
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!
Deciding Where to Live
Find out about furnishings, floor plans and fees—and the advantages of USC Housing.

Housing Options
Descriptions of USC’s residence halls, suites and apartment buildings will help you select the best housing for you.

Residential Colleges and Special Interest Communities
USC’s residential colleges and special interest communities bring together residents and faculty to share academic and cultural interests.

Life in USC Housing
Find out why living in university housing will be unlike any experience you have had before. Learn about roommates, activities, services and what you need to bring from home.

Residential Services
From your student ID card to meal plans and parking permits, here’s what you will need to know about living at USC.

Application and Assignment
Learn how to reserve your space in university housing and apply for special interest communities. Be sure to read the important fee, contract and deadline information. Housing assignments are based on application date, so apply early!

Housing for Spring 2013
Are you admitted for spring 2013? Be sure to read through the special information for applicants starting in the spring semester.

Directory
We're here to help. If you have questions, please use these telephone and fax numbers or e-mail addresses to contact us.
Deciding Where to Live

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

Housing Options
Should you live in an apartment or in a residence hall? Your preference will depend on the lifestyle you enjoy. Both types of housing provide Resident 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 (DPS) 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 shuttle 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
Housing for Freshmen

Freshman Buildings
Traditional residence halls, suites and apartments are available to freshmen. For descriptions, see pages 7–11. USC Housing considers you a freshman if you are a recent high school graduate with no college experience.

Residence Halls
Clustered in four areas on campus, USC’s 10 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. 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 freshmen may wish to consider living in Cardinal Gardens or Webb Tower Apartments. Freshmen 19 years and older may prefer an apartment community with students closer to their own age. These buildings also house upperclassmen, so spaces available for freshmen are limited.

Apartments offer larger spaces and the convenience of a private bathroom—features attractive to many students. Although these units may have a full kitchen, a meal plan is required for residents of both buildings.

Cardinal Gardens and Webb Tower feature air-conditioned units in a variety of floor plans. Most units have double-occupancy bedrooms.

The location of these buildings, on or near campus, makes it easy for residents to participate in the many student activities the University provides. Unlike residence halls and suites, apartments are open during winter break.
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
Throughout USC housing, high-speed, individual Ethernet lines and wireless connections are provided, 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, operated by either credit card or USCard—there’s no need to stock up on quarters to have clean clothes.

Furnishings
All university housing facilities are furnished. Every resident is provided with an extra-long twin bed (36” x 80”), desk, desk chair, three-drawer dresser and closet space. Apartments also come with living room and dining room furniture. For information about ordering linens for extra-long twin beds, see page 21.

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 microfridge (a small refrigerator-and-microwave combination unit). Fluor Tower suites have a minifridge in each bedroom and a kitchenette area with a stovetop, a sink and a microwave.

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 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 housing needs (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 and be approved by DSP, and complete a housing application, to be eligible for special housing considerations.

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

Freshmen Younger Than 18
Freshmen younger than 18 may wish to consider living in a smaller community in buildings such as Marks Hall or Trojan Hall. See pages 10-11 for details.
Traditional Residence Hall
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 and stovetop. The large bathroom has two showers, two toilets and two sinks.

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

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

One-Bedroom Apartment
Buildings: Cardinal Gardens, Webb Tower
Occupancy: 2
The apartment consists of a living room, bedroom, bathroom and full kitchen with a stove and refrigerator.

Two-Bedroom Apartment
Buildings: Cardinal Gardens, Webb Tower
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: Webb Tower
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
• One surge protector
Financial Facts and Figures

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, Cardinal Gardens [CAR]).

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<td>Total Est. for Year</td>
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Costs presented above are estimates and subject to change without notice.

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 online at the time you confirm your contract. See “Contracts,” page 29.

Activity Fee
Each student in university housing is charged an activity fee of $45 (subject to change) per semester to support group outings and programming coordinated by the Office for Residential Education.

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

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

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

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

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

Rents listed and building descriptions 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 community and benefit from the strong involvement of its residential faculty. The four-story complex provides housing for 440 male and female students. Same-gender suites of double rooms are 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, an exercise area and a Customer Service Center. Residents of the college have a meal plan that can be used at the on-site Parkside Restaurant as well as other dining venues.

Special Interest Communities: Arts & Humanities Residential College [AHRC] (page 13); Art & Architecture Floor [ARFL] (page 17); Creative Writing Floor [WRIT] (page 17); Dance and Drama Floor [DNDR] (page 17); Music Floor [MUSI] (page 17).

Students requesting Art & Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance and Drama, or Music floors must submit a supplemental application. Please see page 17.

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

Parking at University Housing
Buildings listed with the parking icon have on-site parking facilities. Permits for all lots and garages are issued by USC Transportation. In most cases the number of spaces is limited; not all applicants will receive 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.
Cardinal Gardens
3131 S. McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007

2012–2013

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Adjacent to campus, this highly popular, townhouse-style apartment complex consists of nine individual buildings. Cardinal Gardens is an energetic community and home to both freshmen and upperclassmen housed in fully furnished one- and two-bedroom apartments. Each has a full kitchen, spacious air-conditioned living room and bathroom. The complex has a Customer Service Center on-site, a TV/billiards/foosball lounge, a barbecue deck with patio tables, a half-court for basketball, and a sand volleyball court. Both USC Wireless and Ethernet Internet access are available throughout the complex. Located on the north side of Jefferson Boulevard, Cardinal Gardens is convenient to both the Lyon Recreation Center and the new residential dining facility in King Hall. Spaces in the large parking lot are allocated by USC Transportation. All residents have a required meal plan. Since it is an apartment building, Cardinal Gardens does not close over the winter break.

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

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<td>8PDBLE</td>
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This suite-style residence hall is a popular choice for new students and home to two special interest communities. Fluor has 10 floors of living space and a newly remodeled lobby that features a pool table, television area and Customer Service Center. In addition to four double bedrooms, 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 study/programs 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. King Hall, with USC’s brand new residential dining facility and a computer lab, is located next door. The Lyon Recreation Center is just steps away. All residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: Fluor Tower Residential College [FTRC] (page 13), El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor [LATF] (page 16), Somerville Place [SMRV] (page 16). Students requesting El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor or Somerville Place must submit a supplemental application. Please see page 17.

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

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<td>256</td>
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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. Special programs and student interaction with the building’s three resident faculty members have transformed Parkside into a center for global education. 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.

Although IRC comprises a large domestic population, it attracts students from around the world, making it a truly global community.

Special Interest Community: International Residential College [PIRC] (page 13).
Built in the classic style of college residence halls, three-story Marks Hall is located next to the University’s historic Alumni House. Its small community is perfect for residents to get to know one another. A pleasant lawn and garden plaza are right outside the front door. The first floor consists of two newly redecorated and furnished lounges. One caters to social activities and features a piano, a pool table and a TV viewing area, and the other is more suited to individual and small-group study. The second and third floors are living areas with 22 double rooms each. There is a laundry room and a recently upgraded exercise area. 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 Communities: South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 15), WiSE (Women In Science & Engineering) [WISE] (page 16).

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 halls offering a limited number of singles to freshmen. Every floor has a laundry facility, and rooms in Harris Hall have sinks. Residents are encouraged to use the state-of-the-art workout room in the adjoining New College. The Harris lobby has been recently remodeled and provides quiet reading space as well as a large area for educational programs. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: North Residential College [NORC] (page 14), Men’s Wellness Floor [WELL] (page 16).
Webb Tower
Residential College
1015 W. 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Spaces | Room type | Room code | Occupancy | Rate/Person
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
26 | Studio | STU2 | Two-person | $3,610/semester
43 | One-bedroom | 1B2P | Two-person | $4,715/semester
26 | Two-bedroom "B" bedroom | 2B2P-B2 | Two-person | $4,210/semester
216 | Two-bedroom | 2B4P | Four-person | $4,075/semester

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

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

Special Interest Community: Webb Tower Residential College [WTRC] (page 15).

Pardee Tower
614 W. Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Pardee Tower was completed in 1984 as part of USC’s commitment to the Olympic Village for the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Games. The main entry point into the South Complex of residence halls, Pardee’s modern lobby houses the Customer Service Center for the area. This eight-floor coed residence hall, close to Doheny Library and McCarthy Quad, 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, study tables and game equipment. The new contemporary-style lobby area features a TV-viewing area where residents can relax and catch up on the news. The building has a music practice room and study lounges are included on most floors. Residents can also use the exercise equipment in the Marks Hall basement. This building is a great place to make friends and participate in campus activities. There is a required meal plan for residents.

Special Interest Communities: South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 15), Business Floors, one each for men and for women [BUSI] (page 17).

Trojan Hall
615 W. 36th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Three-story Trojan Hall is a part of the South Complex freshman living area. It is conveniently located across the street from Popovich Café and next to the Ground Zero coffeehouse, a venue for student programs and music. The first floor consists of a lounge with a pool table and TV area, a faculty apartment and 20 double rooms. The second and third floors each have 44 double rooms and a study room, and the basement houses a laundry facility. Trojan is also home to the Leadership Floor, which encourages leadership through interactive activities and collaborates with USC’s Campus Activities LEAD program. A live-in resident faculty member co-facilitates the Leadership Floor. Residents have a required meal plan.

Special Interest Communities: South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 15), Leadership Floor [LEAD] (page 17).
Residential Colleges and Special Interest Communities

Living and Learning at USC
USC will house all freshmen in residential colleges in fall 2012. You are the first class at USC to have such an experience. Our residential colleges will help establish the student experience that meets Provost Elizabeth Garrett’s vision for undergraduate education at USC:
“In a rapidly changing global environment, the Office of the Provost maintains standards of excellence in undergraduate education and supports related initiatives that help prepare USC’s students to become resilient and competitive leaders of the future.”

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

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

The University Residential College at Birnkrant is a community for honors students that ensures a supportive environment for academic success while encouraging full participation in university life.

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

Opened in 2007, this 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. The 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 showcase of student works in the "Arts in the Park" program.

Angus Fletcher, assistant professor of theatre, serves as faculty master. With degrees in cell biology, Shakespeare and literature, he enjoys advising students from many different academic backgrounds. He’s also a professional screenwriter and loves storytelling in all forms.

A new resident faculty addition, Ellen Seiter is professor of critical studies and holds the Stephen K. Nenno Endowed Chair in Television Studies. Seiter has written five books about media, including her latest, A Creative Artist’s Legal Guide. She teaches classes on television and new media, children’s media, media economics, and copyright.

A resident faculty member Priya Jaikumar, associate professor of cinematic arts, has lived in Arts and Humanities since the building was inaugurated in 2007. She teaches wide-ranging courses on international cinema, including the history of world cinema, transnational genres such as the melodrama and the Western, film and memory, Indian cinema, British cinema, and more.

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Along with Oliver Mayer, faculty master of the International Residential College at Parkside, Fletcher hosts the weekly Parkside dinners featuring stimulating guest speakers and performers. Recent guests have included Peter Mancall, USC history professor; David Conte, composer; Jim Manos, Emmy Award-winning writer and producer for The Sopranos and Dexter; Milo Ventimiglia, actor on and producer of Gilmore Girls and Heroes; retired USC president Steven Sample; and current president C. L. Max Nikias. Faculty also host floor dinners, special film and TV screenings, and trips around Los Angeles.

Living in the college is not limited to majors in the arts and humanities. Everyone who appreciates the role of culture and the exploration of ideas is invited to apply.

Special Interest Communities: Art & Architecture Floor (page 17), Creative Writing Floor (page 17); Dance and Drama Floor (page 17); and the Music Floor (page 17).

Fluor Tower Residential College

Opening as a residential college in 2012, the Fluor Tower Residential College is conveniently located near the University Village Shopping Center, the new residential dining facility coming to King Hall, the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swimming Pool. Fluor is supported by a dynamic team of faculty and staff who create a vibrant community where diversity is celebrated and living-learning opportunities abound. Residents of Fluor are involved in the building government, engage in a multitude of intramural athletic opportunities and actively participate in conversations that explore cultural issues. Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a long-standing traditional program within the West Area, which includes the Webb Tower Residential College, and the Century and Cardinal Gardens apartment communities. This event examines a wide spectrum of inter-cultural issues to promote active involvement in a global society.

The faculty master for the Fluor Residential College helps nurture an environment conducive to student learning and social engagement. Selection is underway for an additional faculty member in residence.

The suite-style experience in Fluor provides for a smaller communal “living room” space with eight residents living in four, two-bedroom units, which makes a building with over 300 residents seem very comfortable.

Special Interest Communities: El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor (page 16) and Somerville Place (page 16).

International Residential College at Parkside

In the 21st century, an understanding of global issues is vital. The International Residential College at Parkside 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.

The International Residential College hosts visiting scholars, renowned international figures and world-class artists from stage, television and film, 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. Resident faculty master and associate professor of theatre Oliver Mayer, teaches dramatic writing and is the author of more than 20 plays, as well as writing opera libretti and cabaret work, and writing for film. Alongside his wife, actress Marlene Forte, their daughter Giselle and their dog 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 that engage their natural sense of compassion and curiosity. As a nationally known and produced playwright, Mayer enjoys taking students to see plays at Los Angeles theatres.

Opening as a residential college in 2012, the Fluor Tower Residential College is conveniently located near the University Village Shopping Center, the new residential dining facility coming to King Hall, the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swimming Pool. Fluor is supported by a dynamic team of faculty and staff who create a vibrant community where diversity is celebrated and living-learning opportunities abound. Residents of Fluor are involved in the building government, engage in a multitude of intramural athletic opportunities and actively participate in conversations that explore cultural issues. Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a long-standing traditional program within the West Area, which includes the Webb Tower Residential College, and the Century and Cardinal Gardens apartment communities. This event examines a wide spectrum of inter-cultural issues to promote active involvement in a global society.

The faculty master for the Fluor Residential College helps nurture an environment conducive to student learning and social engagement. Selection is underway for an additional faculty member in residence.

The suite-style experience in Fluor provides for a smaller communal “living room” space with eight residents living in four, two-bedroom units, which makes a building with over 300 residents seem very comfortable.

Special Interest Communities: El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor (page 16) and Somerville Place (page 16).

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With Arts & Humanities Residential College Faculty Master Angus Fletcher, 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 have included president of the faculty Sandeep Gupta, USC women’s basketball coach Michael Cooper and Los Angeles Cultural Affairs department head Olga Garay.

The International Residential College has two additional faculty members in residence, Ellie Nezami and Amon Emeka. Ellie Nezami is an associate professor of preventive medicine and associate dean at the Keck School of Medicine, where she also directs the Health Promotion, Global Health and Global Medicine programs. At Parkside, Nezami organizes Reel World Dinners, a lecture series that celebrates cultures around the world by exploring their respective customs, arts, food and music, and features discussions of countries’ government and civic practices and economic challenges. A talented cook, Nezami often hosts meals for residents at IRC, where she lives with her son Omid.

A new addition to the Parkside Residential Education team, Amon Emeka is an assistant professor of sociology who resides in Parkside International with his wife, Anjie (USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism ’91), and two daughters, Mahala and Meitina. An avid outdoorsman, he routinely leads students on excursions into the hills and mountains in and around Los Angeles. He also hosts the IRC’s weekly Cosmopolitan Café, which gives students an opportunity to catch up on current events and converse with students and faculty from around campus. Emeka conducts research and teaches in the areas of race and ethnic relations, immigrant adaptation and demography.

Parkside Supplemental Application
If you would like 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, Creative Writing, Dance and Drama, and 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 in January 2012.

New Residential College
New fosters a community of friends by offering programs that draw upon the cultural resources of both USC and Los Angeles. Noted for its vibrant atmosphere and strong personal and academic support network, New is led by faculty master Thomas Gustafson, an associate professor of English and American studies. Thomas, 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, in the city and world around them.

Every Tuesday evening, the New community gathers for a special dinner, often featuring musical entertainment or a distinguished university guest. During the week and especially on weekends, New offers opportunities for students to attend concerts, plays, films and sports events. Through their building’s system of government, residents also plan activities such as beach trips, nature hikes, movie studio tours and a Halloween haunted house for neighborhood children. New’s goal as a residential college is to be more than a residence hall: It’s a lively, exciting place where students continually interact and learn from one another. Many residents play for New in USC’s intramural competitions and enjoy pick-up soccer games and pool tournaments.

New Residential College also organizes the Ed Wood Film Festival each spring, Students from across campus are given 24 hours to complete original films, the best of which are then shown publicly. Space is available on a first-applied basis.

Special Interest Communities: Cinema Floors (page 16) and Women’s Wellness Floor (page 16).

North Residential College
North is a premium location — you can grab a cappuccino right next door at Trojan Grounds on your three-minute walk to Leavey, 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 Faculty Master’s Dinner, a special community dinner with a casual atmosphere (and good desserts). Residents talk politics and philosophy with senior faculty members, interact with special guest speakers, enjoy live music or just relax with friends.

North residents describe the building as dynamic, hip and open. The residence floors of North Residential College and New Residential College fully connect, so New/North, as the building is informally known, creates an especially large and vibrant community, with many opportunities to socialize and network. 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 Residential College prides itself on being an outgoing and open community, coed by hall.

Faculty master Ed McCann, a professor of philosophy and English, has been teaching at USC for more than 28 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 residents. They enjoy books, movies and urban hiking in the L.A. area.

North is the home of the Men’s Wellness Floor (page 16).
South Area Residential College
Opening in 2012, the South Area Residential College will comprise four traditional residence halls: Marks Hall, Mark Tower, Pardee Tower and Trojan Hall. Conveniently located near Doheny and Leavey libraries and McCarthy Quad — a great place to relax — these communities are also close to freshman classrooms, as well as the Tutor Campus Center.

An engaging team of faculty and staff support South Area, creating a vibrant community that facilitates the transition to college and explores USC’s many first-year programs. Programming emphasizes personal growth and leadership.

Residents are encouraged to attend master’s night dinners and to participate in faculty-student interaction outside the classroom. Students benefit from the sense of belonging engendered by these residences—the smallest communities at USC.

The faculty master lives in Marks Hall. Pardee Tower and Marks Tower plan to have one additional faculty member in residence.

Trojan Hall faculty member in residence and associate professor of theatre, Lora Zane, offers activities and events that foster a sense of community and creativity. Zane received her MFA in directing from USC and studied acting at the conservatory formerly known as the Goodman School of Drama in Chicago, where she began her theatre career as an actor. She has directed more than 30 productions at USC and in Los Angeles and serves as the director of the Summer Theatre Seminar at USC, a program that provides an intensive theatre experience for high school students.

Special Interest Communities: WiSE (Women in Science and Engineering) Program (page 16), GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors (page 16), Business Floors (page 16) and the Leadership Floor (page 15).

University Residential College at Birnkrant
University Residential College at Birnkrant (URC) offers a vibrant and enhanced living and learning experience for Mork Family, Trustee and Presidential Scholars. Space in the URC at Birnkrant is available on a first-applied basis.

Through faculty interaction, diverse programming, opportunities to experience Los Angeles, and a literature- and film-based community-building, on-campus retreat, this program is designed to inspire students to reach their full potential as agents of global change. Due to the timing of the on-campus retreat, URC at Birnkrant residents are asked to move in early (Monday, August 20).

The Birnkrant experience is led by faculty master Stan Rosen, with contributions by numerous faculty from diverse disciplines. Rosen, a professor of political science, specializes in Chinese and Asian politics. He has incorporated his interests in film, music, politics and international studies into University Residential College programs. Off-campus activities include sampling ethnic food from around the world, sometimes guided by specialists in the particular culture, trips to see and discuss new films, and visiting jazz and blues clubs. On campus, residents often visit Rosen’s apartment to watch DVDs on his home-theatre system.

Webb Tower Residential College
Opening in 2012, the Webb Tower Residential College is conveniently located near the University Village Shopping Center, the new residential dining facility in King Hall, the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swimming Pool. A dynamic team of faculty and staff, including a faculty master in residence, create a lively community that celebrates diversity and living-learning opportunities. Like neighbor Fluor Tower, residents take part in the building government, engage in intramural athletics and explore cultural issues. Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a longstanding program that examines a spectrum of intercultural issues to promote global involvement.

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

An additional faculty member in residence is currently being selected.
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 Residential College are for you. The hallway walls are decorated with a mural designed and painted by students to depict cinema history. 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 five-minute film on a designated topic. The winner is chosen at a special 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 bodybuilding workshops.

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

GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors in Marks 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.

Leadership Floor in Trojan Hall
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.

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 include hiking trips, nutrition and fitness workshops, meditation techniques, and programs to explore the balance between the body, mind and spirit. Expect a strong emphasis on sports participation, making good choices at the dining halls, and using campus resources to stay healthy and well.

El Sol y La Luna—Latino Floor in Fluor Tower Residential College
Are you ready to embrace USC’s cultural diversity? If you have a special interest in Latino culture, Central or 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 will 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, and tutoring neighborhood children throughout the year with Peace Kids, through the Youth and Leadership Academy. 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. Please visit sait.usc.edu/elcentro/programs/latino-floor-el-sol-y-la-luna-special-interest-community.aspx to submit your application. Contact El Centro Chicano at (213) 740–1480, e-mail ecc@usc.edu or visit www.usc.edu/student-affairs/elcentro for additional information.

Somerville Place in Fluor Tower Residential College
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 Ostrow 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 15 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.

Business Floors in Pardee Tower
Pardee College partners with the USC Marshall School of Business to create a special interest community open to all students who want to explore their interests in business. Your resident advisor is an undergraduate student in the Marshall School of Business. In collaboration with Marshall academic advisors, your resident...
Some programs fill quickly, so apply early. The following special interest communities require supplemental applications: SChalom Housing, Muslim Housing, Art & Architecture Floor, Creative Writing Floor, Dance and Drama Floor, Music Floor, Latino Floor, Rainbow Floor and Somerville Place.

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If one of these special interest communities seems right for you, be sure to select the program on your housing application. Many special interest communities are available to incoming freshmen only. Check first to confirm you are eligible for your choices. (For example, students must meet certain qualifications to live in University Residential College at Birnkrant.) When applying online for housing, be sure to first specify the residence hall, then specify the special interest community located within it. Some programs fill quickly, so apply early. The following special interest communities require supplemental applications: SChalom Housing, Muslim Housing, Art & Architecture Floor, Creative Writing Floor, Dance and Drama Floor, Music Floor, Latino Floor, Rainbow Floor and Somerville Place. For details, see pages 14, 16 and 17. These supplemental applications will be available on the special interest supplemental application website at sites.google.com/site/uscsuppapps in January 2012.

How to Apply for Special Interest Communities

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.

Residents on the floor serve as members of the Rainbow Scholars, a student organization that promotes the Rainbow Floor to the campus community through community service activities, social events and faculty discussions. The Scholars are honored throughout the year for their scholastic achievements and positive contributions to the LGBT community. The floor collaborates with the LGBT Resource Center and Residential Education to implement programs that include mentoring, social justice initiatives, career and academic support, and networking.

In addition, the Rainbow Floor offers an “Overnight Experience,” 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 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. Contact the LGBT Resource Center Director Vincent Vigil at (213) 740–7619, e-mail rainbow@usc.edu, or visit www.usc.edu/rainbowfloor for more information.

Special Interest Communities in Predominantly Upperclassman Housing

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 social activities held with USC Muslim student organizations and the support of the director of Muslim life, you will learn about Islam and its practices. For more information about Parkside Apartments, visit housing.usc.edu. If you are interested in Muslim Housing, you must complete a supplemental application. See next column 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 USC Jewish community. Apartments have individual kitchens to accommodate the dietary needs of students who keep kosher. Residential staff along with USC Jewish student organizations help celebrate Jewish life through cultural and religious activities. For more information about Parkside Apartments, visit housing.usc.edu. If SChalom Housing is your choice, you must complete a supplemental application. See paragraph at the right for details.
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 you and your roommate’s personalities and interests.

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 contact 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 tastes and what you like to do in your spare time. Your answers will be used by our search tool to match you with students who have similar habits and interests.

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. You can then 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 in 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.

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 & 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 topics, which include academic achievement, student involvement, diversity, health and wellness, safety, finances, and campus access. MFE programs are located in predominantly freshman buildings. 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 residential student government, serves all students who live in university housing by providing them with ways to enhance and contribute to their residential experience at USC. URSC organizes many of the traditional Welcome Week activities, which officially kick off each new academic year. Acting as a liaison between students, faculty and administrators, URSC builds community, empowers residents and creates opportunities for academic excellence and leadership development. Composed of representatives from each residential community, URSC coordinates and promotes student development and self-government. Through the regional and national accomplishments of URSC, USC is consistently recognized as having one of the nation’s best residential student governments.

For more information, visit ursc.usc.edu, e-mail ursc@usc.edu or stop by Student Union 200H. See page 21 for information about the URSC Linens Program.

Smoke-Free Environment Policy

All University Park (on-campus), North University Park (off-campus) and Health Sciences campus housing facilities are smoke-free environments. Smoking is not allowed even if a roommate gives consent or even if the resident is the sole occupant of the apartment. All common areas—including apartment balconies—of all housing facilities are also designated as non-smoking areas.
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) 872–6632.

Customer Service Representatives (CSRs) staff each of USC Housing’s Customer Service Centers (CSCs), as well as the central Housing Office. CSRs help you with reassignment and contract questions, provide information about the facilities and assist you with maintenance requests. To find out which CSC covers your residence hall or apartment, refer to the directory on the inside back cover.

Building Services 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 Managers are in charge of groups of buildings, guiding staff and overseeing renovations and maintenance within their areas.

Residential Education Staff
Residential Education staff members, your neighbors within the residential community, ensure that help is always nearby during your years at USC. 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.

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.

Services

“ResNet” Internet Access
USC Housing provides high-speed Ethernet connections throughout its facilities, with an individual jack for every resident. 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.

Cable Service
All USC housing facilities provide basic cable television service with an expansive lineup of channels including a number in HD. Visit housing.usc.edu to obtain the current list of available stations. There is no additional monthly charge for the service. Students who wish to take advantage of this service should bring a digital-ready television with them when they move in.

Telephone Service
Due to the widespread use of cell phones among 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. (Residents may request the installation of a landline at an additional cost.) Public phones, where students can dial campus numbers and 911, are located in all university housing facilities.

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, and 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.
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 does not 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.

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**DO**
If you’re assigned to a residence hall, bring:
- Towels
- Blankets
- Bedspread or comforter
- Sheets
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Cell phone
- Alarm clock
- Toiletries
- Hangers
- Decorations
- Fan

If you’re assigned to an apartment, bring all of the above, plus the following:
- Dishes
- Glasses
- Cooking and eating utensils
- Pots and pans
- Microwave
- Small kitchen appliances
  (Or you can wait to coordinate your kitchen needs with your roommate[s].)

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**DON’T**
Please leave the following at home:

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

**Air Conditioners**
If your housing unit does not 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.

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**URSC Linens Program**
Our residence halls and apartments contain extra-long twin beds that require special linens to comfortably fit the mattresses. The University Residential Student Community (page 19) 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 have your linens sent to USC for pick up on Move-In Day. Visit ursc.usc.edu/linens for more details. Proceeds fund student leadership development programs at USC.
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 Residential 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, track your meal plan usage, and conveniently pay for campus purchases.

USCard recommends that you submit a JPEG photo image to our website 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 at www.usc.edu/uscard for more information. 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.
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, and 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, that may be used only at on-campus USC Hospitality venues.

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 USC 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 USC Bookstore also houses the Custom Publishing department, the main source for custom-published course readers — a compilation of professors’ own work, business cases, periodicals and/or book chapters.

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 ground floor Boutique.

USC Flowers at the Radisson Hotel is a convenient place to pick up or send flowers. Ready-made flower bouquets are also available at the Bookstore. 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, is available at the Gift Store. You may also purchase these items by mail or online at www.uscbookstore.com. Call (800) 447–8620 to request a catalogue.

The USC Bookstores
- **The USC Bookstore**
  - University Park Campus
  - (213) 740–0066
  - Customer Service: (800) 447–8620
  - www.uscbookstore.com
- **The USC Bookstore**
  - Galen Center
  - (213) 740–1749

USC Flowers
- (located inside the Radisson Hotel)
- 3535 South Figueroa Street
- (213) 743–1599

Health Sciences Bookstore
- Health Sciences Campus
- (323) 442–2674
- or (888) 571–5086

Dental Bookstore
- University Park Campus
- (213) 740–2725

Gamble House Bookstore
- 4 Westmoreland Place
- Pasadena, CA 91103
- (626) 449–4178

South Coast Plaza
- USC Collections
- 3333 Bear Street
- Costa Mesa, CA
- (714) 444–4476

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

Contacting USCard Services
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.
Meal Plans and Dining Options

Meal plans are an integral part of the USC residential student community experience. These provide a wide variety of menu options and support an interactive social environment for meal plan participants and the USC student community.

Meal plans include meals in USC Hospitality’s two residential dining restaurants, Dining Dollars that may be used in USC Hospitality retail dining locations, and in many cases include a combination of both meals and Dining Dollars.

All freshman residents, and all residents in certain locations, living in USC Housing will be assigned a meal plan specific to their residence locations when they sign their USC Housing contracts. During the first two weeks of the semester, meal plan participants may elect to upgrade to any meal plan available to residents of that hall or apartment complex.

Prices for fall meal plans are not finalized until spring and are therefore not available prior to the publication of this brochure. Please visit the USC Hospitality website at hospitality.usc.edu/ResidentialDining/MealPlans for current-year meal plan information. Updated information and pricing for fall 2012 meal plans will be posted in spring 2012.

Please visit hospitality.usc.edu for additional information regarding meal plans and other services provided by USC Hospitality. Please visit the USCard website at www.usc.edu/uscard to change or inquire about the status of your meal plan.

Please contact USC Hospitality regarding any additional questions you may have regarding meal plans and the other services at (213) 740–6285.

Dining Facilities

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

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

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

Parkside Restaurant
A key part of the Parkside Residential Colleges, Parkside Restaurant offers “trend-current” international cuisine in an exhibition-style format that allows guests to observe the culinary staff in action.

New Residential Dining Facility in King Hall
This brand new (and yet to be named) dining venue will support the nutritional and programming needs of the West Area residential colleges. A few steps from both Fluor and Webb Towers, the new facility will offer healthy and fresh food choices in an exhibition-style format along with an extensive salad and sandwich bar.

Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf in the School of Cinematic Arts building is the ideal social gathering place, featuring warm and inviting décor with a dual fireplace and outdoor courtyard seating. Our skillful baristas will craft your coffee, tea or ice-blended beverage to perfection on every visit.
Other Dietary Options

Kosher
Kosher meals are available at Parkside Restaurant and Seeds Marketplace.

Vegetarian and Vegan
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 misty.vancleve@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.

Residence Halls Requiring Full Meal Plans
Students assigned to the following buildings are required to have a full meal plan.

- Arts & Humanities Residential College
- Birnkrant
- Fluor Tower Residential College
- International Residential College
- Marks Hall
- Marks Tower
- New Residential College
- North Residential College
- Pardee Tower
- Trojan Hall
- Webb Tower Residential College

Required Apartment Meal Plan
All freshmen living in any apartment building are required to have at least a partial meal plan. Those assigned to an on-campus apartment will be required to purchase a full meal plan.

Popovich Café
B-school doesn’t leave you much time between classes, but don’t worry. You can still network and eat in plenty of time for your next study group at the Popovich Café, on the first floor of Popovich Hall. Wraps, tostadas, sandwiches, delicious organic salads and a fantastic daily fresh menu all add up to a good deal any day. The PC opens at 7 a.m. M-F.

Starbucks at Trojan Grounds
Opposite Leavey Library, this lively coffeehouse serves Starbucks coffee, fresh pastries, salads, sandwiches and packaged snacks.

Shop Café
Featuring Kean fair trade coffee, Mighty Leaf tea, pastries and a terrific selection of panini sandwiches and salads, the Shop Café can be found in the Architecture building.

Tutor Café
Tutor Café is known for farm-fresh salads and made-to-order gourmet sandwiches. With indoor and patio seating surrounding a beautiful water feature, Tutor Café is conveniently located next to classes at the Viterbi School of Engineering and residences at Parkside.

Law School Café
The Law School Café, located on the ground floor, is there for you when you need food fast. But we don’t settle for fast food. You still get the best fresh panini sandwiches on campus, organic chips and snacks, a fridge full of cool drinks, and salad options, too. Taken all together, that makes a pretty good case for eating at the Law School Café.

Campus Center
Located 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, including Seeds Marketplace, California Pizza Kitchen, Panda Express, Carl’s Jr, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf and Lemonade. The Campus Center venues have plasma screens, a contemporary sound system, coffee, desserts, ATMs and wireless capability.

Literatea
The perfect complement to a quiet afternoon with books is a steady supply of good tea or coffee. Literatea has plenty of both, with a variety of healthy grab-and-go items to make your study hours more pleasant and productive. Located in the Nazarian Pavilion behind Doheny, Literatea is open Monday through Friday.
Parking Locations and Rates
Parking is available on the University Park campus, at all university-owned apartments in the North University Park area and at the USC Parking Center. A permit is required to park in any USC structure or lot. Spaces are limited.

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

Transportation and Parking Services

Parking Permits
USC Transportation Services is the key to your university parking and transportation needs. Please contact their office 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. Permits will be sold for the academic year (two semesters) and you will be billed once in the fall and again in the spring. If you would like to purchase a parking permit, please visit the Transportation website at www.usc.edu/parking and create an online Parking Account. During the Parking Lottery Registration Period, log in to your account and click on “Add or Edit Parking Waitlists” to add yourself to waitlists for up to eight different lots, in descending order of preference.

Registration periods are May 1 through June 30 for fall housing residents and commuters, and November 1 through December 7 for spring admits. A few days after the registration period closes, award notifications will be e-mailed.

Bus Service/Campus Cruiser
University-owned shuttles operate seven days a week, with service to nearby apartments and “Greek Row” houses. Buses on daytime routes make scheduled stops every 15 to 30 minutes from 6:45 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. A nighttime route provides students with a ride home seven days a week from 10 p.m. through 5 a.m., after other services have shut down. The Intercampus Shuttle 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 buses free of charge.

The student-run Campus Cruiser program provides a supplementary service to our shuttles and 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 6 p.m to 2:45 a.m, seven days a week, except university holidays. Call USC Transportation Services or visit the website at www.usc.edu/transportation for more details and exact hours of service.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
As the central coordinating office for the University’s security programs, the primary goal of the DPS is to ensure a secure environment in which the social and academic endeavors of the University can be realized. The DPS office, located in Parking Structure A and open 24 hours a day, is responsible for the deployment of all security personnel on and around campus.

You should call DPS to report any emergency, including serious accidents, crimes, suspicious circumstances, fires and safety hazards. USC safety officers have clearly defined responsibilities. They patrol on and off campus in cars, on bicycles and on foot; conduct preliminary investigations of reported crimes; and file Los Angeles Police Department crime reports. Community Service Officers patrol all university-owned residential facilities and monitor the Access Network 24 hours a day.

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

Transportation Services Locations
University Park Campus
620 West 35th Street (PSX)
Los Angeles, CA 90089
(888) 724–8726

Health Sciences Campus
Keith Administration Building, Room 120
(323) 442–1201

Department of Public Safety (DPS) Information
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/portal.

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 2012–2013 academic year as early as February 2012. 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 and contact information. 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.

May 1, 2012
**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.
Application

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

To apply, click on the Application tab on our online portal and select the term for which you are applying (Academic Year 2012-2013, for those starting in August 2012, or Spring 2013, for those starting in January 2013).

**Step 1** Begin Application
To start your housing application click the Apply button at the bottom of the page.

**Step 2** Personal & Contact Details
Here you will provide us with information we need to determine what housing is appropriate for you, such as your class standing, marital status, and any physical or medical needs we should consider when making your assignment. (You will need to register with Disability Services if you need special housing. Please see page 4.) In addition, you will be asked to provide emergency contact information.

If you want to use the Roommate Search and Message feature of our online application process, be sure to check the box labeled Include in Roommate Search. You will also need to create a screen name to use in the roommate-matching process.

**Step 3** Profile Questions
In this section you will answer a series of questions about your personal living preferences, giving you the opportunity to participate in our roommate-matching process. (See “Roommates,” page 18.)

**Step 4** Application Category
Please select your category; newly admitted students should choose “New to USC.”

**Step 5** List Housing Preferences
You must list five housing preferences in order of interest. You may wish to review the building descriptions in this brochure or on our website before entering your preferences. You can update your preferences up until the time assignments are made.

**Step 6** Special Interest Housing
You may also indicate a special interest program for which you would like to be considered. If you are requesting a special interest program, be certain to list the corresponding building as your first housing preference.

**Step 7** Pay Application Fee
USC Housing cannot process your application before receiving your $45 nonrefundable application fee. (This fee cannot be waived.)

Our website accepts Visa, Mastercard, American Express or Discover Card. When your payment has been accepted, we will e-mail you confirmation.

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, including any special interest program asked for, 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 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 this fee will be credited to 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 would like to change your assignment after receiving your contract, you can request a reassignment. To be eligible, you must have confirmed your contract and made the $800 confirmation payment prior to submitting your request. Reassignments are processed in two ways: by reassignment list and over the counter.

Reassignment Request form that can be found there. Requests are placed on a reassignment list in the order received, and processed based on eligibility, gender and space availability. We make every effort to complete requests, but reassignment is not guaranteed. If we are able to fulfill your request, you will be 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 13, the Housing Services Office will cancel all unfulfilled requests. If your request is not fulfilled, you should move into your contracted housing assignment on August 22. No new requests will be accepted until the reassignment process re-opens in September.

Over the Counter (After Move-In)
Beginning Wednesday, September 12, 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 spring semester.

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

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 completing another application.
Contract Dates

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

University Park and North University Park Housing

All housing contracts for these spaces begin on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, and end on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. 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, are closed for safety and security reasons during the winter break, from December 19, 2012, at 5 p.m. (the last day of fall semester finals) to January 10, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. You do not need to move out your belongings, but you will not have access to your room. Be sure to take everything you need with you, and plan to stay elsewhere during that period. Residence halls remain open during Thanksgiving and spring breaks. Check with your Customer Service Center for details.

Requests for Early Arrival

Some departments and programs schedule activities before the University’s official move-in date of August 22, 2012. To the extent possible, we want to accommodate residents who wish to check in to 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 for each night stayed prior to the first day of your housing contract. Residents who arrive without approval may be turned away; those who can be accommodated will be charged a $200 per-night fee.

Applying by Mail-In Application

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

Print and complete both pages of the housing application, providing all required information and listing your housing preferences. Return the application, along with the $45 nonrefundable 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 2013. 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 would like to live in special interest housing, indicate the desired program and its corresponding building in 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 13–17.
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, 2012. 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 freshmen arriving spring semester 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: housing.usc.edu

Application and Assignment
USC Housing will begin accepting spring 2013 applications on July 2, 2012. (Any applications received earlier than that date will be grouped with those submitted on July 2.) Due to high demand and the uncertain supply of housing space, you should apply early for the best chance of receiving a housing assignment.

To be considered for spring housing, you must select the “Spring 2013” option when applying.

Housing assignments for spring 2013 will be made in early December 2012. 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 10, 2013.
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