
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 Brooklyn, Bangkok and Boise. You will make friendships that will last a lifetime.

So see what we have to offer. Welcome to USC Housing!
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Housing Options
Should you live in an apartment or in a residence hall? Your preference will depend on the style of living you enjoy. Both types of housing provide Resident Advisors, 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 and programs
- Rent payable by university student account
- A Department of Public Safety that operates 24 hours a day
- A computerized entry-monitoring system
- Live-in staff available 7 days a week
- Free basic cable TV and 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 tram and Campus Cruiser service
- Maintenance service available 24/7 for emergency repairs
- The option to be reassigned to different housing
- Three workout areas with state-of-the-art equipment
- Laundry facilities
Residence Halls
Clustered in four areas on campus, USC’s 11 residence halls and suite-style buildings are reserved primarily for freshmen. These facilities offer the traditional collegiate housing experience. Students live in double-occupancy rooms and share community bathrooms. The required meal plans provide an opportunity to socialize in our dining facilities, such as EVK and Parkside Restaurant.

Close living quarters, numerous special interest communities and frequent activities foster a strong group identity and help students make friends. All University Park residence halls are located on the main campus, offering convenient access to university resources.

These factors make residence halls a very popular choice for freshmen. Approximately 2,500 spaces in these buildings are available to incoming freshmen. Residence hall rooms are among the first to fill, so apply early!

Apartments
USC houses freshmen in two apartment complexes: Century and Parkside. Century has air-conditioned one- and two-bedroom units, and Parkside has mostly one-bedrooms and studios. All units have double-occupancy bedrooms.

Apartments offer larger spaces and a more independent lifestyle—features attractive to many freshmen. Freshmen 19 years and older may prefer an apartment community with students closer to their own age. Each apartment unit also provides the privacy and convenience of a private bathroom. Residents can do their own cooking in the unit’s full kitchen. A partial meal plan is required for residents of both buildings.

Approximately 300 freshman spaces are located in Century and Parkside. (The availability of Century will depend on the size of the freshman class.) Their proximity to campus makes it easy for freshman residents to participate in the many student activities the university provides.
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
A high-speed, individual Ethernet computer line is provided for each resident throughout USC housing at no extra cost, along with basic cable television. Rent always includes gas and water costs; electricity costs are sometimes included. (See pages 7–11 for details.) Laundry facilities are available on-site in all freshman buildings, most operated using a Smartcard system.

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 on ordering linens for extra-long twin beds, see page 19.

Freshman apartments have “full kitchens” with cabinet space, a sink, and a full-sized refrigerator and stove. Apartment kitchens do not include a microwave. Pots, pans, utensils and dishware are not provided.

All residence hall rooms and suite bedrooms in the International and Arts & Humanities residential colleges come with a micro-fridge (a small refrigerator-and-microwave combination unit). Fluor Tower suites have a minifridge in each bedroom and a kitchenette area with two stovetops, a sink and a microwave. For information about ordering houseware packages for residence halls or apartments, see page 19.

All furniture provided by the university must remain in the room or apartment at all times. We are not able to store any university or student furniture. If you bring more than you can fit in your housing space, you can store your belongings in one of the many privately operated storage facilities near the campus. Please maintain your assigned furniture in good condition; charges will be assessed for any missing or damaged university furniture.

Students with Disabilities or Requesting Specific Accommodations
Housing for students with disabilities is available on campus in a variety of locations accommodating different levels of access. Students’ special needs are considered when assignments are made.

Disability Services and Programs (DSP), located in Student Union 301, provides programs and services to facilitate disabled students’ full participation at USC. The office works closely with USC Housing to place students with special needs. Please contact DSP and USC Housing as early as possible if you have special needs for your housing (including requests for single accommodations). Spaces are limited and in high demand. Availability depends on the number of students returning to university housing for the school year. Students must register with DSP and complete a housing application to receive special housing consideration.

For more information, call Disability Services and Programs at (213) 740-0776. TTD: (213) 740-6948.

Freshmen Younger Than 18
Freshmen entering USC who are younger than 18 may wish to consider living with others their age in our Resident Honors Program. (Deans’ Hall, page 15.)
Residence Hall or Residential College
Double/Single
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, stovetop and refrigerator. 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: Parkside Apartments
Occupancy: 2
This unit has a combined living/sleeping area, bathroom and full kitchen (stove and refrigerator are included).

One-Bedroom Apartment
Buildings: Century and Parkside Apartments
Occupancy: 2
The apartment consists of a living room, bedroom, bathroom and full kitchen with a stove and refrigerator.

Two-Bedroom Apartment
Building: Century Apartments
Occupancy: 4
The apartment has a living room, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a full kitchen with a stove and refrigerator.

Two-Bedroom "A" & "B" Apartment
Building: Parkside Apartments
Occupancy: 3
These apartments include a living room, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a full kitchen with a stove and refrigerator. Two residents live in the larger bedroom, one in the smaller one.

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. More individualized plans and virtual tours can be found on our website at housing.usc.edu.

Furnishings
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
Financial Facts and Figures

Housing Fees

Application Processing Fee
A $45 nonrefundable application processing fee must be paid at the time you submit your housing application. See “Application and Assignment,” page 27.

Contract Confirmation Payment
An $800 confirmation payment must be made at the time you confirm your contract. See “Contracts,” page 29.

Activity Fee
Each student in university housing is charged an activity fee of $41 (subject to change) per semester to support group outings and programming coordinated by the Office for Residential Education.

Rent
Housing, 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 student 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 e-mail you each month notifying you that your current bill is available to view and pay online at www.usc.edu/epay. Your fall semester housing charges will appear on your August 1 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. For questions about financial aid or loans, visit www.usc.edu/contactfao.

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]) and a two-bedroom, four-person apartment (in this case, Century [CAP]).

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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.

Icon Key

All housing facilities are smoke-free.

Air Conditioning
Community Bathroom
Customer Service Center
Electricity Included with Rent
Required Meal Plan
Parking
Recreational Facilities
Residential College
Special Interest Community
Tram Stop

Rents listed are subject to change. Check the USC Housing website for current information.
The Arts & Humanities Residential College offers the opportunity to be part of an exciting and groundbreaking community. The four-story complex provides housing for 440 students in suite configurations of double rooms clustered around a small common space. Residents enjoy privacy and independence, as well as the benefits of being part of the intellectual environment of a residential community. The college focuses on arts-related activities including programs centered on student works and performances. The student experience culminates in the spring when residents present their creations at a festival called Arts in the Park. The building shares a wide variety of facilities with the other residents of the Parkside area, including a performance space, a multipurpose room, music practice rooms, a collaborative learning center, lounges on each floor, a recreation room, a laundry room, 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.

Special Interest Communities: Arts & Humanities Residential College [AHRC] (page 14), Art & Architecture Floor [ARFL] (page 17), Music Floor [MUSI] (page 17). Students requesting Art & Architecture or Music floors must submit a supplemental application; please see page 17.

Conveniently located next to Leavey Library, Birnkrant Residential College 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 Faculty Master, a music practice lounge, a study area, a television lounge and a pool table, and is home to the popular Trojan Grounds coffeehouse, which accepts meal plan Dining Dollars.

Birnkrant primarily houses freshmen, although some returning residents live on the top two floors. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Community: Birnkrant Residential College [BKRC] (page 13).

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. Permits for all lots and garages are issued by USC Transportation. In most cases the number of spaces is limited; not all applicants will get a parking space. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see page 26 for information about obtaining a parking permit for a university housing building.
Century Apartments
3115 Orchard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Please note: The availability of Century for freshman housing is dependent on the size of the incoming class. Applicants are free to request the building with the understanding that freshmen may not be placed there for the fall.

Century is an excellent choice for freshmen who want more space and a more independent lifestyle, while still enjoying opportunities for the social interaction and group activities that are important parts of the first-year college experience. Located across the street from campus and convenient to both the Lyon Recreation Center and Café '84, this complex offers one- and two-bedroom air-conditioned apartments and has a Customer Service Center on site. Residents enjoy a central recreation room, a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, a playground, and barbecue areas. Both freshmen and returning residents share this facility. It remains open during winter break. Parking spaces are available in the garage and in a small outdoor lot. All freshman residents have a required partial meal plan.

Special Interest Community: Rainbow Floor [RAIN] (page 17). Students requesting the Rainbow Floor must submit a supplemental application; please see page 17.

Fluor Tower
1027 W. 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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At 11 stories, Fluor Tower is the tallest building on campus dedicated to housing freshmen. This suite-style residence hall is a popular choice for new students and home to three special interest communities. Fluor has a pool table, a television area and a Customer Service Center in the newly remodeled lobby, and 10 floors of living space. Each residential floor has four suites (typically, two for men and two for women) housing eight students in four double rooms and a lounge for group studying and community events. Each suite has a common living area, kitchenette (microwave and range top), air conditioning and an extra-large bathroom with double facilities. The Lyon Recreation Center is close by, and Café '84 is conveniently located next door in King Hall. All residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: El Sol y La Luna-Latino Floor [LATF] (page 16), Somerville Place [SMRV] (page 16), Quiet Community Floor [QUIT] (page 16). Students requesting El Sol y La Luna-Latino Floor or Somerville Place must submit a supplemental application; please see page 14.

International Residential College
3771 S. McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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USC’s 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 community. The building’s many programs make it a center for global education and interaction. The complex shares a wide variety of facilities with residents of the 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.

Special Interest Community: International Residential College [PIRC] (page 13).
### Marks Tower

612 W. Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Eight stories tall, Marks Tower has all the features of a traditional residence hall, with amazing views from many of the rooms. The large, primarily freshman population of Marks Tower lives, eats and studies together while participating in the campus and residential activities that are such an important part of a student’s first year at college. This coed facility has seven single-gender residential floors, each with 14 double rooms. The large first-floor lobby consists of a lounge with a pool table and television area. Marks Tower is conveniently located next to Ground Zero (a student-run entertainment venue and coffeehouse), a beach/sand volleyball court and two basketball courts, all next to Parking Structure X (PSX). Residents are encouraged to make use of the workout room in adjoining Marks Hall. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Community: Deans’ Hall [DHAL] (page 15)

### Marks Hall

631 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Built in the classic style of college residence halls and located next to the university’s historic Alumni House, three-story Marks Hall is a fitting home for Deans’ Hall honors students. A pleasant lawn and garden plaza are right outside the front door. The first floor consists of two newly redecorated and furnished lounges. The first floor is a social activities and features a piano, a pool table and a TV viewing area. The second has tables and chairs and is devoted to quiet study. The second and third floors are living areas with 24 double rooms each. Study and laundry rooms are in the basement. A new exercise room in the basement makes it convenient to keep fit. All equipment, including StairMasters, treadmills, ellipticals and a weight machine are new and come with televisions to make working out more enjoyable. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Community: Deans’ Hall [DHAL] (page 15)

### North Residential College

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The typical resident of North Residential College is an active scholar looking for a sense of community as well as modern conveniences. This residential college is coeducational, housing men and women in different areas. Occupying two buildings, Harris and University Residence Halls, North is conveniently located near dining and library facilities. It is one of three residence hall options offering singles to freshmen. Every floor has a laundry facility, and rooms in Harris Hall have sinks. Residents are free to use the state-of-the-art workout room in the adjoining New College. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: North Residential College [NORC] (page 14), Business Floors, one each for men and for women [BUSI] (page 16), Men’s Wellness Floor [WELL] (page 16)

### New Residential College

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Despite its name, New Residential College is one of USC’s older housing facilities. Steeped in tradition, New College combines classic residence hall architecture with modern amenities and forward-looking programs. New College comprises two buildings: Elizabeth Von KleinSmid Memorial Hall (EVK), home to the EVK dining facility and a Customer Service Center, and College Hall. Rooms in EVK have sinks. A new workout area, featuring treadmills, ellipticals and StairMasters, makes living a healthy lifestyle easy. The Trojan Grounds coffeehouse and Leavey Library are just steps away. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: New Residential College [NEWC] (page 14), Cinema Floors, one each for men and for women [CINE] (page 16), Women’s Wellness [WELL] (page 16), WISE (Women in Science & Engineering) [WISE] (page 16)
Pardee Tower was completed in 1984 as part of USC’s commitment to the Olympic Village for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games. This eight-story coed residence hall, close to Doheny Library and McCarthy Quad, Pardee Tower alternates single-gender floors. Each floor has 18 double rooms, a common bathroom and a laundry facility. The large second-floor lounge provides a TV and sitting area and a kitchenette, and may be reserved for private meetings or events. The new contemporary-styled lobby area has a TV viewing area where residents can relax and catch-up on the news, as well as the Customer Service Center for the area. Pardee also features two music practice lounges on the second floor and study lounges on most other floors. This building is a great place to make friends and participate in campus activities. There is a required meal plan for residents.

Special Interest Community: Great Outdoors (GO!) Floors, one each for men and for women [DOOR] (page 17). Students requesting the Great Outdoors Floor must submit a supplemental application; please see page 17.

Part of the Parkside International Residential College, Parkside Apartments’ two six-story buildings offer a variety of apartment choices to students of all class standings. Space for first-year students is limited, as most residents are returning students from the adjacent International and Arts & Humanities programs. There are three laundry rooms and a large lounge, and residents also have access to the common facilities and cultural opportunities of the adjacent residential colleges. Each apartment has its own kitchen and bathroom, allowing for independent living. Residents have a partial meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: International Residential College [PIRC] (page 13), Muslim Housing [MSLM] (page 17), Schalom Housing [CHAL] (page 17). Students requesting Schalom or Muslim Housing must submit a supplemental application; please see page 14.

Located directly across Figueroa Street from the freshman residence hall complexes on the University Park campus, the Radisson offers students a unique housing experience, mixing many of the aspects of residence hall life with the comfort and amenities of a fine hotel. Residents will have access to the hotel’s recreational facilities, including a workout room and a swimming pool. To ensure that residents assigned to the Radisson are fully integrated into campus life, they live on student-only floors of the hotel, with Resident Advisors who provide the same services and community-building activities available in other residence halls and apartments for freshmen. These air-conditioned double rooms feature Ethernet connections to the Internet and campus networks as well as private bathrooms. Residents’ mail will be delivered on campus, with student mail boxes located in Marks Tower. Packages can be picked up at the Pardee Customer Service Center. All residents of the Radisson will have a required meal plan; meals can be taken at the nearby EVK dining facility, as well as other campus dining locations. (Sorry, hotel room service isn’t part of the meal plan, but can be ordered and delivered as needed.)

Located directly across Figueroa Street from the freshman residence hall complexes on the University Park campus, the Radisson offers students a unique housing experience, mixing many of the aspects of residence hall life with the comfort and amenities of a fine hotel. Residents will have access to the hotel’s recreational facilities, including a workout room and a swimming pool. To ensure that residents assigned to the Radisson are fully integrated into campus life, they live on student-only floors of the hotel, with Resident Advisors who provide the same services and community-building activities available in other residence halls and apartments for freshmen. These air-conditioned double rooms feature Ethernet connections to the Internet and campus networks as well as private bathrooms. Residents’ mail will be delivered on campus, with student mail boxes located in Marks Tower. Packages can be picked up at the Pardee Customer Service Center. All residents of the Radisson will have a required meal plan; meals can be taken at the nearby EVK dining facility, as well as other campus dining locations. (Sorry, hotel room service isn’t part of the meal plan, but can be ordered and delivered as needed.)
Special Interest Communities

Living and Learning at USC

Sharing ideas and experiences with diverse and fascinating 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; others are quite large. Five of the communities are residential colleges, providing opportunities offered by only a few universities in the United States.

The Deans’ Hall community for honors students ensures a supportive environment for academic success while encouraging full participation in university life. Honors students are also invited to choose one of the residential colleges.

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

Arts & Humanities Residential College at Parkside
USC’s newest residential college was designed to create 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, 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. USC Fisher Museum of Art and the schools of Fine Arts and Architecture are adjacent to the residential college, providing convenient access to their creative communities.

Living in the Arts & Humanities Residential College gives students from all academic backgrounds the opportunity to express themselves in the arts and humanities—from mounting a theatrical production, to exhibiting their art, screening their films or reading their poetry—all in state-of-the-art facilities. Each year, residents stage a weekend showcase of student works from all aspects of the arts and humanities called “Arts in the Park.”

Kyung Moon Hwang, associate professor of history, serves as Faculty Master. Other resident faculty members include Priya Jaikumar, associate professor of cinematic arts, and Angus Fletcher, assistant professor of theatre. Along with Oliver Mayer, Faculty Master of the International Residential College at Parkside, Professor Hwang hosts the weekly Parkside dinners featuring stimulating guest speakers and performers. Recent guests have included Ruth Weisberg, dean of the USC Roski School of Fine Arts; Peter Mancall, USC history professor; Varun Soni, dean of Religious Life; David Conte, composer; and Jim Manos, Emmy Award-winning writer and producer for “The Sopranos” and “Dexter.” Professor Hwang also invites students to his apartment for pre-game barbecues during football season.

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.

Special Interest Communities: the Art & Architecture Floor (page 17) and the Music Floor (page 17)

Birnkrant Residential College
One of five residential colleges at USC, Birnkrant 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, Birnkrant is led by Faculty Master Thomas Gustafson, an associate professor of English and American Studies, and his wife, Thomas and Carol, along with the Residence Coordinator and the staff of Resident Advisors, sponsor activities that encourage students to learn and have fun by making close connections with each other, and in the city and world around them.

Every Tuesday evening, the Birnkrant community gathers for a special dinner, often featuring musical entertainment or a distinguished university guest. During the week and especially on weekends, Birnkrant 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 a Halloween haunted house for neighborhood children. Birnkrant’s goal as a residential college is to be more than a residence hall: It’s a lively, exciting place where students are constantly interacting, learning from one another and fulfilling the residence’s motto, “Eight floors of open doors.” Many residents play for Birnkrant in USC’s intramural competitions and enjoy pick-up soccer games and pool tournaments.

Birnkrant’s location, near USC’s Leavey Library and McCarthy Quad, is a plus for residents, who are primarily freshmen. Trojan Grounds, a popular place for study breaks, is located on Birnkrant’s first floor.

International Residential College at Parkside
International Residential College
In the 21st century, an understanding of global issues is vital. The International Residential College at Parkside—encompassing the International Residential College (suites) and Parkside Apartments—serves as a campus focal point for dialogue about global issues. 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. Students of all class standings live at the International Residential College. Parkside Apartments houses primarily students in their junior and senior years, and the International Residential College suites are home to most of the residential college’s freshmen.

The International Residential College hosts visiting scholars and renowned international figures, who give lectures and speak informally with students. 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. The new resident Faculty Master is Oliver Mayer, assistant professor of theatre, who teaches dramatic writing. Alongside his wife, actress Marlene Forte, and their puppy Donaldo, Mayer works hard to enrich the experience of Parkside residents in exciting new ways. He takes an active role in programs and events at Parkside, working with Resident Advisors and Residence Coordinators to organize group activities for residents. As a nationally known and produced playwright, Mayer enjoys taking students to see plays at Los Angeles theatres. With Arts & Humanities Residential College Faculty Master Kyung Moon Hwang, Mayer sponsors the Parkside dinners, a weekly reception and speaker series in which experts from on campus and off have dinner with Parkside residents and speak informally about their work and life experiences. Recent guests include David Sontag, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill professor, and Alfonso Arau, an award-winning film director. Mayer is the author of more than 20 plays, as well as opera libretti and cabaret work, and also writes for film. At USC, he won a Mellon Mentoring Award and a Zumberge Award for his work in drama.
The International Residential College has two additional faculty members in residence. Ellie Nezami is an associate professor of preventive medicine and associate dean at the Keck School of Medicine, where she is also director of the Health Promotion, Global Medicine and Global Health Studies programs. A talented cook, Nezami lives with her son Omid in IRC, where she often hosts meals for residents. Nezami, whose research has a global perspective, organizes an annual lecture series on international culture, media and food, and is committed to academic support. Following her successful program, “Mystic Love and Personal Transformation,” part of the “Visions and Voices” series, she is currently working on a new global peace series, “Arts and Humanities Voices for Global Peace.” She received the 2004 “Teaching Has No Boundaries” award for her commitment to student life.

Resident faculty Ricardo Ramirez, an assistant professor of political science and American studies and ethnicity, lives in the International Residential College with his wife, Lupe, and three daughters, Angelica, Monica and Rebeca. Ramirez was born in Los Angeles and spent his early childhood in Mexico. He organizes trips to historical neighborhoods and exposes residents to diverse cultures and food throughout Los Angeles. He hosts monthly dinners at his home with Parkside residents, where they cook food from around the world. His research interests include immigrant social and political incorporation, voting behavior and local politics. Ramirez received the 2005 “Teaching Has No Boundaries” award, the 2007 “Mellon Graduate Mentoring” award and in 2008 was recognized by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education magazine as one of 10 “emerging scholars.”

Parkside Apartments
At Parkside Apartments you can enjoy privacy and independence as well as a sense of community. You can prepare meals and entertain friends in your apartment and also find many opportunities to interact with neighbors like Nick Weller, an assistant professor of political science and international relations, who lives at Parkside with his wife Emily, daughter Kate and golden retriever Molly.

Parkside Supplemental Application
If you want to live on a special interest floor in the International Residential College or the Arts & Humanities Residential College at Parkside—which include the SChalom, Muslim, Music 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 on the special interest supplemental application website at sites.google.com/site/uscsuppapps by January 2010.

New Residential College
New College is a dynamic, student-driven community where academic pursuits, cultural programs, sports events and social activities are interwoven with daily life. The resident Faculty Master, the staff and the students—who nicknamed the college “Nuevo”—work together to shape the activities. Faculty Master Stan Rosen, a professor of political science and director of the East Asian Studies Center, specializes in Chinese and Asian politics. He has incorporated his interests in film, music, politics and international studies into New College programs. About once a month, residents travel off campus to sample ethnic food from around the world, guided by specialists in the particular culture. Trips to see and discuss new films and to visit jazz and blues clubs are also popular activities. Residents often visit Rosen's apartment to watch DVDs on his home-theatre system. Weekly theme dinners for residents often feature live music, from jazz to classical. Dinner guests might be USC faculty members, a prominent visiting scholar or even the occasional Asian film director. New 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 then shown publicly.

Three special interest communities are housed in New College: the Cinema Floors, WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) and the Women’s Wellness Floor (page 16).

Two special interest communities, Muslim Housing and SChalom Housing, are located in Parkside Apartments (page 17).
North Residential College

North is a premium location—you can grab a cappuccino at Trojan Grounds on your three-minute walk to Leavy Library, toss a Frisbee on McCarthy Quad, or dangle your feet in the reflecting pool. The Galen Center is right across the street and the historic Shrine Auditorium is nearby. Because EVK dining hall is attached to New/North, you will connect with a diverse group of students from all over campus.

Established in 1993 as one of the first residential colleges at USC, North strives to integrate a dynamic social setting with academic excellence. One vital tradition is the weekly Master’s Night Dinner, an upscale dinner with a casual atmosphere (and good desserts). Residents talk politics and philosophy with senior faculty members, meet entertainment executives, enjoy live music or just relax with friends.

North residents describe the building as dynamic, hip and open. It is known for its blend of academic distinction and cosmopolitan ambience. The typical resident is a well-rounded and motivated student who balances an active social life with high academic achievement. Many become leaders in student government, special interest organizations and greek life. North College prides itself on being an outgoing and open community, coed by hall instead of by floor.

Faculty Master Ed McCann, a professor of philosophy and English, has been teaching at USC for more than 25 years. He and his wife, Linda, a librarian and researcher who specializes in Los Angeles and Southern California history, graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz and hope to bring the best of their residential college experiences to North College residents. They enjoy books, movies, urban hiking in the L.A. area and wilderness hiking in the western Sierra.

North is the home of the Business Floors and Men’s Wellness Floor (page 16).

Deans’ Hall

If you are a Trustee Scholar, a Presidential Scholar, or a participant in USC’s Thematic Option or Resident Honors Program (an honors program for freshmen younger than 18), you are eligible to become a part of this prestigious community. Residents (mostly freshmen) come from all over the country to pursue a wide range of academic majors. If you are eligible for Deans’ Hall in Marks Residence Hall, apply early.

Residents come together at the Deans’ Hall special weekly Deans’ Dinners—when residents interact with one another over a meal—and at Deans’ Hall Building Government meetings. Resident Advisors (RAs) also plan activities and events that help foster a sense of community.

In addition, Scott Smith, an associate professor of writing, serves as a faculty member in residence, making a Trojan Hall apartment his year-round home. Smith, who received his Ph.D. from Kent State University, has studied gender and body issues in literature as well as 19th century and early American poetry. At Deans’ Hall, he has organized monthly book clubs and outings in Los Angeles, including: local theatre productions, a “midnight study break” at an all-night Downtown diner during finals week, trips to various restaurants around town, an evening of jazz at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art followed by Ethiopian food, dinner-and-a-movie nights with students helping to plan the menu, and a trip to Hollywood Forever Cemetery for its on-the-lawn film screenings. He also gives occasional talks on study and writing techniques and attends the weekly Deans’ dinner.

Many of these Trustee and Presidential Scholars move to Century Apartments after their freshman year and enjoy being part of a special interest community known as Trojan Academy. Deans’ Hall and the Trojan Academy have a long tradition of scholarship and leadership. These communities have been home to more URSC (University Residential Student Community) officers, student senators, members of honor societies, club leaders, Resident Advisors and award recipients than any other residence community at USC.
Special Interest Floors

Cinema Floors in New Residential College
If you have an interest in cinema or hope for a career in the film industry, the Cinema Floors in New College are for you. The hallway walls are decorated with a mural depicting cinema history, designed and painted by students. The floor is known for its camaraderie among residents. Frequent film screenings and movie-making are common activities. Faculty and alumni of the USC School of Cinematic Arts are invited to weekly dinners, programs and activities. Trips to off-campus, first-run films have been among the Cinema Floors’ many programs. Each year, the floors sponsor the Ed Wood Film Festival, in which individuals and teams from the entire USC student body are given 24 hours to produce a 5- to 7-minute film on a designated topic. The winner is chosen at a special School of Cinematic Arts screening, where all entries are judged and shown. Offered primarily to freshmen, the Cinema Floors are not restricted to students majoring in a Cinematic Arts program.

Women’s Wellness Floor in New Residential College
If you have an interest in eating right, working out, meditating or learning how to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle, this is the place for you. The friends you make on this floor, known for its open-minded residents, will be your friends for life. Activities explore the balance between the body, mind and spirit, and include hiking trips, meditation techniques, guest lecturers, and nutrition and body-building workshops.

WISE (Women in Science & Engineering) Program in New Residential College
If you have an interest in mathematics, natural sciences (biology, chemistry, physics) or engineering, or are pursuing a premed track, this is the place for you to connect with a diverse group of women who share your interests. The friends you make in this program will also become your lab partners and study group members. WISE encourages residents to build connections with faculty by participating in laboratory-based research projects. For information on WISE Undergraduate Research Grants, visit www.usc.edu/admin/provest/WISE. Residents also volunteer in after-school science, math and engineering programs in neighborhood schools.

Business Floors in North Residential College
North College partners with the USC Marshall School of Business to create a special interest community open to all students who want to explore business careers and applications. Your Resident Advisor is an undergraduate student in the Marshall School of Business. In collaboration with Marshall academic advisors, your Resident Advisor offers programming geared toward students interested in business. (Group advising sessions and admission information are available to business majors and minors.)

Men’s Wellness Floor in North Residential College
If you have an interest in eating right, working out, meditating or learning how to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle, this is the place for you. The friends you make on this floor, known for its open-minded residents, will be your friends for life. Activities explore the balance between the body, mind and spirit, and include hiking trips, meditation techniques, guest lecturers, and nutrition and body-building workshops.

El Sol y La Luna—Latino Floor in Fluor Tower
Are you ready to embrace USC’s ethnic diversity? If you have a special interest in Latino culture, Central/South American, Cuban, Dominican, Mexican or Puerto Rican, or simply want to be a member of a close-knit cultural community, consider living on the Latino Floor, “El Sol y La Luna.” This special interest community for freshmen creates a supportive environment that eases the transition to USC life by promoting cultural awareness, community involvement and academic success. You will have opportunities to learn from and socialize with suite-mates and non-resident faculty. You’ll also be able to make a difference in the community, through activities such as hosting the annual Dia de Los Muertos celebration for local school children. The Latino Floor provides students a home away from home and fosters a strong sense of community. Many students describe their experience as being the best year of their college life and talk about making lifelong friends. An online supplemental application is required. To apply, or for additional information, contact El Centro Chicano at (213) 740–1480, e-mail ecc@usc.edu or visit www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro.

Quiet Community Floor in Fluor Tower
This community is designed to be a tranquil haven in the midst of your busy campus life. By establishing a few simple quiet-hours guidelines, residents create a supportive environment focused on academic goals. The Quiet Community Floor is open to both men and women.

Somerville Place in Fluor Tower
Somerville Place, a residential community established in 1995, is named for John and Vada Somerville, the first two African-American graduates (1907) of USC’s School of Dentistry. This coed community creates an environment where academic success, leadership, self-direction and personal growth are nurtured by successfully transitioning first-year students into university life. This allows residents to excel academically and emerge as campus leaders. Somerville Place also fosters an understanding of and respect for black culture, while cultivating a sense of family and community. Now, more than 10 years since its founding, 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 dorm based on the notion of common interest and shared heritage.” If Somerville Place is your choice, you must complete a supplemental application.
Contact the USC Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs at (213) 740–8257 or e-mail cbcsa@usc.edu.
GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors in Pardee Tower
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, as well as beach trips, bonfires, field trips to landmarks and nature centers, exploring Los Angeles and its different food and districts, recreational sports and activities, barbecues, community service and much more. GO! Floors provide opportunities for people of all levels of experience, interest and ability. If the GO! Floors are your choice, you must complete a supplemental application.

Muslim Housing in Parkside Apartments
USC’s Muslim Housing provides a venue for the exploration of the Muslim culture and way of life. Muslim Housing units have individual kitchens that enable residents to prepare halal food and share Islamic holidays with friends. Through conferences and social activities held with USC Muslim student organizations and the support of the director of Muslim life, you will learn how Islam relates to other faiths. If you are interested in Muslim Housing, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 14 for details.

SChalom Housing in Parkside Apartments
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 Jewish community. If you keep kosher, you will be especially pleased that the apartments have individual kitchens. Residential staff along with USC Jewish student organizations help bring Jewish cultural and religious activities to the floor. If SChalom Housing is your choice, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 14 for details.

Rainbow Floor in Century
The Rainbow Floor provides lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students, along with their straight allies, the opportunity to create a safe and affirming living environment through educational, academic and social programs. The floor was highlighted in the 2006 Advocate College Guide for LGBT Students, which placed USC in the top 20 Best of the Best LGBT-friendly colleges and universities in the nation. This floor is one of a few themed student housing programs in the United States designed specifically for the LGBT community and its allies.

In addition, the Rainbow Floor offers an “Overnight Experience,” which is an opportunity for prospective students to visit the campus, attend classes, participate in LGBT events and stay with a student host. All students who are looking for housing and who identify as LGBT or as a supportive ally, including first-year students, are encouraged to apply. If the Rainbow Floor is your choice, you must complete a supplemental application. For more information, contact the LGBT Resource Center Director Vincent Vigil at (213) 740–7619, e-mail rainbow@usc.edu, or visit www.usc.edu/rainbowfloor.

Art & Architecture Floor in the Arts & Humanities Residential College
The Art & Architecture Floor provides a living environment where you can explore your art and design interests in the context of the Arts & Humanities College at Parkside (see page 13). You will have the opportunity to participate in art exhibitions, installations and public art projects that showcase work by members of the floor for both the Parkside area and the wider USC community. Faculty from the nearby schools of Fine Arts and Architecture participate regularly in floor activities. If you are interested in living here, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 14 for details.

Music Floor in the Arts & Humanities Residential College
The Music Floor provides a living environment where you can explore music of all varieties in the context of the Arts & Humanities College at Parkside (see page 13). You will have the opportunity to participate in ensembles, concerts and other performances that showcase the talents of members of the floor. You can also take advantage of the building’s music practice rooms. USC Thornton School of Music faculty members regularly participate in activities. If you are interested in living here, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 14 for details.

Leadership Floor in Century
New to USC’s residential communities, the Leadership Floor is designed to provide a supportive environment for first-year students to hone leadership skills and begin establishing their important roles in the campus community. Students will be given opportunities to enhance their skills in areas of public speaking, networking, planning, collaboration and social awareness through involvement in campus committees and organizations, community service projects, workshops and retreats. If you are interested in living here, you must complete a supplemental application.

How to Apply for Special Interest Communities
If one of these special interest communities seems right for you, be sure to select the program when submitting your housing application. Many special interest communities are available to incoming freshmen only. Check first to make sure you are eligible for your choices. (For example, certain qualifications are required to live in Deans’ Hall.) 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, Music Floor, the Leadership Floor, GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors, Latino Floor, Rainbow Floor and Somerville Place. For details, see pages 14, 16 and 17.
Living with Others

Coeducational Living

Our residence halls are primarily coeducational, although men and women are 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. The majority of housing at USC is for unmarried students.

The Roommate Experience

One of the most anticipated events for a college student is meeting and living with a new roommate. Living with another student offers the opportunity to share your backgrounds and experiences, and discover how they have shaped your and your roommate’s personalities and interests.

Open, honest communication and mutual respect are the ground rules for a good roommate relationship. As in all relationships, compromise, consideration, patience and tact will serve you well. In today’s global community, learning to live with people from different backgrounds is an essential part of your education.

Students have different expectations regarding roommate relationships. Some people are simply looking for 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. That is one reason to consider not rooming with a close friend from home. You might find your living situation easier if you can speak freely about your needs and expectations with someone other than a good friend.

Roommate Assignments

New students coming to USC housing will be assigned a roommate based on gender, building assignment, roommate requests and information in the Your Profile section of the online housing application. (For information about the application, see page 27.)

Roommate Requests

If there is a specific USC student with whom you want to live, the two of you must request each other as roommates on your housing applications and you must list identical housing preferences. You will need to know the student’s ten-digit USC ID. Enter this information on the Add Known Roommate page of the housing 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 match up with potential roommates. To take advantage of this feature (available online only), follow the instructions on page 27 for registering with USC Housing. In the Roommate Matching Preferences section, you will be asked about your study and sleeping habits, musical taste 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.

In the Application section of the website, 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 potential roommates. You will be provided with a list of potential roommates’ screen names and be able to review their answers to the Profile questions. Then you can contact anyone you think may be a good match for you. The system hides all students’ real names throughout this process. If you find someone compatible, the two of you should log on to our system and acknowledge each other to confirm the match as a roommate request. USC Housing will make every effort to honor your request, but we cannot guarantee that it will be fulfilled. Once you have been assigned, you may not search for roommates.

Roommate Information

For applicants who have indicated they wish to participate in the roommate-matching process, updated roommate information will be available on our website as assignments are completed. You can begin communicating with your potential roommate(s) by using your screen name, and share contact information as you see fit. USC Housing will make every effort to honor your request, but we cannot guarantee it will be fulfilled.

Programming and Activities

University housing activities and programs can be a great way to get to know the people in your building and to make friends. Check with your Resident Advisor to find out what’s happening where you live. Residents throughout USC housing enjoy many activities and events, funded through an activity fee included in your housing contract.
Your Resident Advisor (RA) and other Residential Education staff design programs that support your out-of-class learning experiences and create a sense of community on your floor. Your RA will keep you informed about events that your building government, URSC, other RAs or campus organizations sponsor. For example “Visions and Voices” part of the university’s arts and humanities initiative, features many outstanding programs on and off campus.

You can also contact your RA about My Fresh Experience (MFE), a programming series and interactive website that focuses on the academic and social transition of USC’s first-year students. The programming series focuses on the Fresh 7, which include academic achievement, student involvement, diversity, health and wellness, safety, finances, and campus access. MFE programs are located in the following areas: Pardee Tower, Marks Tower, Radisson, Dean’s Hall, North, New, Birnkrant and Fluor Tower. Learn more about USC and MFE and get Fresh tips at www.usc.edu/myfresh.

You will also find much to see and do on your own, or with friends. Various campus organizations sponsor dances, movies, athletic events, museum visits, trips and other activities. The Los Angeles area offers recreational sports, beaches, clubs, music and theatre performances, and world-class museums, plus great restaurants, vibrant ethnic neighborhoods and trendy boutiques. For up-to-date information, check with your Resident Advisor, look for campus posters, check the USC website, and consult the Daily Trojan and local newspapers. The “Exploring Los Angeles” section of the student guidebook SCampus (www.usc.edu/scampus) also offers tips and recommendations based on student input.

The University Residential Student Community (URSC)

URSC, the official student government, represents all students living in university housing. URSC promotes student interaction and growth by planning and funding programs, student advocacy, community-involvement projects and intramural sports. These activities are carried out by the Advocacy, Programming and Funding boards consisting of representatives from every housing complex. Through its regional and national involvement, USC is consistently recognized as having one of the nation’s most outstanding residential student governments.

Students active in URSC strive to improve residential life by working with their friends and neighbors. The organization promotes personal growth and leadership skills that help students in their professional lives after graduation. Contact your Resident Advisor when you arrive.

URSC Linen Program

Our residence hall and apartments contain extra-long twin beds that require special linens to comfortably fit the mattresses. URSC has arranged to provide you with high-quality, extra-long linens, with both home and on-campus delivery available. This summer, you will receive a letter and order form that describes available products and special packages. Order by the deadline to ensure shipment to your home before you leave, or to have your linens sent to USC for pick up on Move-in Day. For more details, call (800) 957–4338, or visit www.rhi.org/sca. Proceeds fund student leadership development programs.

URSC Housewares Packages Program

Whether you’re planning to live in a residence hall with a microfridge or an apartment with a full kitchen, URSC can provide housewares packages designed just for you. Packages range from individual place settings of dinnerware to complete kitchen packages with over 80 items, including dishes, silverware, glasses, cookware, utensils, blender, toaster and much more. You will receive detailed package descriptions, prices and ordering information this summer. Packages are distributed on Move-In Day or sent in advance to your home. For more information, call (866) 511–5544, or visit www.collegekitchen.com/usc.

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 and even if the resident is the sole occupant of the apartment. All common areas—including apartment balconies—of all housing facilities are also designated as non-smoking areas.
Telephone Service
Due to the widespread use of cell phones among modern college students, landlines are used less and less in university residences. At the same time, the equipment for these lines is increasingly expensive to maintain. USC has therefore eliminated landlines from university housing to help keep costs, and thus rents, down. Public phones, where students can dial campus numbers and 911, are located in all university housing facilities.

Greek Organizations
Besides offering social, recreational, leadership and community service opportunities, many greek organizations have chapter houses near campus. Most are located on or near 28th Street, better known as “The Row.” Roughly one out of every five undergraduates is greek affiliated. Because membership recruitment begins after the start of each semester, living in fraternity and sorority houses is not an option for most freshmen. Continuing students may decide to make a fraternity or sorority their home within the USC community after pledging.

For more information about USC’s fraternities and sororities, and how to sign up for recruitment in fall or spring, visit www.usc.edu/student-affairs/greeklife or, call the Office for Fraternity and Sorority Leadership Development at (213) 740–2080.

Services
“ResNet” Internet Access
USC Housing provides high-speed Ethernet connections throughout its facilities. This eliminates the need for residents to connect to the Internet using a modem. An Ethernet jack is provided for every resident at no extra cost. In addition to Internet and campus network access, students can use their Ethernet line to submit and track work-order (maintenance) requests.

You may sign up for ResNet any time after moving in. Visit any computer lab on campus, or activate ResNet via the Web by logging in to www.usc.edu/resnet with your student e-mail address. The Internet connection is free; however, you need to make sure your computer is equipped with an Ethernet card, and purchase a cable to connect your computer to the network. In most cases, this costs less than $20.

Cable Service
All USC housing facilities provide free basic cable television service. Students who wish to take advantage of this service should bring a cable-ready television with them when they move in. If your television is not cable-ready, it will not receive all the channels in our system; however, you may be able to route the line through a cable-ready VCR. Visit housing.usc.edu to obtain the current list of available television channels.

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Home Away from Home
Keeping Your Room Clean
Residents are responsible for keeping their rooms clean and free of safety hazards, and for leaving them in move-in condition at the end of the academic year. If the custodial staff finds it necessary to clean a resident’s room or apartment to bring it up to minimum health and safety standards, the resident(s) will be charged for services at a rate that reflects the additional staff time. If there is an empty space in a room, the resident must keep that space clean in case a new roommate arrives.

Shipping Personal Belongings to Your New Address
You may use any carrier (UPS, FedEx, the United States Postal Service, etc.) to ship your personal items to campus. The address for all freshman housing buildings can be found on the inside back cover of this brochure. You may have items sent to that address even if you do not know the room number yet. Packages are delivered to your Housing Customer Service Center; the staff will notify you when they arrive. Please note, however, that we cannot accept any packages for you before you have moved into university housing. If your packages or mail are received by your Housing Customer Service Center before you move in, they will be subject to return.

Staff: Who’s Who
When you have a question or problem, knowing where to go and whom to contact is an important first step. An extensive network of USC Housing and Residential Education staff is available to help you with any issues you have.

Housing Services Staff
If you have questions about your housing contract, want reassignment to another room or have a repair request, you can call the Housing Services staff at (800) 872-4632.
Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) staff each of USC Housing’s Customer Service Centers (CSCs), as well as the central Housing Office. Aided by student support staff, CSRs help you with reassignment and contract questions, provide information about the facilities and assist you with maintenance requests. Find out which CSC covers the area where you live and get acquainted with your representatives; they can be a big help. Refer to the directory on the inside back cover for more information.

Senior Maintenance Managers oversee the custodial staff in each building. They are responsible for making sure the public areas of each building are safe and clean (and they appreciate your help in keeping them that way) and handling minor maintenance issues.

Housing Associate Directors and Senior Customer Service Managers guide and support the CSRs and Senior Managers. They are there for you whenever other Housing staff members are not available.

Residential Education Staff
Residential Education staff members, your neighbors within the residential community, ensure that help is always nearby during your years at USC. The staff fosters core values of community, diversity, citizenship, scholarship and personal growth.

All housing facilities have a staff of Resident Advisors (RAs), typically consisting of one RA per floor or wing. RAs support your academic success, assist you in working through personal problems and foster a community environment through programs and activities. RAs meet with you to discuss your academic and career goals, provide programming and counseling services, direct you during an emergency and provide 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 working with you to sort out roommate issues. Your RA is the first person to contact if such problems do arise. RAs are a valuable resource, and you should get to know yours as soon as you can.

Residence Coordinators and Assistant Directors are also key members of the Residential Education staff. Residence Coordinators are graduate students with many years of experience in on-campus living. They oversee a residence hall or apartment building(s) and supervise the RAs. Assistant Directors are full-time, professional staff members who live in university housing and supervise an entire residential area. These professionals have significant management experience, typically at multiple universities, and can offer support to students and family members, especially in emergencies. One RA, one RC and one Assistant Director are “on call” at all times and can be reached through the Department of Public Safety at (213) 740–6000. You can also contact Assistant Directors at (213) 740–2080.

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 unit doesn’t have air conditioning, you may not install a wall or window air-conditioning unit. This is considered a “physical alteration” of the room or apartment, which is prohibited by your contract for safety and security reasons. Small, stand-alone AC units are permissible. If you need an air-conditioned room, please select one of our many facilities with air conditioning when you fill out 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.
Residential Services

First Things First
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 a few of the many residential services of USC Housing.

The Housing Services Office
You can meet the Customer Service Representatives who have been answering your application, assignment, reassignment, contract and billing questions by stopping by the USC Housing Services Office, in Parking Structure X (PSX), between New College and Pardee Tower. The USC Housing Administrative Office is also located here.

To contact us, call (800) 872–4632 or (213) 740–2546, or fax us at (213) 740–8488. Send mail to USC Housing Services, 620 USC McCarthy Way, Los Angeles, CA 90089–1332, or e-mail housing@usc.edu.

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. The expert staff take care of your facility and assignment needs once you arrive on campus. CSCs handle move-in and move-out, early arrival requests, mail and package delivery, and maintenance issues. A CSC can respond to many of the same requests and issues as the central Housing Office. 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. To request a repair, you can place a work order by contacting your Housing Customer Service Center, calling the Housing Maintenance Office, or visiting housing.usc.edu. If your CSC is closed and you need assistance with emergency maintenance needs, contact the Maintenance Office at (213) 740–4646. This office is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

You will pick up your USCard during an on-campus orientation. Alternatively, you may visit the USCard office in Parking Structure X on the main campus or at Seaver Residence Hall on the Health Sciences campus to have your picture taken; your card will be ready in minutes. USCard recommends that you submit a JPEG photo image at www.usc.edu/uscard and your card will be ready for pick up when you arrive on campus. For more information about sending us a photo, check the “Getting Your ID” instructions on the USCard website for more information.

Additional Student Services
There are so many programs and services for USC students that we can’t describe them all here. For more details, please see SCampus, the USC student guidebook, distributed on campus during orientation programs and also available at the Office of Orientation Programs. Visit the Orientation Programs website at www.usc.edu/orientation. You can also find SCampus at www.usc.edu/scampus.
Identification

By identifying you as a currently enrolled student, your USCard entitles you to many campus privileges. It enables you to cash checks at the Cashier’s Office, use USC libraries and computer centers, the Lyon Recreation Center and other recreational facilities. You should carry your USCard with you at all times.

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. Some meal plans include “Dining Dollars,” discretionary points that may be used only at USC dining facilities.

Purchases

You can also arrange to use your USCard as a debit card by designating a specific dollar amount in your student account for campus purchases. You can use it to buy a variety of goods and services at USC, 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 ticket office; and items from convenience stores on campus. In addition, the card can be used in many vending and copy machines on campus.

Access Network

The Access Control System Network is an electronic entry-and-monitoring system that operates in all freshman housing buildings and most other 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.

The USC Pertusati Bookstore

Of course, the USC Bookstore stocks a full range of textbooks and course-related study guides, but as a full-service bookstore, it carries over 30,000 general interest fiction and non-fiction titles and 15,000 technical and business reference works. The Special Orders desk can obtain any book currently in print, usually within two weeks. The Course Materials department carries teaching tools, academic software and study guides. A list of textbooks and frequent buy-back titles can be found online.

The Bookstore offers more than just books. The Computer Store sells and services computers and software from major manufacturers at an academic discount. You can also find all the equipment required to connect to the USC Network. Top brand clothing and beauty products can be found at the Boutique, and the Flower Shop is a convenient place to pick up or send flowers. The Supply Department carries a complete range of art, school and office supplies, as well as consumer electronics. A wide variety of USC items, including a complete line of USC logo clothing are available at the Gift Store. You may also purchase items by mail or online at www.uscbookstore.com. Call (800) 447-8620 to request a catalogue.

Contacting USCard

The USCard Customer Service Office is located in Parking Structure X on the University Park campus, and Seaver Residence Hall on the Health Sciences campus. For more information, visit the USCard website or call (213) 740-8709. The mailing address is:

620 USC McCarthy Way
Rm 200
Los Angeles, CA 90089

Visit the USCard website to sign up for Web-based services at:

www.usc.edu/uscard.
Meal Plans and Dining Options

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Building-Specific Required Partial Meal Plan
All freshmen living in Century and all residents of Parkside Apartments are required to participate in the Community Apartment Plan, or to upgrade to a full meal plan.

Non-Building-Specific Optional Meal Plans
These plans may be chosen by any USC student not enrolled in a required meal plan, or as a supplement to any meal plan.

Community Apartment Plan
- $575/semester
- 50 meals per semester in EVK or Parkside Restaurant
- $100 in Dining Dollars

Community 25 Plan
- $300/per plan
- 25 meals per school year in EVK and Parkside Restaurant
- $50 in Dining Dollars for use in USC Hospitality’s retail dining locations
- May be purchased or renewed at any time, and may be used throughout the school year

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Other Dietary Options
Kosher
Kosher meals are available at Parkside Restaurant.

Vegetarian
EVK, Parkside Restaurant and other campus retail venues offer vegetarian entrées, side dishes and salads.

Special Diets
We recommend that students with unusual dietary preferences or medically related needs arrange to meet with a Hospitality representative by e-mailing millerj@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.

NOTES
PLEASE NOTE: All meal plan information, including plan descriptions, accessibility and pricing, is accurate at the time of publication but is subject to post-publication changes. Visit USC Hospitality at hospitality.usc.edu for up-to-date meal plan information.

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at the School of Cinematic Arts, George Lucas building, features a warm and inviting décor with a dual fireplace as well as outdoor seating overlooking the courtyard. Our skilled baristas will craft your coffee, tea or ice blended beverage to perfection on every visit so you can enjoy the full Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf experience.

Café ’84
Located between Fluor and Webb Towers, Café ’84 serves Tommy’s pizzas, made-to-order grilled selections, Mexican entrées, freshly prepared Asian cuisine at Wok Crazy, and gourmet vegetarian dishes and fresh pastas at Veggie Patch. There is also a soup, salad, potato and deli bar, as well as familiar favorites such as Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Krispy Kreme Donuts and Wahoo’s Fish Tacos. Café ’84 is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Pizza is available through the “Room Service” delivery program.

Campus Center
Located in the center of campus near Tommy Trojan, the new Campus Center is truly the dining and social gathering spot for all Trojans. The impressive new complex features the largest number of dining outlets at USC, with USC Hospitality operating nine different cafes and restaurants, as well as a market. The Campus Center venues have plasma screens, a contemporary sound system, coffee, desserts, ATMs and wireless capability.
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Parking Locations and Rates

Pricing information is accurate at the time of publication. Permits, conditions and pricing are subject to post-publication changes.

Transportation and Parking Services

Parking Permits

USC Transportation Services is the key to your university parking and transportation needs. Please contact them at (213) 740-3575 or visit the website at www.usc.edu/transportation for any questions you may have.

Parking permits are issued by lottery. If you would like to purchase a parking permit, please visit the Transportation website at www.usc.edu/parking and fill out the online parking application. Once you have applied, you can log back on to your parking account and purchase your permit when it goes on sale. Fall semester permits are sold starting in May and spring permits in November. (Dates are subject to change.)

Tram Service/Campus Cruiser

University-owned trams operate seven days a week, with service to nearby apartments and “Greek Row” houses. Trams on daytime routes make scheduled stops every 15 to 30 minutes from 6:45 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. The new C and D routes operate seven days a week from 10 p.m. through 12:45 a.m. and 2 a.m. through 5 a.m., providing students with a safe ride home after other services have shut down for the night. The Intercampus tram route, operating Monday through Friday, provides a link between the main University Park and Health Sciences campuses. Schedules are available from USC Transportation and online. Students, staff, faculty and university guests may use the trams free of charge.

The student-run Campus Cruiser program is a supplementary service to our trams that provides a “safe ride home” for all students, staff, faculty and university guests. This car service offers rides from one location to another (commercial establishments excluded) within a one-mile radius of the center of campus. Simply call (213) 740-4911 and tell Campus Cruiser your location and destination. Campus Cruiser service operates from 5 p.m. to 2:45 a.m.; seven days a week, except on university holidays. Call USC Transportation Services or visit the website, www.usc.edu/transportation, for more details and exact hours of service.

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To report an emergency, call (213) 740–4321 or use a campus emergency phone.

For general information regarding DPS activities, policies or available services, call (213) 740–6000, or stop by the office in Parking Structure A to speak with a staff member.
Application and Assignment

USC Housing’s online application is the fast and convenient way to apply for university housing. Get started at housing.usc.edu.

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. Please note: USC Housing expects to receive applications from newly admitted students for the 2010-2011 academic year as early as February 2010. Most incoming freshmen apply by May 1.

Registration
Before you can take advantage of the features and services on our website, you need to register and create your USC Housing account. Register with us by providing basic personal data, such as your full name, 10-digit USC ID number, birth date, gender, mailing address, emergency contact information, phone number and e-mail address. Once you have registered with USC Housing, we will e-mail you a password. Your user name (your USC ID number) and password will allow you to complete a housing application, create and edit your profile, search for roommates, and find out about your housing assignment.

Profile
After you have registered, you can click on the “Profile” tab 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 any time after registering by clicking on the “Profile” tab on the Application web page.

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

May 1, 2010
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 doesn’t 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.
Our website can accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover card. When your payment has been accepted, we will send you a confirmation e-mail.

Although you have the option to go to Step 8 and select a roommate, once you pay the application fee your application is complete and you are eligible for assignment. When you have been assigned, we will notify you by e-mail and direct you back to the online application to complete the steps listed in the Contracts section below.

**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 birth date and/or 10-digit USC ID number. For your requests to be considered, they must be mutual and the housing preferences 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. (See page 18.) You will be able to e-mail potential roommates. If you meet someone you would like to request, you can reopen your application and request them. Your roommate request can be updated up until the time assignments are made.

**Step 9 Rooms**

Once you have been assigned a housing space, you will be notified by e-mail. 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 certified students. To be certified, you must have submitted your 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. (If you requested a roommate, the official application date for both you and your roommate will be considered to be the average of your application dates.)
- 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 this contract may not match any of your building preferences. (Please
note that your room or apartment number is not part of your contract 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.

Step 10 Confirmation Payment
You may submit your $800 confirmation payment electronically by Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover card. Half of this fee will be credited back toward your fall semester rent and the other half to your spring semester rent.

Step 11 Contract and Finish
To confirm your assignment, first read through the Living Agreement. You must then click on the “I Agree” button to agree to 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.

Step 12 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 www.usc.edu/uscard.

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 want 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)
If you want to request a change in your assignment 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 fulfill requests, but reassignment is not guaranteed. If we are able to fulfill your request, you will be e-mailed confirmation that your reassignment has been completed. This will be your new housing assignment; your previous assignment will be cancelled and offered to another student.

Reassignments are processed during June and July; on July 16, the Housing Services Office will cancel all unfilled requests. If your request is not fulfilled, you should move into your contracted housing assignment on August 18. No new requests will be accepted until the reassignment process re-opens in September.

Over the Counter (After Move-In)
Beginning Wednesday, September 8, 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. There is no reassignment list during the academic year. Reassignments during the academic year are halted from mid-November to mid-January to facilitate the assignment of students arriving in the 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 out 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.

Once you have confirmed your contract and made the confirmation payment, you are responsible for the terms of the contract; however, you may still submit a completed Cancellation Request.

• If your cancellation is granted by June 15, you will receive a full refund of the contract confirmation payment.
• If your cancellation is granted after June 15, you will not be eligible for a refund of any portion 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 or filling out 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 and North University Park Housing
All housing contracts for these spaces begin on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, and end on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Apartment buildings remain open for the full academic year and may be continuously occupied by residents through the winter and spring breaks. University residence halls and suites, however, close during the winter semester break. From the last day of fall semester finals (December 15, 2010, at 5 p.m.) to the first day of spring registration (January 5, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.), residence halls are closed for safety and security reasons. 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.

Requests for Early Arrival
Some departments and programs schedule activities before the university’s official move-in date, August 18, 2010. To the extent possible, we want to accommodate residents who wish to check into their housing assignments early to participate in these activities.

Early arrival requests must be received in writing from the department or academic program with which you are affiliated. Because we must also plan for summer school student departures, summer conferences and other university summer programs, individual requests for early arrival will not be honored.

Customer Service Centers grant final approval of a department’s request for early arrival, and will do so only if there is sufficient time to clean and prepare the room after its summer occupants have vacated. Incoming residents must call their Customer Service Center to verify early move-in approval before they leave home for USC.

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

Applying by Mail-In Application
Our online application process is fast, easy and secure, but if you would prefer to submit a written application, an application form can be found at our website at housing.usc.edu/Services/HousingForms.aspx. We can also mail you an application form upon request; you will need to provide us with a mailing address.

Print out and complete both pages of the housing application, providing all required information and listing your housing preferences. Return the application, along with the $45 non-refundable application processing fee to USC Housing Services, 620 USC McCarthy Way, PSX 137, Los Angeles, CA 90089-1332. Payment should be in the form of a check or money order in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank. We cannot accept cash or credit cards.

Please make the check or money order payable to “USC Housing” and include your name and 10-digit USC ID number on the bottom-left corner. Staple the check to the designated area of the application. Your application will not be processed without the mandatory $45 application processing fee. This fee cannot be waived. 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 processed your application and made your housing assignment, we will e-mail you confirmation.

Please note that our roommate-matching process is available only to students who apply online.

Summer Housing
There is a separate application and assignment process for summer housing. More information about summer housing will be available in late March 2011. Please contact the USC Housing Services Office or your CSC about summer housing options and application information.

How to Apply for Residential Colleges and Special Interest Communities
If you want to live in special interest housing, indicate the program and corresponding building for which you would like to be considered when listing your housing preferences. To receive full consideration for your special interest preferences, your application and $45 application processing fee must be received by May 1. Note: Some programs require supplemental applications. For more information, see pages 12–17.
Freshman students admitted for the spring semester are welcome to submit a housing application beginning July 1, 2010. The housing information and procedures presented in this brochure apply to spring applicants, except for the important differences noted below.

Availability
Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the same guarantee of housing to freshmen admitted for the spring as we do to students entering in the fall and applying by May 1, 2010. 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 arriving in the spring. 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 spring freshman will be placed in non-freshman undergraduate buildings. More information about our facilities for upperclassmen, along with a complete map of all university housing locations, can be found at our website: housing.usc.edu.

Application and Assignment
USC Housing will begin accepting spring 2011 applications on July 1, 2010. (Any applications received earlier than that date will be grouped with those submitted on July 1.) Due to high demand and the uncertain supply of housing space, you should apply early for the best chance of getting a housing assignment.

To be considered for spring housing, you must select the “Spring 2011” option when applying.

Housing assignments for spring 2011 will be made in early December 2010. Assignments will be made based on application date, gender and availability. Students will be notified of their assignments by e-mail 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 29) Move-In Day for spring residents is January 5, 2011.
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Los Angeles, CA 90089–1332
(800) 872–4632,
(213) 740–2546
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website: housing.usc.edu

Office for Residential Education
3601 Trousdale Parkway, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90089–4892
(213) 740–2080
Fax (213) 740-9781
website: www.usc.edu/student-affairs/ResEd

Other Useful Numbers
Department of Public Safety
Emergency
(213) 740–4321
Non-emergency
(213) 740–6000

USC Transportation Services
(213) 740–3575

USCard & Meal Plans
(213) 740–8709

USC Bookstore
(213) 740–5200

University Park Campus Centers
(Los Angeles, California 90007 ZIP code)

ARTS & HUMANITIES (CSC)
RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE
(213) 740–8860
Fax (213) 764–6196
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Arts & Humanities Residential College
920 W. 37th Pl.

CENTURY (CSC)
(213) 764–2256
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Century Apartments
3115 Orchard Avenue

FLUOR (CSC)
(213) 740–2651
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Flour Tower
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INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE at Parkside (CSC)
(213) 740–1941
Fax (213) 764–8873
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International Residential College
3771 S. McClintock Avenue
Parkside Apartments
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612 Hellman Way
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