Living at USC: Freshmen
2017–2018
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 Preferences

Should you live in a suite or in a residence hall? Your preference will depend on the lifestyle you enjoy. Both types of housing provide resident assistants, faculty in residence, 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 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
Housing for Freshmen

USC’s freshman housing is designed to create communities where students live and study together, socialize over meals in our residential dining facilities and adjust to college life. Numerous programs and activities keep residents involved and help them make friends.

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, rather than one of the larger, suite-style buildings.

Residence Halls
Located within two residential colleges, New North and South, USC’s residence halls offer convenient access to university resources.

The approximately 1,550 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, lounges, study rooms and workout areas. This format, along with the rich history of some of these buildings, make residence halls a very popular choice. They usually fill first, so apply early!

Suites
USC’s suite-style buildings can be found in three areas on campus: the Arts & Humanities and International residential colleges in the Parkside area, West’s Fluor Tower and McCarthy Honors College in the USC Village. These offer approximately 1,500 spaces for incoming freshmen.

Suite floor plans vary by building, and are made up of two to four rooms, each either single or double occupancy, with one large or two smaller bathrooms. Some, like those in Fluor Tower or IRC have a small common area.
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.

**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 located 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 seating. The large bathroom has two showers, two toilets and three 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.

**Lofted Suite**
- **Building:** McCarthy Honors
- **Occupancy:** 4
- This suite type consists of two small bedrooms, each with lofted beds (a desk and dresser are placed beneath each raised bed) and a full bathroom.
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, wireless connections and cable TV with HD and premium stations. Rent always includes gas and water costs. 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. For information about ordering linens for extra-long twin beds, see page 6.

All residence hall rooms, as well as suite bedrooms, come with a microfridge (a small refrigerator-and-microwave combination unit).

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.

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

**DO**
- Towels
- Blankets
- Bedspread or comforter
- Sheets
- Pillows & pillowcases
- Cell phone
- Alarm clock
- Toiletries
- Hangers
- Decorations
- Fan
- Computer
- MP3 player
- TV (cable ready)
- Desk lamp

**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.

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 23), 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 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 $55 nonrefundable application processing fee must be paid at the time you submit your housing application. See "Application & Assignment," page 30.

**Contract Confirmation Payment**
An $800 confirmation payment must be made online at the time you confirm your contract. See "Contracts," page 32.

**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 sfs.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 financialaid.usc.edu/contactfao with any questions about financial aid or loans.

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**Sample Costs  Residence Hall vs. Suite**

The chart below compares estimated annual costs for a double-occupancy room in a residence hall (in this case, Marks Tower [DMT]) with a double room in an eight-person suite (in this case, Fluor Tower [FLT]).

**Estimated Living Expenses**

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Please consult the USC Housing, Hospitality and Transportation websites for final rates.
Residential Colleges

Residential colleges provide a unique experience in which students get to meet people from all across the United States and the world. Together, they learn to live, interact and socialize and create memories that soon prove that this is more than just a place to sleep — it is a home away from home. Students have the opportunity to attend activities that cultivate their social, academic and cultural growth as young adults and interact with a variety of staff who are there to support them in their transition, not only into the freshman year of college, but into adulthood.

The Residential Experience

Every freshman is housed in a residential college when they arrive at USC. There, they form strong connections by participating in events organized by the Resident Assistants and Residential Faculty, and become an integral member of their community through their interactions with their peers. Residential colleges also allow students to bridge the classroom experience by participating in conversations over dinner with faculty, attending presentations with guest speakers, participating in community service, and utilizing campus resources provided in their residential college lobby.

The residential college experience bookends the undergraduate experience. New students represent their residential college at New Student Convocation, create a time capsule of the event, and then become active participants in the year-long Residential College Cup competition. At the end of their four years at USC, students return to their residential college for a celebration that includes the time capsule reveal and a reception with their Residential Faculty and Residential Education staff.
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 this section.

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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.
As the smallest residential college at USC, Birnkrant Residential College enables students to be part of a tight-knit community. Commonly referred to as “8 Floors of Open Doors,” Birnkrant nurtures friendships and relationships that often span the course of students’ time at USC. In 1994, Birnkrant began operating as a residential college, with a full-time, live-in Residential Faculty member working to bridge students’ experiences inside and outside the classroom.

Birnkrant offers gender-neutral options to freshmen, allowing them to live with roommates regardless of gender identity or biological sex, and providing a safe and supportive environment. More information can be found on the USC Housing website.

Today, the Residential Faculty member works alongside Residential Education staff to provide programs that introduce students to Los Angeles culture, art, food and more. Residents take great pride in living in Birnkrant and often refer to it as one of their favorite USC memories.

**Special Interest Communities:**

**APIDA Leaders Community [APIDA]**

The Asian, Pacific Islander, Desi American Leaders Community (APIDALC) strives to cultivate a space for active participation, leadership development, personal growth and a successful transition into college. APIDALC is a program dedicated to all students who have an interest in Asian Pacific American history, culture, and social and contemporary issues. Residents will explore what it means to be Asian in America and will have the opportunity to engage in social and academic programs, group discussions, cultural events at USC and across Los Angeles, service-learning and first-year mentorships. Programs and activities related to the special interest floors are open to everyone, not just for students who identify with it by heritage.

The APIDA Leaders Community is supported by the Office for Residential Education and the Asian Pacific American Students Services cultural center.

If you are interested in living on this floor, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 21 for details.
Located in the USC Village, McCarthy Honors Residential College offers a vibrant and enhanced living learning experience for Mork Family, Stamps, Trustee and Presidential scholars in a suite-style living environment. Through faculty interaction, diverse programming, opportunities to experience Los Angeles, and an Honors College retreat, this program is designed to inspire students to reach their full potential as agents of global change.

The McCarthy Honors Residential College experience is led by two Residential Faculty members in conjunction with the Residential Education staff, with contributions by numerous faculty from diverse disciplines. Themed faculty dinners are held weekly in the dining hall located on the ground floor of McCarthy. Dinner guests might include USC faculty members and senior administrators, distinguished professionals in the arts and humanities, and prominent visiting scholars.

Space in the McCarthy Honors Residential College is available on a first-applied basis. Due to the timing of the retreat, McCarthy residents are asked to move in early (Monday, August 14).

An essential part of the dynamic new USC Village opening in the fall of 2017, the McCarthy Honors Residential College will provide a vibrant and enhanced living and learning experience for 500 recipients of select USC academic scholarships. This new facility is nearly double the size of the previous honors housing, allowing for a greater number of qualified students to be assigned to the program. Assignments are made on a first-applied basis according to housing configuration preferences.

The five-story building includes four residential floors, each with over 30 suites, multiple lounges and study rooms, and a laundry room. The fourth and fifth floors include the residences of the college’s Residential Faculty members. The ground floor houses a large lobby, classrooms, a magnificent new residential dining facility, food court and indoor bike parking. Residents have a required meal plan.

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New North Residential College, originally called North Residential College, was founded in 1993 and comprises EVK, College, University, and Harris Halls.

New North fosters a strong community created through 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, the staff and faculty 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 week, students can attend a dinner hosted by the residential faculty, who are joined by talented and accomplished guests from the university, the movie industry, or from the city at large.

New North Residential College occupies a premium location on campus. You can grab a cappuccino at Starbucks at Trojan Grounds on your three-minute walk to Leavey Library, toss a Frisbee on McCarthy Quad, and appreciate the view of the neighboring reflecting pool. New North also benefits from having the Everybody’s Kitchen dining hall attached to their building, so residents connect with a diverse group of students from all over campus.

**Special Interest Communities:**
**New Residential College Cinema Floors [CINE]**

If you are interested in cinema or the film industry, this floor is for you. Common activities include 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. If you are interested in living on this floor, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 21 for details.
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 place to hang out with friends. Residents have a required meal plan.

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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 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.

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Housing Options

Parkside Arts & Humanities Residential College

The Parkside 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 Parkside Arts & Humanities Residential College 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.

Residential Faculty members host weekly catered Parkside "Faculty Dinners" that feature stimulating guest speakers and discussions about a common book that all residents are requested to read. 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.

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Special Interest Communities:

Art & Architecture Floor [ARFL]
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 [PCAF]
The Performing and Creative Arts Floor provides a living environment for residents to explore their inner artist. Residents 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 page 21 for details.

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 students in same-gender suites of double rooms 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. Unlike other freshman housing, Arts & Humanities will remain open during the Winter Recess between semesters.
In the 21st century, a compassionate understanding of global issues is vital. The Parkside International Residential College 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. Parkside 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 local community service projects and take advantage of volunteer opportunities that draw upon the city’s extensive international connections. Resident faculty work to support group activities, events and programs that engage residents’ compassion and curiosity, including field trips to see local theatre and discover Los Angeles. Residents can take advantage of a weekly dinner and dessert reception at which experts from on campus and off speak informally about their work and life experiences.

### Special Interest Communities:
**WISE (Women in Science & Engineering)**
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.

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USC’s Parkside International Residential College 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.
South Residential College comprises four traditional residence halls: Marks Hall, Marks Tower, Pardee Tower and Trojan Hall. South Residential College is conveniently located near the Doheny and Leavey Libraries, Tutor Campus Center, important campus service departments, several popular classroom buildings and McCarthy Quad, an ideal place to relax and enjoy the great Los Angeles weather.

A signature of this residential college is its close-knit community — many describe South as being a true “family.” South Residential College is supported by an engaging team of faculty and staff who endeavor to create a vibrant community where emphasis is placed on the transition to college and exploring USC’s First-Year Experience programs. Programming provided by faculty and staff emphasizes personal growth and determining one’s best pathway for leadership as a USC student and future graduate.

The Residential Faculty take the lead in creating an environment conducive to student learning and social engagement. Each building has one residential faculty member. Residents are encouraged to attend Faculty Dinners and participate in faculty-student interaction outside the classroom. Students in South Residential College have always benefited from the sense of belonging created within these floor communities, the smallest at USC.

**Special Interest Communities:**

**Marks Tower**

**GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors [DOOR]**
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.

**Pardee Tower**

**Business Floors [BUSI]**
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.
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.

The 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.

Marks Tower (DMT)
612 Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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At eight stories tall, Marks Tower offers all the features of a traditional residence hall— and gorgeous 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.
Housing Options

South Residential College

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.

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

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The size and layout of three-story Trojan Hall helps 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 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.
West Residential College

Composed of Fluor Tower and Webb Tower (a building for upperclassmen), West Residential College is conveniently located near the Engemann Student Health Center, the Lyon Recreation Center, and the Uytengsu Swim Stadium. As such, West Residential College has begun to develop various wellness-based initiatives. Residential Faculty focus on different aspects of holistic wellness and hope to create all-encompassing programming around these initiatives. West Residential College is supported by a dynamic team of faculty and staff who endeavor to create a vibrant community where diversity is celebrated and living-learning opportunities abound.

Special Interest Communities:

El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor [LATF]
Established in 1974, the El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor special interest community supports freshman students by creating an environment that eases the transition to USC, promoting cultural awareness, community involvement and academic success. You will connect with roommates, 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 schoolchildren 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.

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.

Somerville Place [SMRV]
A residential community established in 1995, Somerville Place is named in honor of John and Vada Somerville, the first two African American graduates (1907) of USC’s Ostrow School of Dentistry. This coed community creates an environment where academic success, leadership, self-direction and personal growth are nurtured by successfully transitioning freshman students into university life. Somerville Place also fosters an understanding of and respect for black culture, while cultivating a sense of family and community. Somerville Place continues to be one of the most sought-after residential communities. It has been featured in a Los Angeles Times article in which columnist Sandy Banks wrote: “Somerville has broadened its residents’ perspectives in ways you might not expect in a community based on the notion of common interest and shared heritage.”

An online supplemental application is required. Contact the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs at cbcsa@usc.edu or (213) 740-8357.

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

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Built in 1971, Fluor Tower is an 11-story, suite-style community of predominately freshman students. Fluor’s attractive lobby 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, air conditioning and an extra-large bathroom with double facilities. Located next door is King Hall, featuring a computer lab and a large, mixed-use room for study and educational programs. The Lyon Recreation Center is just steps away. All residents have a required meal plan.
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 28 for information about obtaining a parking permit for a university housing building.
Special Interest Housing

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.

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 2017 at http://resed.usc.edu/resources/special-interest-housing.

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 McCarthy Honors Residential College.) 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, Cinema Floors and Somerville Place. These supplemental applications will be available in January 2017 on the special interest supplemental application website at resed.usc.edu.

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. 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. The Rainbow Floor has a gender-inclusive option. 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 lgbtrc.usc.edu/rainbowfloor for more information.

PARKSIDE APARTMENTS

Muslim Floor
USC’s Muslim Floor provides a venue for the exploration of Islam and Muslim culture — for Muslim and non-Muslim students alike. The apartments in this community 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.

SChalom Floor
If you have an interest in Jewish life, the SChalom Floor 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.
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 31 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
The office for Residential Education provides many activities and events that are great ways 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, create a sense of community on your floor and foster pride in your Residential College. Your Resident Assistant (RA) will keep you informed about upcoming events. The Resident Assistants and Residential Faculty work collaboratively to explore Los Angeles, a city that offers world-class museums, recreational sports, beaches, music and theatre performances, and great restaurants and vibrant ethnic neighborhoods. Additionally, every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, look for the Cardinal & Gold series that offers late-night programs like new-release movie screenings, trips to Santa Monica, as well as trips to support local sports teams. For up-to-date information, talk with your RA, look for campus posters, visit the Residential Education website, and follow USC Residential Education on Facebook and Instagram.

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 is the governing board for each Building Government (BG), a group of elected leaders in each of the residential colleges. For more information, visit rsg.usc.edu or stop by Student Union 200.

Residential Education Staff
The Residential Education staff fosters the holistic development of members within the USC residential community. They are committed to providing purposefully inclusive communities that create opportunities for personal and academic success in collaboration with members of the Trojan Family. The Residential College Coordinators (RCC) are live-in professionals who supervise Graduate RCCs and the Resident Assistants (RA) and manage a Residential College. Assistant Directors are live-in professionals who supervise the RCCs and oversee three Residential Colleges. The RCCs and ADs in Residential Education all have master's degrees in higher education, student affairs administration, educational counseling or a similar area. 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 to help you connect with other students, provide support, 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 mediating roommate issues. RAs are supervised by either RCCs or Graduate RCCs with several 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 emergency situations.

Residential Education
Phone: (213) 740-2080
Website resed.usc.edu

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.
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 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

One of the most important parts of your residential experience at USC will be what you choose to eat. USC Hospitality is delighted to offer you award-winning options in alignment with our ‘Food Philosophy’ and goal to provide craveable, socially responsible cuisine for the Trojan Family. From traditional dining halls to a mix of restaurants, cafés and convenience stores, our program is designed to meet the unique needs and tastes of our student body.

Meal plans are assigned based on housing location and class standing. Students whose residential location does not require a meal plan may choose to participate in any plan on an optional basis. 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 25, 2017, for fall 2017 and by January 13, 2018, for spring 2018.

We offer a variety of meal plans that can be tailored to your specific needs. In the “Full Meal Plan” category, our Cardinal and Gold Meal Plans both offer unlimited meal swipes in all three residential dining halls (Everybody’s Kitchen, Parkside and our newest addition at the USC Village), while the Trojan Meal Plan offers a pre-established bank of dining dollars that can be used at all USC Hospitality venues throughout the University Park and Health Sciences campuses. An upgrade to the Gold Meal Plan provides valuable Dining Dollars that can be used at USC Hospitality venues throughout campus. Please note, the meal plans do not include Spring Recess, as the Residential Dining Halls will be closed March 10 – 18, 2018. For a full list and description of our meal plan options, please visit hospitality.usc.edu.

Prices for 2017–2018 meal plans have not been finalized as of the publication of this brochure. Updated information and pricing for fall 2017 meal plans will be available on the Hospitality website in spring 2017.
Required Meal Plans
Students assigned to any of the residential colleges (both residence hall and suite-style) described in this book are required to have a full 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, USC Village (new for fall 2017) 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 mycard.usc.edu to change or inquire about the status of your meal plan.

Residential Dining Halls

At USC, we are committed to providing a dining program with a wide range of options and facilities to ensure you have a positive dining 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 transactions.

Everybody’s Kitchen
(Open seven days a week)
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.

Parkside Restaurant
(Open seven days a week, late nights Monday through Friday)
Parkside’s menu remains consistent with its international theme but focuses specifically on Asian, Latin and Mediterranean cuisines. The exhibition-style format allows guests to observe the culinary staff in action. We are proud to feature an allergy Awareness Zone designed for diners who are sensitive to the top eight allergens, as well as sesame and gluten.

USC Village Dining Hall
(Open seven days a week)
Our newest Residential Dining Hall will open in fall 2017 at the USC Village. The McCarthy Honors College Dining Hall will have an exhibition-style format to showcase the chef-driven menus, deeply rooted in four of the experience principles of our Food Philosophy in multiple stations. This ResDining Hall will be our first to have a station dedicated to plant-based cuisine.

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, the Ronald 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.
**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:** mycard.usc.edu  
(Visit the USCard website to sign up for various meal plan services or to add Discretionary Points to your account.)

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**The USC Pertusati Bookstore**

The Official Store of USC, USC Bookstore proudly serves the academic and spirit needs of USC students, faculty, staff, alumni and fans.

In addition to textbooks and course materials, USC Bookstore offers a wide selection of products for your daily needs. This includes school supplies, technology, designer clothing, gifts and Trojan souvenirs. Exclusive USC styles are available, including custom-designed shirts and shoes created on-site.

Our online store at [www.uscbookstore.com](http://www.uscbookstore.com) offers all the USC gifts and apparel available in the campus store, as well as 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](http://www.uscbookstore.com)
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/Uber

The student-run Campus Cruiser/Uber 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 an approximate one-mile radius of the center of campus. Uber provides additional free service when wait times exceed 15 minutes.

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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USC Transportation Office

P: (213) 740-3575

For the most up-to-date parking rates, bus schedules and more information, visit www.usc.edu/parking.
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, and 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
As part of our effort to make USC housing safer for our students we have 24/7 security in every on-campus housing facility, as well as biometric verification stations and 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 2017-2018 academic year as early as February 2017. Most incoming freshmen apply by May 1.

Portal Login

After you are admitted to USC, you will receive an email from USC Housing that 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 details, such as your emergency contact information.

TIP

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

May 1, 2017

Freshman Housing Guarantee Deadline

Incoming freshmen whose housing applications are received in our office by the May 1 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 1 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.
Applying for Housing

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, visit our online portal, click on Application and select the term for which you are applying (Academic Year 2017-2018, for those starting in August 2017; or Spring 2018, for those starting in January 2018).

Profile

After logging in, you can click on the Profile option to complete 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.

Application

Begin Application

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

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.

You will also be asked to create a screen name that your potential roommates will see.

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 22.)

Application Category

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

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.

Special Interest Housing

Choose your preferred residential college. 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.

Pay Application Fee

USC Housing cannot process your application before receiving your $55 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 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.

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 22.)

Your Assignment 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;
- 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 1 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.

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 in the fall semester and the other half in the spring semester.

Contract & Finish
To confirm your assignment, first read through the Living Agreement. You must then click on the I Agree button to accept the terms and finalize your contract; if you fail to do so, your assignment will be cancelled. Clicking on the I Agree button is the electronic equivalent of signing a contract, and by doing so you are agreeing to be legally bound by the terms of the Living Agreement.

Important: If you do not confirm your contract and make the confirmation payment by the due date indicated, your assignment will be cancelled and given to another applicant.

Meal Plans
This page will show the default, mandatory meal plan for your assignment. You can add or change a meal plan at the USCard website at mycard.usc.edu

Once you have accepted the contract, you will see a confirmation page, summarizing the basic details of your housing assignment, including your current roommate(s). Please print a copy for your personal records.

Reassignments
If you would like to change your assignment after receiving your contract, you can request a reassignment. To be eligible, you must have confirmed your contract and made the $800 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 14, the Housing Services Office will begin cancelling all unfulfilled requests. If your request is not fulfilled, you should move into your contracted housing assignment on August 16. New requests will be accepted until the reassignment process re-opens in September.

Over the Counter (After Move-In)
There is no reassignment list during the academic year. Beginning Wednesday, September 6, 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 $55 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 9, you will not be eligible for a refund of the $800 contract confirmation payment, even if you decide to withdraw from the university.

• If your cancellation request is not granted, your contract will be in force and you will be held to its provisions.

You may request in writing to reactivate your application at any time during the same academic year without paying an additional fee. For assignment purposes, the date of reactivation will be your new application date.

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 16, 2017, and end on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. University residence halls and suites, however, are closed for safety and security reasons during the winter break, from December 13, 2017, at 5 p.m. (the last day of fall semester finals) to January 4, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. The Arts & Humanities Residential College is an exception to this, and will remain open from December 14, 2017, to January 3, 2018. 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 16, 2017. 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 must also 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. 35). Requests may not be made for arrival earlier than August 13.

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 $55 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 $55 application fee must be received by May 1. Note: Some programs require supplemental applications. For more information, see pages 9-21.

Summer Housing

There is a separate application and assignment process for summer housing. More information about summer housing will be available in late March 2017. Please contact the USC Housing Services Office or your CSC about summer housing options and application information.

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Housing for Spring 2018

Freshman students admitted for the spring semester can submit a housing application beginning June 30, 2017. 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 2018 housing will not be available until June 30, 2017. Your application login information will be emailed to you in late June. In the past, the majority of spring applications have been received on June 30. 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 2018 option when applying.

Housing assignments for spring 2018 will be made in early December 2017. 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 32).

MOVE-IN DAY FOR SPRING RESIDENTS IS JANUARY 4, 2018.
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