Living at USC: Freshmen
2013–2014
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.

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

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

Housing Options

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

The USC Housing Advantage

With University Housing at USC you have...

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

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

**Residence Halls and Suites**
Clustered in four areas around the university’s main campus, USC’s 10 residence halls and suite-style buildings offer convenient access to university resources. These buildings’ approximately 2,500 spaces are available primarily for freshmen.

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

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

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

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

**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 10' 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).
Housing Accommodations

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

General Amenities

All units within USC housing provide high-speed, individual Ethernet lines, wireless connections and cable TV with HD and premium stations. Rent always includes gas and water costs; electricity costs are sometimes included. (See pages 8–15 for details.) Laundry facilities are available in all buildings, operated by either credit 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 6.

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

Students With Disabilities or Requesting Specific Accommodations

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

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

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

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

Furniture

All university housing facilities come with basic furniture (bed, chairs, tables, etc.) appropriate to the room type. Apartments with living rooms come with a couch, armchair, coffee table and, in some cases, end tables. All apartments with full kitchens are equipped with a sink, stovetop 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
Items to Bring to Campus

**DO**

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

- Towels
- Blankets
- Bedspread or comforter
- Sheets
- Pillows & pillowcases
- Cell phone
- Alarm clock
- Toiletries
- Hangers
- Decorations
- Fan

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

- Dishes
- Glasses
- Cooking & eating utensils
- Pots & pans
- Microwave
- Small kitchen appliances
  (Or you can wait to coordinate your kitchen needs with your roommate[s].)

**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 25) 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.
Financial Facts and Figures

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

Housing Fees

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

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

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

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

Billing Procedures
Each admitted student has a billing account that reflects all university-related charges and credits, including tuition, lab and general fees, financial aid, as well as dining and housing charges. The Cashier’s Office will 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.

Sample Costs Residence Hall vs. Apartment

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

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Costs presented above are estimates and subject to change without notice.
Building Choices

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

Housing Icon Key

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All housing facilities are non-smoking.

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

The Arts & Humanities Residential College offers the opportunity to be part of an exciting community focused on arts-related activities, including programs centered on student works and performances. The four-story complex provides housing for 440 male and female students. Same-gender suites of double rooms are clustered around a small common space. 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, a lounge on each floor, a recreation room, a laundry room, an exercise area and a Customer Service Center. Residents of the college have a meal plan that can be used at the on-site Parkside Restaurant as well as other dining venues.

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Birnkrantz Residential College (BSR)
642 West 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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

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

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Special Interest Communities:
- Arts & Humanities Residential College [AHRC] (page 17)
- Art & Architecture Floor [ARFL] (page 22)
- Creative Writing Floor [WRIT] (page 22)
- Dance & Drama Floor [DNDR] (page 22)
- Music Floor [MUSI] (page 22)

Students requesting Art & Architecture, Creative Writing, Dance & Drama, or Music floors must submit a supplemental application. Please see page 22.

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

Located adjacent to campus on the north side of Jefferson Boulevard, 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 a bathroom.

The complex has a Customer Service Center on-site, a TV/billiards/foosball lounge, a ping-pong table, a barbecue deck with patio tables, a half-court for basketball, and a sand volleyball court. Cardinal Gardens is convenient to both the Lyon Recreation Center and Café 84, 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 (FLT)**
1027 West 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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

**Special Interest Communities:** Fluor Tower Residential College [FTRC] (page 17), El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor [LATF] (page 22), Somerville Place [SMRV] (page 22). Students requesting El Sol y La Luna Latino Floor or Somerville Place must submit a supplemental application. Please see page 22.
### International Residential College (IRC)
3771 South McClintock Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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USC’s International Residential College is located in the southwest corner of campus. The four-story building provides housing for 400 students in a variety of five-, six-, seven- and eight-person suites, mixing single and double rooms. Residents enjoy privacy and independence, as well as the benefits of a residential college. Although IRC comprises a large domestic population, it attracts students from around the world, making it a truly global community. The complex shares a wide variety of facilities with residents of the area, including a collaborative learning center for group study, formal and informal meeting and seminar spaces, music rooms, lounges, a recreation room with exercise equipment, a laundry facility and a Customer Service Center. The central dining hall features international gourmet cuisine and accommodates special dietary needs.

**Special Interest Community:** International Residential College [PIRC] (page 18).

### Marks Hall (DXM)
631 Childs Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Built in the classic style of college residence halls, three-story Marks Hall is located next to the university’s historic Alumni House. Its small community 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 has two lounges: one set up for social activities, with a piano, a pool table and a TV viewing area; the other more suited to individual and small-group study. The second and third floors are living areas. The basement has a laundry room and a recently upgraded exercise area, with a weight machine, treadmills, and ellipticals that come with televisions to make working out more enjoyable. Residents have a required meal plan.

**Special Interest Communities:** South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 19), WISE (Women in Science & Engineering) [WISE] (page 21).
Requesting a Single

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

Parking at University Housing

Buildings listed with the parking icon have on-site parking facilities. USC Transportation issues permits for all lots and garages. In most cases the number of spaces is limited. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis; not all applicants will receive a parking space. Please see page 30 for information about obtaining a parking permit for a university housing building.
Marks Tower (DMT)
612 Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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

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

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

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

Special Interest Communities: New Residential College [NEWC] (page 18), Cinema Floors, one each for men and for women [CINE] (page 21), Women’s Wellness Floor [WELL] (page 21).
### North Residential College (HRH–nRC) (URH–nRC)

635 USC McCarthy Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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Occupying two buildings, Harris and University Residence Halls, North is conveniently located near dining and library facilities. A coeducational residential college, North houses men and women in different areas. It is one of three residence halls offering a limited number of singles to freshmen. Every floor has a laundry facility, and rooms in Harris Hall have sinks while those in University do not. Residents are 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 19), Men’s Wellness Floor [WELL] (page 21).

### Pardee Tower (PTD)

614 Hellman Way, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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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 air-conditioned lobby features a flat-screen TV area and comfortable seating where residents can relax and catch the latest game or news. The building has study lounges on most floors, as well as a music practice room. The large second-floor lounge provides a TV, tables, comfortable seating and game equipment. Residents can also use the exercise equipment in the Marks Hall basement. Pardee Tower is a great place to make friends easily while maintaining a positive lifestyle balance of work, rest and play. There is a required meal plan.

**Special Interest Communities:** South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 19), Business Floors, one each for men and for women [BUSI] (page 22).
### Trojan Hall (TRO)
615 West 36th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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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 Coffee House, a venue for student programs and music. A small gym facility is located next door in the basement of Marks Hall. Trojan Hall has 108 double rooms on three floors, with a newly remodeled and air-conditioned lounge on the first floor and a laundry facility in the basement. 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, Benjamin Graham, provides additional programming for residents, such as service projects, hikes and chances to explore the L.A. cultural scene, including an annual trip to the Getty Museum. Residents have a required meal plan.

**Special Interest Communities:** South Area Residential College [SARC] (page 19), Leadership Floor [LEAD] (page 21).

### Webb Tower Residential College (WTO)
1015 West 34th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

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

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

**Special Interest Community:** Webb Tower Residential College [WTRC] (page 20).
Residential Colleges & Special Interest Communities

Living and Learning at USC

USC houses all freshmen in residential colleges, which 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 provides 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, writing, drama, the visual arts and architecture, the Arts & Humanities Residential College at Parkside connects students with the cultural offerings of the campus as well as Los Angeles. 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.

Resident faculty member Priya Jaikumar, associate professor of cinematic arts, has lived in Arts & 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, and more.

A new resident faculty addition, Malancha Gupta has been an assistant professor in the Mork Family Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science since 2009. Her current research interests include polymer coatings and thin films, surface science, chemical vapor deposition, ionic liquids and microfluidics. She teaches courses about fluid dynamics, heat transfer and nanotechnology.

Fletcher hosts the weekly Parkside dinners featuring stimulating guest speakers and performers. Recent guests have included Milo Ventimiglia, actor on and producer of Gilmore Girls and Heroes; Peter Meineck, director of the world’s largest classical theatre company, twice honored by the White House; and Gary Goldman, writer and producer of Total Recall and Minority Report. 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 22), Creative Writing Floor (page 22), Dance & Drama Floor (page 22), and the Music Floor (page 22).

Fluor Tower Residential College

Opened as a residential college in 2012, the Fluor Tower Residential College is conveniently located near the University Village Shopping Center, Café 84, the new residential dining facility in King Hall; the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swim Stadium. Fluor is supported by a dynamic team of faculty and staff who create a vibrant community where diversity is celebrated and living-learning opportunities abound. Residents of Fluor are involved in the building government, engage in a multitude of intramural athletic opportunities and actively participate in conversations that explore cultural issues. Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a long-standing traditional program within the West Area, which includes the Webb Tower Residential College, and the Century and Cardinal Gardens apartment communities. This event examines a wide spectrum of intercultural issues to promote active involvement in a global society.

Fluor is led by faculty master Stan Huey, an associate professor of psychology and American studies. His research focuses on effective treatments for juvenile offenders, other high-risk youth and ethnic minorities. Huey coordinates off-campus activities with students, including food tours, movie premieres, arts and cultural events, and volunteer activities.

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 22) and Somerville Place (page 22).
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. Alongside his wife, actress Marlene Forte, their daughter Giselle and dog Donald, Mayer enriches the experience of Parkside residents in exciting new ways. He takes an active role in programs and events at Parkside, working with resident assistants 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.

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 Mashariki Performing Arts Group from Rwanda, The Guardian journalist Rory Carroll and actor Matthew Lillard (who played, among other roles, Shaggy in Scooby Doo).

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. A talented cook, Nezami often hosts meals for residents at IRC, where she lives with her son Omid.

Amon Emeka is an assistant professor of sociology who resides in Parkside International with his wife, Anjie, and two daughters, Mahala and Meilina. An avid outdoorsman, he routinely leads excursions into the local mountains. He also hosts the IRC’s weekly Cosmopolitan Café, where students can catch up on current events. 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 — such as the Shalom, Muslim, Music, Creative Writing, Dance & Drama, and Art & Architecture floors — in the International Residential College at Parkside, 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 2013.

New Residential College

New fosters a community of friends by offering programs that draw upon the cultural resources of both USC and Los Angeles. Noted for its vibrant atmosphere and strong personal and academic support network, New is led by faculty master Phil Ethington, professor of history and political science and multimedia editor of the journal Urban History. A multidisciplinary historian, Ethington explores the past as a cartography of time. His works have been published and exhibited internationally. He is currently completing a large-format graphic book, interactive online publication, and public art exhibit, titled Ghost Metropolis: Los Angeles, Since 13,000 BP.

Ethington, along with the residence coordinator and the staff of resident assistants, 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 community service projects 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 21) and Women’s Wellness Floor (page 21).
North Residential College
North is a premium location — you can grab a cappuccino right next door at Starbucks at Trojan Grounds on your three-minute walk to Leavy, 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 Restaurant and Grill is attached to New/North — as the building is formally known — 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 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.

Selection of a faculty master is underway.

North is the home of the Men’s Wellness Floor (page 21).

South Area Residential College
New in 2012, the South Area residential College comprises four traditional residence halls: Marks Hall, Mark Tower, Pardee Tower and Trojan Hall. Conveniently located near Doheny and Leavy libraries and McCarthy Quad, these communities are also close to freshman classrooms, as well as the Tutor Campus Center. This location allows students to easily make friends and engage in campus programs and activities.

An engaging team of faculty and staff supports South Area, creating a vibrant community that facilitates the transition to college and exposes students to new people, places and ideas. Programming emphasizes personal development, community engagement and leadership.

Residents are encouraged to attend faculty master dinners at EVK Restaurant and Grill and to interact with faculty outside the classroom. Students benefit from the sense of belonging engendered by these tight-knit communities.

Faculty master 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 The Creative Artist’s Legal Guide in 2012. She teaches classes on television and new media and is the proud recipient of the USC Mellon Award for Excellence in Mentoring.

Marks Tower is led by faculty resident John Pascarella, an assistant professor of clinical education and director of clinical field experiences. Pascarella specializes in K-12 teacher education, literacy, new media and HIV/AIDS prevention education. Seeking to cultivate partnerships between universities and K-12 schools, Pascarella encourages freshmen to join mentorship programs for neighborhood secondary-school youth.

The faculty resident in Pardee Tower is Myka Winder, a clinical professor of occupational therapy. Winder both teaches and practices, working with students and adults on lifestyle management. She incorporates her interests in wellness into residential college programs. Students in Pardee engage in faculty master dinners, lead on-campus events, explore Los Angeles on public transportation and participate in the community.

Trojan Hall faculty resident Benjamin Graham is an assistant professor of international relations. He spent two years in Turkmenistan with the Peace Corps, has made multiple research trips to the country of Georgia and will be running a survey of foreign firms in the Philippines this year. He lives in Trojan Hall with his wife, Lynn Ta, a literature scholar and attorney, and their two-year-old son, Ezekiel.

Special Interest Communities: WiSE (Women in Science and Engineering) Program (page 21), GO! (Great Outdoors) Floors (page 21), Business Floors (page 22) and the Leadership Floor (page 21).
University Residential College at Birnkrant

University Residential College at Birnkrant (URC) offers a vibrant and enhanced living and learning experience for Mork Family, Stamps Leadership, Trustee and Presidential scholars. 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 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 19).

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 incorporates his interests in film, music, politics and international studies into residential college programs. Off-campus activities include trips to sample food from around the world, see new films, and visit jazz and blues clubs. Residents often visit Rosen’s apartment to watch the Academy Awards, USC football games and the Super Bowl on his home-theatre system.

Weekly themed faculty master dinners may feature live music — anything from jazz to classical. Dinner guests might include USC faculty members and senior administrators, distinguished professionals in the arts and humanities, a prominent visiting scholar or even the occasional Asian film director.

Webb Tower Residential College

Opened in 2012, the Webb Tower Residential College is conveniently located near the University Village Shopping Center; Café 84, the new residential dining facility in King Hall; the Lyon Recreation Center and McDonald’s Swim Stadium. A dynamic team of faculty and staff create a lively community that celebrates diversity and living-learning opportunities. Like neighbor Fluor Tower, residents take part in building government, engage in intramural athletics and explore cultural issues. Residents are encouraged to participate in the West Area Diversity Month, a longstanding program that examines a spectrum of intercultural issues to promote global involvement.

Timothy Biblarz, an associate professor of sociology, serves as faculty master for Webb Tower. Biblarz’s research explores the causes and consequences of social inequalities in the United States with an emphasis on family and intergenerational issues. As faculty master, Biblarz especially likes to coordinate off-campus activities that take students to area attractions, including the University Park neighborhood and Downtown.

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

Cinema Floors in New Residential College
If you are interested in cinema or the film industry, the Cinema Floors in New Residential College are for you. A mural designed and painted by students and depicting cinema history decorates the hallways of this community known for its camaraderie. USC School of Cinematic Arts faculty and alumni are invited to weekly dinners, programs and activities. Common activities include frequent film screenings and movie-making as well as trips to off-campus, first-run films. 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 five-minute films on a designated topic. All entries are judged and shown, and the winner chosen, at a special screening. 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 are offered the resources and opportunities to help them excel both in and out of the classroom. Residents learn about prominent clubs and organizations on campus, attend lectures and panels by renowned science and engineering professors, and gain critical insights from older female students about attaining both academic and professional success.

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, beach trips, bonfires, field trips to landmarks and nature centers, exploring Los Angeles, recreational sports and activities, barbecues, community service and much more. GO! Floors provide opportunities for people of all levels of experience, interest and ability.

Leadership Floor in Trojan Hall
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 have 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
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 in a home away from home, consider the Latino Floor. This special interest community for freshmen creates a supportive environment that eases the transition to USC by promoting cultural awareness, community involvement and academic success. You will connect with floormates and faculty, as well as make a difference in the community. Residents host the annual Dia de Los Muertos celebration for local school children and tutor through the Peace Kids program. Many Latino Floor alumni regard the experience as the best year of their college life and talk about making lifelong friends. An online supplemental application is required. Please visit www.usc.edu/elcentro to submit your application. Contact El Centro Chicano at (213) 740–1480 or ecc@usc.edu for additional information.

Somerville Place 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. Somerville Place also fosters an understanding of and respect for black culture, while cultivating a sense of family and community.

Somerville Place continues to be one of the most sought-after residential communities. It has been featured in a Los Angeles Times article in which columnist Sandy Banks wrote: “Somerville has broadened its residents’ perspectives in ways you might not expect in a community based on the notion of common interest and shared heritage.” An online supplemental application is required. Contact the Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs at cbcsa@usc.edu or (213) 740–8257.

Business Floors in Pardee Tower
Pardee Tower partners with the USC Marshall School of Business to create a special interest community open to all students who want to explore their interests in business. Your resident assistant is an undergraduate Marshall student. In collaboration with Marshall academic advisors, your resident assistant offers programming geared toward students interested in business careers. You will gain insight into various industries through guest speakers, workshops and student groups. In addition, you will develop your leadership skills in your first semester by participating in the Business Leaders Association — a student organization catering to the business interests of its members. Popular programs have included dinners and discussions, a faculty-led entrepreneurship brainstorming session and behind-the-scenes tours of local companies.

Art & Architecture Floor in the Arts & Humanities Residential College
The Art & Architecture Floor provides a living environment where you can explore your art and design interests alongside faculty from the nearby USC Roski School of Fine Arts and the USC School of Architecture. If you are interested in living on this floor, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 23 for details.

Creative Writing Floor in the Arts & Humanities Residential College
The Creative Writing Floor provides a living environment where you can study the craft of writing for the page and stage under the guidance of faculty and staff at the Arts & Humanities College at Parkside. If you are interested in living on this floor, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 23 for details.

Dance & Drama Floor in the Arts & Humanities Residential College
The Dance & Drama Floor provides a living environment where you can create and analyze theatre and movement under the guidance of faculty and staff at the Arts & Humanities College at Parkside. If you are interested in living on this floor, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 23 for details.

Music Floor in the Arts & Humanities Residential College
The Music Floor provides a living environment where you can explore music of all varieties in the context of the Arts & Humanities College at Parkside (see page 17). You can also take advantage of the building’s music practice rooms. USC Thornton School of Music faculty members regularly participate in activities. If you are interested in living here, you must complete a supplemental application. See page 23 for details.
Special Interest Communities in Predominantly Upperclassman Housing

**Muslim Housing in Parkside Apartments**

USC’s Muslim Housing provides a venue for the exploration of Islam and Muslim culture — for Muslim and non-Muslim students alike. Muslim Housing units have individual kitchens that enable residents to prepare halal food. The units also offer space for residents’ prayer needs. Resident assistants (RAs) facilitate social activities around Islamic holidays and create opportunities to learn about Islam. Residents can also collaborate with USC’s Muslim student organizations, Muslim faculty and staff and the director of Muslim life. Visit housing.usc.edu for more information about Parkside Apartments. 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 partner with USC Jewish student organizations to help celebrate Jewish life through cultural, religious and social activities. Visit housing.usc.edu for more information about Parkside Apartments. If SChalom Housing is your choice, you must complete a supplemental application. See paragraph at the right for details.

**Rainbow Floor in Century**

The Rainbow Floor provides lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) students, along with their straight allies, a safe and affirming living environment. This floor is one of a few themed student-housing programs in the United States designed specifically for the LGBTQ community and its allies. Residents are members of Rainbow Scholars, a student organization that promotes the floor through community service, social events and faculty discussions. The Rainbow Floor collaborates with academic departments, other campus residential communities, the LGBT Resource Center and the Office of Residential Education to sponsor campus and community events. It is the only USC housing choice with a gender inclusive option.

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

**How to Apply for Special Interest Communities**

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

For details, see pages 18, 20 and 21. These supplemental applications will be available on the special interest supplemental application website at sites.google.com/site/uscsuppapps in January 2013.
Life in USC Housing

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

Living with Others

Coeducational Living
Our residence halls are primarily coeducational, 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 Roommate Experience
One of the most anticipated events for college students is meeting their roommates. Living with new people is an opportunity to learn from others and share experiences.

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

Roommate Requests
If you have a specific roommate in mind, the two of you must request each other and list identical housing preferences, including special interest programs, when completing your housing applications. You will need to enter your requested roommate’s 10-digit USC ID 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 use this feature, follow the instructions on page 32 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.

Once you apply, you can use our website to search for roommates. You will be provided with potential roommates’ screen names and be able to review their answers to the Profile questions. Using screen names, you can then contact anyone you think may be a good match for you. If you find someone compatible, you will have to log in to our system to confirm the roommate request. USC Housing will make every effort to honor your request, but cannot guarantee that it will be fulfilled.

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

Roommate Information
For applicants participating in roommate-matching, updated roommate information will be available on our website as assignments are completed. You communicate with your roommate(s) by screen name, and share contact information as you see fit.
Programming & Activities

Residents of USC Housing enjoy many activities and events, funded through an activity fee included in your housing contract. These are a great way to get to know the people in your building and to make friends. USC’s Residential Education staff designs programs that support your out-of-class learning experiences and create a sense of community on your floor. Your resident assistant (RA) will keep you informed about events in the area.

Various campus organizations sponsor dances, movies, athletic events, trips and other activities. For example, Visions & Voices, part of the university’s arts and humanities initiative, features many outstanding programs on and off campus. The Los Angeles area offers recreational sports, beaches, music and theatre performances, and world-class museums, plus great restaurants, and vibrant ethnic neighborhoods. For up-to-date information, check with your RA, look for campus posters, visit the USC website, and consult the Daily Trojan. The “Exploring Los Angeles” section of the student guidebook SCampus (www.usc.edu/scampus) also offers tips and recommendations based on student input.

The L.Y.F.E. Love Your First Experience (formerly My Fresh Experience) residential college program and interactive website helps first-year students transition academically and socially, focusing on academic achievement, involvement, diversity, health and wellness, safety, finances and campus access. Visit www.usc.edu/myfresh to get tips to Live. Like. Love Your First Experience.

The University Residential Student Community (URSC)

URSC, the official residential student government, is composed of representatives from each residential community and serves all residents of university housing by promoting student development and self-government. URSC organizes many of the traditional Welcome Week activities that officially kick off each new academic year. 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.

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.

Residential Education Staff

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

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

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

Residential Education

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

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

USC Housing Services

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

The Housing Services Office

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

Customer Service Centers (CSCs)

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

Housing Maintenance Services

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

ResNet Internet Access

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

Cable Service

All USC housing facilities provide cable television service with an expansive lineup of channels, including Showtime and HBO, with a number in HD. There is no additional monthly charge for 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 by college students, USC has eliminated landlines from university housing. (Residents may request the installation of a landline at an additional cost.) Public phones, where students can dial campus numbers and 911, are located in all university housing facilities.

USC Housing Services Office

Parking Structure X (PSX)
Between New Residential College and Pardee Tower
620 USC McCarthy Way | Los Angeles, CA 90089–1332
Phone: (800) 872–4632 or (213) 740–2546
Fax: (213) 740–8488 E-mail: housing@usc.edu
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In addition to visiting our campus locations, you can shop the USC Bookstores online. Our online store offers all the USC gifts and apparel that you find in the campus store, as well as textbook reservations, textbook rentals, general books, current technology products and promotions. Visit us at www.uscbookstore.com. You can also call (800) 447-8620 to request a USC gift catalog or place an order.

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

The USC Bookstore
University Park Campus (213) 740-0066 Customer Service (800) 447-8620
www.uscbookstore.com
Meal Plans & Dining Options

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

All freshmen living in USC Housing will be assigned a meal plan specific to their residence location when they confirm their USC Housing contract. 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 2013-2014 meal plans have not been finalized as of the publication of this brochure. Updated information and pricing for fall 2013 meal plans will be available on the Hospitality website in spring 2013.
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

Freshmen living in apartment buildings are required to have at least a partial meal plan. Those assigned to on-campus apartments will be required to purchase full meal plans.

Other Dietary Options

Kosher

Kosher meals are available at Parkside Restaurant and Seeds Marketplace.

Vegetarian & Vegan

EVK, Parkside Restaurant, Café 84 and campus retail venues offer vegetarian entrées, side dishes and salads.

Special Diets

We recommend that students with special dietary preferences or medically related needs arrange to meet with a Hospitality representative by e-mailing lpine@auxiliaries.usc.edu prior to accepting a housing assignment. This will enable you to determine the location and meal plan best suited to your personal dietary needs.

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

USC Hospitality

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

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 experience every time you visit.

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

EVK

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

Parkside Restaurant

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.

Café 84

Nestled between Fluor and Webb Towers, the newly renovated Café 84 offers an extensive salad and grain bar and a deli station. The ice cream and smoothie stations provide a perfect ending to customers’ meals. New Café 84 favorites include the Wings Bar and the carving station’s rotating meat selections.

Cafés & Eateries

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

Located near Tommy Trojan, Tutor Campus Center has become the true dining and social gathering spot for all Trojans. The impressive complex features the largest number of dining outlets at USC, including Seeds Marketplace, California Pizza Kitchen, Panda Express, Carl’s Jr, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, Lemonade and Wahoo’s Fish Tacos. Campus Center venues include plasma screens, a contemporary sound system, ATMs and WiFi.
Transportation & Parking Services

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

Parking Permits

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

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

Bus Service/Campus Cruiser

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

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

Residential Safety

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

As the central coordinating office for USC’s security programs, the primary goal of the DPS is to ensure a safe environment in which the social and academic endeavors of the university can be realized. DPS operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You should call DPS to report any emergency, including serious accidents, crimes, suspicious circumstances, fires and safety hazards.

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

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

Residential Verification Program

In our continuing efforts to make USC housing safer for our students, additional security measures have been implemented throughout the past year. We now have overnight and weekend security in every on-campus residence hall, and have installed fingerprint verification stations and additional security surveillance cameras. Residents will be required to use their USC ID cards to enter the facility and have their fingerprints scanned to verify that they live there. Prior to picking up their keys, all incoming freshmen will need to register at their Customer Service Center by having their picture taken and fingerprints scanned. All resident information is deleted from the system upon move-out.

Residential Services

Parking Locations & Rates

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

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

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<td>North University Park</td>
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<td>USC Parking Center</td>
<td>East of University Park campus. Bus service is available to and from campus every 15 minutes, Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m.–11 p.m.</td>
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Application & Assignment

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

The Importance of Applying Early

Housing assignments for incoming freshmen are made on a first-come, first-served basis. After class standing, the single most important factor in determining where you will be assigned is the date we receive your application. The earlier you apply, the greater the likelihood you will receive one of your building, room type or program preferences. This is particularly true for freshman buildings in high demand. Only admitted students may apply, and it’s a good idea to apply as soon as you are admitted. You do not need to wait until you have committed to enroll at the university to apply for housing.

Please note: USC Housing expects to receive applications from newly admitted students for the 2013–2014 academic year as early as February 2013. Most incoming freshmen apply by May 1.

Registration

Before you can apply or take advantage of the features on our website, you need to register and create your USC Housing account 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 registering, 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 at any time by clicking on the Profile tab on the application Web page.

TIP

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

May 1, 2013

Freshman Housing Guarantee Deadline

Incoming freshmen whose housing applications are received in our office by the May 1 deadline:

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

Meeting the May 1 deadline for guaranteed freshman housing does not necessarily mean you will be assigned to one of your top choices, so you are strongly advised to apply as soon as you are admitted.
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 2013-2014, for those starting in August 2013; or Spring 2014, for those starting in January 2014).

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

Step 2
Personal & Contact Details Here you will provide us with information we need to determine what housing is appropriate for you, such as your class standing, marital status, and any physical or medical needs we should consider when making your assignment. (You must register with Disability Services if you need special housing. Please see page 5.) In addition, you will be asked to provide emergency contact information.

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

Step 3
Profile Questions In this section you will answer a series of questions about your personal living preferences, giving you the opportunity to participate in our roommate-matching process. (See “Living With Others,” page 24.)

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

Step 5
List Housing Preferences You must list five housing preferences in order of interest. Please review the building descriptions in this brochure or on our website before entering your preferences. 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, you are eligible for assignment once you pay the application fee. When you have been assigned, we will notify you by e-mail and direct you back to the portal to complete the steps listed in the Contracts section on the next page.

Step 8
Roommate Selection (Optional) If you would like to request a specific roommate, you can add that person to your application by entering his or her screen name and 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 programs for each roommate must be exactly the same. Roommate requests cannot be guaranteed.

If you do not have a specific person in mind, you can conduct an online search for potential roommates and be presented with possible matches based on the information provided in your Profile (see page 24). You will be able to contact potential roommates, and update your application to request them, up until the time assignments are made. (See “Online Roommate Matching,” page 24.)

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 need to 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; and
- Available spaces in the buildings or programs you have requested and for which you are eligible.

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

Freshmen (as defined on page 3) whose housing applications are received by USC Housing on or before May 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.
Assignments

Your request. Reassignments are processed after receiving 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 offered to another student.

Reassignments are processed from late May to mid-July. On July 12, 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 21. No new requests will be accepted until the reassignment process re-opens in September.

Over the Counter (After Move-In)
Beginning Wednesday, September 11, 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.
You are responsible for the terms of the contract once it has been confirmed; however, you may still submit a Cancellation Request to be released from your contract.

If your cancellation is granted by June 14, you will receive a full refund of the contract confirmation payment.
If your cancellation is granted after June 14, you will not be eligible for a refund of the $800 contract confirmation payment, even if you decide to withdraw from the university.
If your cancellation request is not granted, your contract will be in force and you will be held to its provisions.

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

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

University Park & North University Park Housing
All housing contracts for these spaces begin on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, and end on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. University residence halls and suites, however, are closed for safety and security reasons during the winter break, from December 18, 2013, at 5 p.m. (the last day of fall semester finals) to January 9, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. You do not need to move out your belongings, but you will not have access to your room. Be sure to take everything you need with you, and plan to stay elsewhere during that period. Residence halls remain open during Thanksgiving and spring breaks. Check with your Customer Service Center for details.

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

Some departments and programs schedule activities before the university’s official move-in date of August 21, 2013. 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 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

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

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

How to Apply for Residential Colleges & Special Interest Communities

If you would like to live in special interest housing, indicate the desired program and its corresponding building in your housing preferences. To be considered for your special interest preferences, your application and $45 application fee must be received by May 1. Note: Some programs require supplemental applications. For more information, see pages 16-23.

Summer Housing

There is a separate application and assignment process for summer housing. More information about summer housing will be available in late March 2014. Please contact the USC Housing Services Office or your CSC about summer housing options and application information.

Application & Assignments Timeline

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Housing for Spring 2014

Freshman students admitted for the spring semester are welcome to submit a housing application beginning July 1, 2013. The housing information and procedures presented in this brochure apply to spring applicants, except for the important differences noted below.

Availability

Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the same guarantee of housing to freshmen admitted for the spring as we do to students entering in the fall and applying by May 1, 2013. 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 & Assignment

USC Housing will begin accepting spring 2014 applications on July 1, 2013. (Any applications received earlier than that date will be grouped with those submitted on July 1.) In the past, the majority of spring applications have been received on July 1. Due to high demand and the uncertain supply of housing space, you should apply early for the best chance of receiving a housing assignment. To be considered for spring housing, you must select the “Spring 2014” option when applying.

Housing assignments for spring 2014 will be made in early December 2013. 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 34). Move-In Day for spring residents is January 9, 2014.
## USC Housing Services
- **620 USC McCarthy Way**
- **Los Angeles, CA 90089–1332**
- **Tel:** (800) 872–4632 or (213) 740–2546
- **Fax:** (213) 740–8488
- **E-mail:** housing@usc.edu
- **Website:** housing.usc.edu

## Office for Residential Education
- **3601 Trousdale Parkway, Suite 200**
- **Los Angeles, CA 90089–4892**
- **Tel:** (213) 740–2080
- **Fax:** (213) 740–9781
- **Website:** sait.usc.edu/ResEd

## Department of Public Safety
- **Emergency**
  - **Tel:** (213) 740–4321
- **Non-emergency**
  - **Tel:** (213) 740–6000

## USC Transportation Services
- **Tel:** (213) 740–3575
- **Website:** transportation.usc.edu

## USCard & Meal Plans
- **Tel:** (213) 740–8709
- **Website:** www.usc.edu/uscard

## USC Bookstore
- **Tel:** (213) 740–0066
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