of DPS is to ensure a safe environment in which the social and academic endeavors of the university can be realized.

DPS operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You should call DPS to report any emergency, including serious accidents, crimes, suspicious circumstances, fires and safety hazards.

The DPS office deploys security personnel on and around campus. USC safety officers have clearly defined responsibilities. They patrol on and off campus in cars, on bicycles and on foot; conduct preliminary investigations of reported crimes; and file Los Angeles Police Department crime reports. Community Service Officers patrol all university-owned residential facilities and monitor the Access Network 24 hours a day.

Nearly 300 emergency telephones, identified by a blue light on top of the booth, are strategically located around campus, in many buildings and on each level of every parking structure. These phones provide a direct line to the DPS office and should be used only in emergencies.

All students are also encouraged to download the new Trojan Mobile Safety App (LiveSafe), which provides immediate access to DPS and a “Safewalk” feature for any time you may have to walk somewhere alone. For more information, please visit www.usc.edu/mobilesafety.

Residential Verification Program

In our continuing efforts to make USC housing safer for our students, additional security measures have been implemented. We now have 24/7 security in every on-campus residence hall, and have biometric verification stations and additional security surveillance cameras. Residents will be required to use their USC ID cards to enter the facility and complete a biometric scan to verify that they live there. Prior to picking up their keys, all incoming freshmen will need to have their picture taken and their biometrics registered at their Customer Service Center. All resident information is stored locally and is not accessible to the general public or via the Internet.

Department of Public Safety

Parking Structure A
Emergency Only: (213) 740–4321
(or use a campus emergency phone)
General Information (DPS activities, policies or available services): (213) 740–6000
Application & Assignment

USC Housing’s online application is the fast and convenient way to apply for university housing. Visit housing.usc.edu/portal to get started.

The Importance of Applying Early

Housing assignments for incoming freshmen are made on a first-come, first-served basis. After class standing, the single most important factor in determining where you will be assigned is the date we receive your application. The earlier you apply, the greater the likelihood you will receive one of your building, room-type or program preferences. This is particularly true for freshman buildings in high demand. Only admitted students may apply, and it’s a good idea to apply as soon as you are admitted and receive your login information.

*Please note:* USC Housing expects to receive applications from newly admitted students for the 2016–2017 academic year as early as February 2016. Most incoming freshmen apply by May 2.

Portal Login

After you are admitted to USC, you will receive an email from USC Housing which will include your login information. You will not be able to apply for housing until you receive this email. For students admitted prior to February 1, login information will be emailed late in January. For all other students, it will be emailed within a week of admission.

To log in, use your 10-digit USC ID number (no spaces or dashes) and the password emailed to you. Demographic information including name, gender, date of birth and permanent address will already be uploaded to our system. Please visit your Profile to ensure this is correct and to enter any additional information, such as your emergency contact.

May 2, 2016

Freshman Housing Guarantee Deadline

*Incoming freshmen whose housing applications are received in our office by the May 2 deadline:*

- Are guaranteed a space in USC Housing;
- Are eligible to be considered for a special interest community; and
- May participate in the online roommate-matching process.

Meeting the May 2 deadline for guaranteed freshman housing does not necessarily mean you will be assigned to one of your top choices, so you are strongly advised to apply as soon as you are admitted.

TIP

Check the USC Housing website at housing.usc.edu for the most up-to-date housing and application information.
Application

Freshmen may apply for housing once they have been admitted to the university and have been issued a 10-digit USC student identification number. You may submit a housing application before sending your Enrollment Commitment Deposit form.

To apply, click on Application on our online portal and select the term for which you are applying (Academic Year 2016-2017, for those starting in August 2016; or Spring 2017, for those starting in January 2017).

Profile

After registering, you can click on the Profile option to create a profile — information we need to make your housing assignment. Your personal details and any special needs information will remain private. You can change your profile at any time by clicking on Profile on the application web page.

Step 1

Begin Application

To start your application, click on the Apply button at the bottom of the page.

Step 2

Personal & Contact Details

Here you will provide us with information we need to determine what housing is appropriate for you, such as your class standing, marital status, and any physical or medical needs we should consider when making your assignment. (You must register with Disability Services if you need special housing. Please see page 5.) In addition, you will be asked to provide emergency contact information.

If you want to use our online Roommate Search and Message feature, be sure to check the Include in Roommate Search box and create a screen name.

Step 3

Profile Questions

In this section you will answer a series of questions about your personal living preferences, giving you the opportunity to participate in our roommate-matching process. (See “Living With Others,” page 23.)

Step 4

Application Category

Please select your category. Newly admitted students should choose “New to USC.”

Step 5

List Housing Preferences

You must list five housing preferences in order of interest. Please review the building descriptions in this brochure or on our website before entering your preferences. Please select buildings only for freshmen. You can update your preferences up until the time assignments are made.

Step 6

Special Interest Housing

You may also indicate a special interest program for which you would like to be considered. If you are requesting a special interest program, be certain to list the corresponding building as your first housing preference.

Step 7

Pay Application Fee

USC Housing cannot process your application before receiving your $45 nonrefundable application fee. (This fee cannot be waived.) Our website accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover Card. When your payment has been accepted, we will email you confirmation.

Although you have the option to go to Step 8 and select a roommate, you are eligible for assignment once you pay the application fee.

At this point your application is complete.

When you have been assigned, we will notify you by email and direct you back to the portal to complete the steps listed in the Contracts section on the next page.

Step 8

Roommate Selection (Optional) if you would like to request a specific roommate, you can add that person to your application by entering his or her screen name and/or 10-digit USC ID number. For your requests to be considered, they must be mutual and the housing preferences, including any special interest programs, for each roommate must be exactly the same. Roommate requests cannot be guaranteed.

If you do not have a specific person in mind, you can conduct an online search for potential roommates and be presented with possible matches based on the information provided in your Profile. You will be able to contact potential roommates, and update your application to request them, up until the time assignments are made. (See “Living With Others,” page 23.)

Step 9

Rooms

Once you have been assigned a housing space, you will be notified by email. You can then log in to the Application portal on the Housing website to review your assignment.

Assignments

We can offer housing assignments only to students who have submitted their USC Enrollment Commitment Deposit form and the $300 enrollment deposit, or approved waiver, to the Office of Admission.

The USC Housing Services Office makes assignments based on space availability and the following criteria:

- The date your application is received by USC Housing Services; and
- Available spaces in the buildings or programs you have requested and for which you are eligible.

Your assignment will be as close to your requests as possible, based on availability and eligibility, however, there is a possibility that it may not match any of your building preferences. (Please note that your room or apartment number is not guaranteed and is subject to change without notice.)

Freshmen (as defined on page 3) whose housing applications are received by USC Housing on or before May 2 are guaranteed housing. This is not a guarantee of a particular type of assignment or a specific building. Early receipt of your housing
application increases your chances of being assigned to one of your building or program preferences; it does not guarantee it.

**Contracts**

After reviewing your assignment, you will need to accept and confirm your contract to finalize your housing.

**Step 10**

**Confirmation Payment**

You may submit your $800 confirmation payment electronically by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover Card. Half this fee will be credited to your student account after receiving your contract, print and complete the Confirmation Payment prior to submitting your request. Reassignments are processed in two ways: by reassignment list and over the counter.

- **Reassignment List (Prior to Move-In)**
  - To request an assignment change prior to move-in, please read the reassignment information on our website and submit the Reassignment Request form that can be found there. Requests are placed on a reassignment list in the order received, and processed based on eligibility, gender and space availability. We make every effort to complete requests, but reassignment is not guaranteed. If we are able to fulfill your request, you will be emailed confirmation that you have been reassigned. This will be your new housing assignment; your previous assignment will be cancelled and offered to another student.
  
  Reassignments are processed from late May to mid-July. On July 15, the Housing Services Office will begin cancelling all unfulfilled requests. If your request is not fulfilled, you will be emailed confirmation that you have been reassigned. This will be your new housing assignment; your previous assignment will be cancelled and offered to another student.

- **Over the Counter (After Move-In)**
  
  There is no reassignment list during the academic year. Beginning Wednesday, September 7, reassignments may be requested over the counter at any CSC or at the main Housing Office. If a space that meets your housing needs and eligibility becomes available, you can be reassigned on the spot. Reassignments during the academic year are halted from mid-November to mid-January to facilitate the assignment of students arriving spring semester.

- **Cancellations**
  
  If you decide to cancel your application prior to being assigned, or to cancel your housing assignment prior to confirming your contract, print and complete the Cancellation Request form on our website and send it to USC Housing Services. The application or assignment will be cancelled; the $45 application fee will not be refunded.

You are responsible for the terms of the contract once it has been confirmed; however, you may still submit a Cancellation Request to be released from your contract.

- If your cancellation is granted after June 10, you will receive a full refund of the contract confirmation payment.

- If your cancellation is granted after June 10, you will not be eligible for a refund of the $800 contract confirmation payment, even if you decide to withdraw from the university.

You may request in writing to reactivate your application at any time during the same academic year without paying an additional fee or completing another application.

**Contract Dates**

Specific start and end dates are associated with university housing contracts. Once confirmed, the contract is in force for that time period. All housing contracts run for the full academic year. Monthly and semester-length contracts are not available.

**University Park & North University Park Housing**

All housing contracts for these spaces begin on Wednesday, August 17, 2016, and end on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 University residence halls and suites, however, are closed for safety and security reasons during the winter break, from December 14, 2016, at 5 p.m. (the last day of fall semester finals) to January 5, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. You do not need to move out your belongings, but you will not have access to your room. Be sure to take everything you need with you, and plan to stay elsewhere during that period. Residence halls remain open during Thanksgiving and spring breaks. Check with your Customer Service Center for details.

Apartment buildings remain open for the full academic year and may be continuously occupied by residents through the winter and spring breaks.
Requests for Early Arrival

Some departments and programs schedule activities before the official Move-In date of August 17, 2016. To the extent possible, we want to accommodate residents who wish to check in to their housing assignments early for these activities. Early arrival requests must be received in writing from the department or academic program with which you are affiliated.

Residents may request early arrival on an individual basis. Because we also must plan for summer school student departures, conferences and other university summer programs, individual requests may not be honored. Requests should be submitted by August 1 to the email address of the Customer Service Center for your housing assignment (see p. 37). Requests may not be made for arrival earlier than August 14.

Customer Service Centers grant final approval of an early-arrival request, and will do so only if there is sufficient time to clean and prepare the room. You will receive an email response letting you know if your request can be accommodated. Incoming residents must call their Customer Service Center to verify early move-in approval before arriving at USC.

If the request is approved, you will be charged $75 for each night stayed prior to the first day of your housing contract. Residents who arrive without approval may be turned away. Those who can be accommodated will be charged a $200 per night fee.

Applying by Mail-In Application

If you would prefer to submit a written application, please visit our website to download an application form. Complete the form and mail it, along with the mandatory $45 nonrefundable application fee, to USC Housing Services, 620 McCarthy Way, PSX 137, Los Angeles, CA 90089-1332. (Please note that our roommate-matching process is available only to students who apply online.)

The USC Housing Office will send you a receipt card to let you know that your application was received. Your application date will be the date your application is received in our office — not the postmark date. Once we have made your housing assignment, we will notify you by email.

How to Apply for Residential Colleges & Special Interest Communities

If you would like to live in special interest housing, indicate the desired program and its corresponding building in your housing preferences. To be considered for your special interest preference, your application and $45 application fee must be received by May 2. Note: Some programs require supplemental applications. For more information, see pages 16-22.

Summer Housing

There is a separate application and assignment process for summer housing. More information about summer housing will be available in late March 2016. Please contact the USC Housing Services Office or your CSC about summer housing options and application information.

Application & Assignments Timeline

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August 17
MOVE-IN DAY!
Housing for Spring 2017

Freshman students admitted for the spring semester can submit a housing application beginning July 1, 2016. The housing information and procedures presented in this brochure apply to applicants for spring housing, except for the important differences noted below.

Availability
All freshmen applying for spring housing will be offered assignments. However, we are unable to ensure they will be offered a space in freshman buildings on campus. Spring housing assignments are based on: (1) the number of students admitted to USC for spring semester; and (2) the number of students who leave university housing during fall semester. Freshman housing is usually filled to capacity at the beginning of fall semester; only spaces that become vacant can be offered to freshmen admitted to spring semester.

The availability of specific housing types is difficult to predict, and it is often not possible to place applicants in their top preferences or with requested roommates. As space allows, spring admits will be assigned to freshman spaces; however, to be offered university housing most freshmen arriving spring semester will be placed in upperclassmen undergraduate buildings in North University Park. More information about our facilities for upperclassmen, along with a complete map of all university housing locations, can be found at housing.usc.edu.

Application & Assignment
The application for spring 2017 housing will not be available until July 1, 2016. Your application login information will be emailed to you in late June. In the past, the majority of spring applications have been received on July 1. Due to high demand and the uncertain supply of housing space, you should apply early for the best chance of receiving a housing assignment. To be considered for spring housing, you must select the Spring 2017 option when applying.

Housing assignments for spring 2017 will be made in early December 2016. Assignments will be made based on application date, gender and availability. Students will be notified of their assignments by email and directed to the Application portal on the USC Housing website to confirm their contracts. Students assigned for the spring will not be eligible for reassignment until over-the-counter reassignment begins in mid-January (see page 34).

Move-In Day for spring residents is January 5, 2017.
Directory

USC Housing Services
620 McCarthy Way
Los Angeles, CA 90089–1332
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