

ARRIVAL GUIDE





ABOVE

Fairmont is a small, three-story building which offers a mix of apartment types.

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A LETTER FROM USC HOUSING

Welcome!

Dear USC Housing Resident,

It's our pleasure to welcome you to USC Housing! Move-In Day for graduate students is scheduled for **Monday, August 10, 2026**.

This guide introduces USC Housing and helps you prepare for your arrival on campus. It includes general Housing information, frequently asked questions about Check-In and Move-In Day Locations.

Please reach out to your Housing Customer Service Center (CSC) with any questions you have before coming to campus. Your CSC's contact information is found on page 10–11 of this guide.

We look forward to seeing you when you arrive!

Sincerely,
USC Housing



MOVING IN

Parking and Unloading

USC campus area traffic will be very busy during Fall Move-In. Be sure to pay attention to posted parking restrictions.

No special provisions for unloading will be in place for North University Park Campus locations, but associated university lots will be open for unloading without permit on **August 10** only.

Moving Your Stuff

Large wheeled bins will be available at each CSC for moving your belongings. They may be checked out for a limited time and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Elevators

Our large north campus apartment facilities have elevators, but many of our smaller buildings do not. You may need to carry your possessions up a flight or two of stairs in these locations.



What to Bring With You

We encourage you to adopt a minimalist approach when deciding what to bring with you. You may wish to coordinate bringing big items, such as a microwave or toaster, with your roommate(s). Not everything has to be brought in on Move-In Day. Some items, like winter clothing for example, can be brought or shipped later.

You will need basic items, such as linens, toiletries and personal electronics. If you are living in an apartment and plan on preparing some of your meals, you will need to bring cooking and eating utensils along with basic cleaning tools and supplies.

Please Don't Bring

Pets – The only pets allowed in university housing are fish in aquariums of 10 gallon or less capacity.

Air Conditioning Units – If your housing assignment does not have AC, you cannot install or place a standalone unit in your room yourself. This is a physical alteration of the property, prohibited for safety and security reasons.

Dish/Satellite TV Receivers – Installing such a unit is a physical alteration prohibited for safety reasons. Remember: all USC housing facilities come with free digital cable TV service.

WiFi Routers – All buildings have USC Wireless and Guest Wireless. Installing your own router can interfere with the USC signal and is a violation of policy.

Electric Scooters and E-bikes – Per university policy, these items are not allowed in housing facilities.

Common Questions

When is Check-In?

Check-In Day (or Move-in Day) for graduate housing is **Monday, August 10, 2026**, from 8:30am to 5pm.

Check-In continues **Tuesday, August 11** through **Friday, August 14** from 8:30am to 5pm, and on **Saturday, August 15** and **Sunday, August 16** from 10am to 2pm.

What if I can't arrive on those days?

If you need to arrive before **August 10** or after **August 24**, please contact your Customer Service Center (CSC) by e-mail as soon as possible and follow up by phone to make arrangements. The CSC responsible for your building is listed on page 10. Early arrival may be possible only for residents who have academic department obligations, and carries a fee of \$75 for each night stayed prior to **August 10**.

Where do I go for Check-In?

Check-In is held at the Customer Service Center for your assigned building. Please see pages 10–11 for a complete list.

What do I need for Check-In?

Please bring photo identification (USC student ID, driver's license, etc.) with you to Check-In.

Will there be moving assistance at Check-In?

Unfortunately we don't have the staff to assist with moving in, but we will have a limited number of rolling bins available to help you move your belongings.

What furnishings are provided?

Every USC housing facility is fully furnished. Most residents can expect an extra long twin bed (36" × 80") in double occupancy bedrooms and Full XL size bed (54" × 80") in single occupancy bedrooms, a desk, a desk chair, dresser drawers and closet space. Apartments are also furnished with appropriate living room and dining room furniture, and if the unit has a kitchen, appliances (stove/oven and refrigerator). Each resident is responsible for supplying their own linens (pillows, blankets, towels) and in apartments with kitchens, cooking utensils.

Due to space limitations, we are unable to remove or store university-provided furnishings. Bringing your own furniture is discouraged, as it is not needed and no storage is available.



How can I find out about the details of my contract?

Information about your contract can be found by logging into the USC Housing Portal. If you require a hard copy of your contract, you may request one at the central USC Housing office in the McCarthy Way Parking Structure (PSX).

Is there a smoking policy?

All University facilities (including housing), regardless of location, are smoke-free environments. Smoking (including electronic cigarettes and vaping), is not allowed, even if roommates give their consent or the resident is the sole occupant of the apartment or residence hall room. All common areas—including apartment balconies—are also designated smoke-free.

USC Housing is always here to answer your housing questions.

Can I bring a pet with me?

Pets are not allowed in USC Housing facilities for legal, health, and safety reasons. The only exception is tropical fish in a 10-gallon or smaller tank. Violating this policy may result in student conduct action, cancellation of your contract, and charges for fumigation, cleaning and damages. Pets are not permitted to “visit” at any time.

Can I have a visitor or family member stay with me during Check-In week?

University Housing policy states that all contracted occupants of a room must give prior approval before a guest stays over. Since contracted residents have until the first day of classes to check into their space in USC Housing, we cannot allow overnight guests prior to **Monday, August 24**.

How do I ship my personal belongings to my housing space?

You may choose any carrier (UPS, U.S. Post Office, etc.) to ship your personal belongings. Please note, however, that we will not accept any packages for you prior to your arrival. Please time your packages to arrive after you move in. Your campus address can be found on pages 10–11, (room numbers are issued at Check-In). You may still have items sent to that address without the room number. Our staff will look up your room number and notify you when your packages arrive.



Housing Information

The following information is intended to provide you with a very general overview of the services, systems, and policies you will encounter while you live in USC Housing. A more detailed packet will be provided at Check-In.

Telephone Service

Since most college students rely on their cell phones, USC has removed phone landlines from housing buildings to reduce maintenance costs. Hallway phones are available throughout all facilities for emergency use only.

RESNET (Residential Internet)

All USC Housing facilities are equipped with one wired internet connection per resident. Residents will also be able to connect via the USC Wireless network. USC Housing student assistants will be available to help students with connecting to the USC network during Move-In. Just call Housing Maintenance at **(213) 740-4646** if you need help.

Cable TV Service

Cable service is provided in each apartment and residence hall room at no charge. Our cable system carries a wide variety of channels, including many in HD. The Stream2 app, available to all residents, allows streaming of the cable system on personal devices.

A complete listing of the available channels, TV connection instructions and Stream2 set up can be found on the Housing website.

Utilities

Gas, water and electricity are included in the rent for all USC Housing buildings.

Storage

Due to space limitations, we are unable to remove or store University furnishings already provided in the rooms.

Mail & Package Delivery

The U.S. Post Office is responsible for mail delivery to most North University Park area USC Housing buildings, placing the mail directly in the facilities' mailboxes.

Packages from USPS or other carriers that do not fit into mailboxes are accepted by CSCs and residents will be notified that their parcels have arrived. Please remember—we cannot accept packages prior to your Check-In!

You will receive your room or apartment number after your arrival.

To ensure proper mail delivery, please refer to the Housing Customer Service Center Directory for your building's correct address.

Laundry Facilities

Each building has at least one laundry room equipped with clean, well-maintained high-efficiency washers and dryers, owned and operated by a private company. The \$1.50 washing and \$1.25 drying costs are paid using the "WASH-Connect" app available for smartphones. Residents will need to provide their own detergent and other laundry products.

Renters Insurance

USC Housing is not responsible for items lost due to fire, theft or other damage. Residents are strongly encouraged to consider renters insurance. One option is Grad Guard. For more information visit www.gradguard.com.

Housekeeping

Residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their individual spaces (residence hall rooms, suite bedrooms, apartments). All interior and exterior public areas (restrooms in suites and residence halls, hallways, lobbies, etc.) are maintained by USC Housing Custodial Staff. Each Customer Service Center maintains a small inventory of vacuum cleaners for residents' use. All other cleaning equipment or products must be provided by residents.

Maintenance

Housing Services Maintenance (HSM) is responsible for the maintenance of the fifty-six buildings in the USC Housing system. This includes repairs for the items in the residence halls and apartments and public areas in the buildings. Requests for service may be placed by phone, in person at your Customer Service Center, or at hsmtma.usc.edu. HSM maintains a 24-hour, seven days a week hotline for your convenience; that number is **(213) 740-4646**.

Prohibited Possessions

A list of prohibited possessions not allowed in residents' rooms is provided in the Housing Contract and Living Agreement. In addition, the following items may not be used in university housing: "glow in the dark" stickers, Command Strips, contact paper (except in drawers), torchiere halogen lamps, decorative lights, candles, barbecues or hibachis (in rooms or on balconies), hot plates, toaster ovens, or other cooking appliances in rooms without kitchens.

Customer Service Centers are your primary housing information sources!



Housing Customer Service Centers

Your Customer Service Center is your connection for many services provided by USC Housing.

Please check this list for the Customer Service Center that is responsible for your building.

USC Housing Services Central Customer Service Center

Address: 620 McCarthy Way
McCarthy Way Parking Structure

Phone: (213) 740-2546 | (800) 872-4632

Hours: 8:30am to 5pm (Mon–Fri)

Email: housing@usc.edu

Website: housing.usc.edu



North University Park Campus Centers

■ 90007 ZIP Code

Century Customer Service Center

Address: 3115 Orchard St.

Phone: (213) 821-8400

Email: mailcap@usc.edu

Buildings Served:

- Helena, 1220 W. 28th St.
- Terrace, 1275 W. 29th St.
- University Regent, 1219 W. 27th St.

Sierra Customer Service Center

Address: 2638 Portland St.

Phone: (213) 740-7400

Email: mailfsa@usc.edu

Buildings Served:

- Annenberg, 711 W. 27th St.
- Centennial, 2390 Portland St.
- Fairmont, 2629 Portland St.
- Founders, 2610 Portland St.
- Hillview, 2605 Severance St.
- Manor, 2636 Portland St.
- Max Kade, 2718 S. Hoover St.
- Pacific, 2637 Severance St.
- Regal Trojan, 870 W. Adams Blvd.
- Severance St. Apts., 2630 Severance St.
- Sierra, 2638 Portland St.
- Troyland, 955-959 W. Adams Blvd.
- Twin Palms, 2635 Portland St.
- Vista, 2701 Severance St.

Troy Customer Service Center

Address: 3025 Royal St.

Phone: (213) 740-8585

Email: mailtrh@usc.edu

Buildings Served:

- Bel Air, 1124 W. 29th St.
- Regent, 1138 W. 29th St.
- Senator, 1101-1109 W. 28th St. and 2715-2733 S. Hoover St.
- Seven Gables, 620 W. 30th St.
- Stardust, 634 W. 27th St.
- Sunset, 1144 W. 29th St.
- Troy East, 3025 Royal St.
- Veterans' Housing, 725, 727 and 731 W. 32nd St.
- Windsor, 1149 W. 28th St.



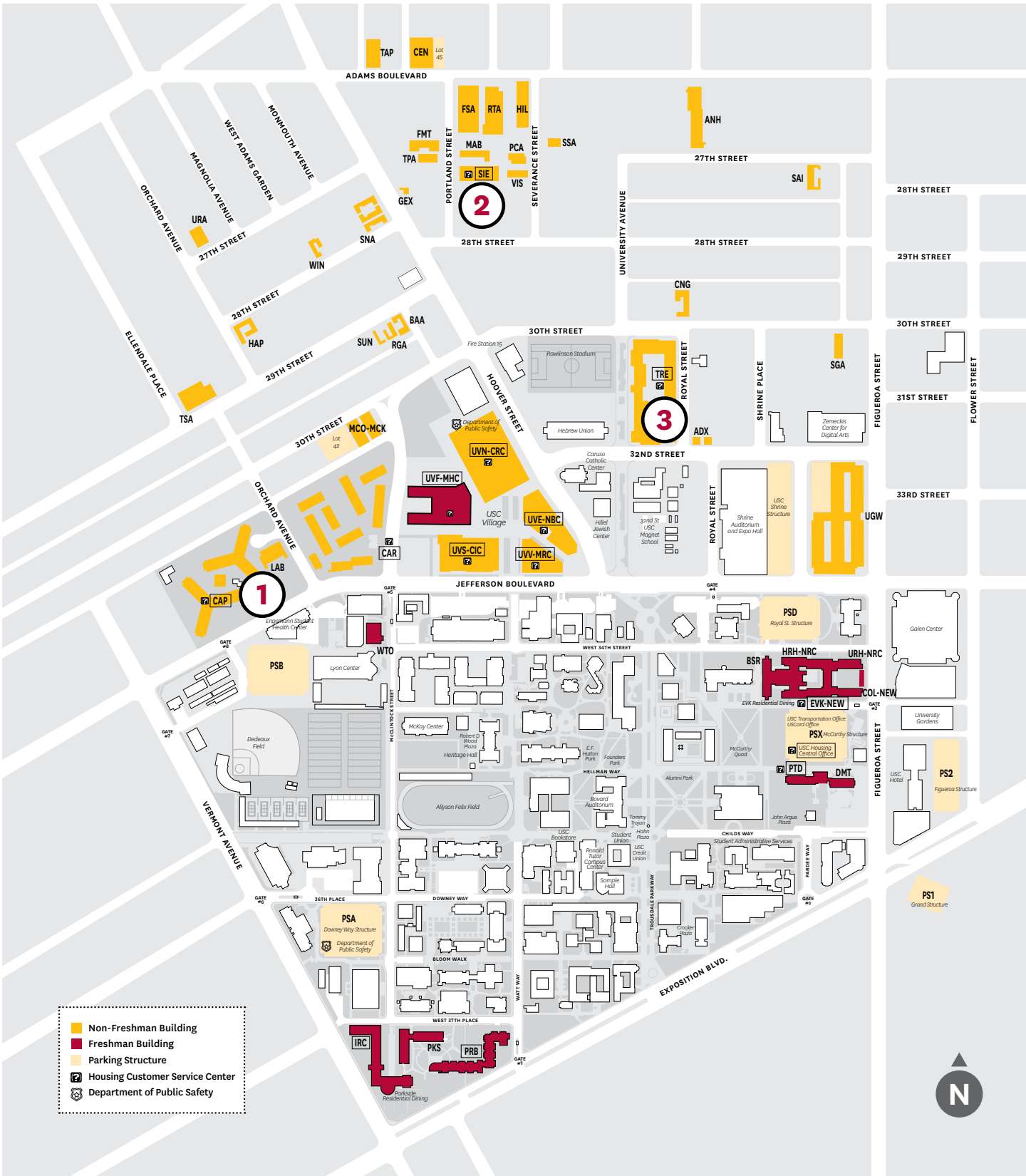
Check-In Locations

After **Monday, August 10**, Check-In services are available **8:30am–5pm** on **Tuesday, August 11** through **Friday, August 14** and **10am–2pm** on **Saturday, August 15** and **Sunday, August 16**.

Check-In locations are listed below and can also be found according to their number on the map on the opposite page.

IF YOUR HOUSING ASSIGNMENT IS FOR:	THEN YOU SHOULD CHECK IN AT:	MAP LOCATION
Helena • Terrace • University Regent	Century Customer Service Center (CAP) 3115 Orchard St.	1
Centennial • Fairmont • Founders • Hillview Manor • Max Kade • Pacific • Regal Trojan • Severence St. Apts. • Sierra Troyland • Twin Palms • Vista	Sierra Customer Service Center (SIE) 2638 Portland St.	2
Bel Air • Regent • Senator Seven Gables • Stardust • Sunset Troy East • Veterans Housing • Windsor	Troy Customer Service Center (TRE) 3025 Royal St.	3

Move-In Map





HOSPITALITY

USC Hospitality's mission is to serve USC students with flexible and diverse dining options. Through our convenient and diverse selection of campus dining venues, we provide delicious, healthy, and socially responsible cuisine for the whole university community.

MEALS FOR ALL

GRADUATE CAMPUS DINING

For details on our residential dining meal plans, visit <https://hospitality.usc.edu/residential-dining-meal-plans>.



	Community 25 Plan	Community 50 Plan
Residential Meal Swipes	25	50
Dining Dollars Declining Balance	\$50	\$100
Renew During Semester	Yes	Yes
Available During Summer	Yes	Yes
Price Per Semester	\$500	\$960
Guest Meals	N/A	N/A
Required	No	
	Available to all USC students who are not required to have a meal plan	
Note	Any USC student may purchase a Dining Dollar Block of \$250 of \$500 Dining Dollars at a 10% discount at any time during the semester. Dining Dollar Blocks reset on the last day of the semester.	



CAMPUS DIETITIAN

Food allergies, sensitivities, or religious restrictions? If you have a special diet or nutrition concerns, ensure that your semester starts off on the right foot by meeting with our registered dietitian.

Lindsey is the Registered Dietitian for USC Hospitality. With a culinary background in addition to her nutrition experience, Lindsey works diligently to help students and staff find the tastiest choices to fit all palates. She wants you to have the best possible quality ingredients, the best tasting food, and the most balanced nutrition while at USC!

Passionate about balanced nutrition, wellness and fitness, Lindsey is here to help you make healthy food choices, whether you have food allergies, follow a vegan/vegetarian lifestyle, or just need advice on how to navigate campus dining options.

For more information, please visit: <https://hospitality.usc.edu/dietitian>

Residential Dining

We are pleased to offer three unique dining hall experiences. Our flexible meal plan allow participating students the option to dine in the hall of their choice. Their convenient locations throughout campus and diverse menus makes it easy for students to plan their meals around their busy schedule. All venues offer an all-you-care-to-eat style service while dining in-person. **Students on unlimited meal plans are allowed one Residential Dining TO-GO meal per day.** Students also have the added benefit of expanding their dining options to USC Hospitality retail cafés.

	Everybody's Kitchen	Parkside	USC Village Dining Hall
Hours of Operations*	Open 7 Days a Week	Open 7 Days a Week	Open 7 Days a Week
Breakfast	7am-11am	7am-11am	7am-11am
Lunch	11am-4pm	11am-4pm	11am-4pm
Dinner	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm
Saturday & Sunday Brunch	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm	8:30am-4pm
Saturday & Sunday Dinner	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm	4pm-10pm
Spring Break	Open	Closed	Closed
Cuisine	Mongolian Grill Action Station (Street Taco Bar, Mongolian Noodle Bar, Poke Bar, etc.) Burgers & Pizza Omelette Bar at breakfast	Bistro Action Station (Tostada Bar, Pasta Bar, Curry Bowl, etc.) Daily Grill Specials (Rotating Hot Sandwiches and Fries) Omelette Bar at breakfast	California Fresh Cuisine Made to Order Crepes Grill/Deli Station (Hot & Cold Sandwiches) Omelette Bar at breakfast
Nut & Peanut Sensitive	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vegan & Vegetarian Options	Yes	Yes	Yes
Food Allergy Station <i>(requires registration & medical documentation through OSAS)</i>	Yes Self-Service Gluten Awareness Zone. Special dietary students may order ahead for a separately prepared meal	Yes Self-Service Allergen Awareness Zone. Does not use Top 9 allergens/gluten	Yes Gluten Awareness Pantry. Special dietary students may order ahead for a separately prepared meal
Pizza	Yes	Yes	No
Nearby Housing	Birnkrant, Marks Tower, New North, Pardee Tower	Parkside Arts & Humanities, Parkside Apartments, Parkside International, Residential College	Webb Tower, McCarthy Honors, Cardinal Gardens Apartments, Century Apartments, Cale and Irani, Cowlings and Ilium, Nemirovsky and Bohnett, McMorrow
Note	*Hours of Operation are subject to change. All three dining halls feature composed salads, soups, cereals, muffins, pastries, desserts, and a variety of drinks including freshly brewed coffee, tea , juices, and Coca-Cola branded beverages. Nearby retail shops, including those at the USC Village, cater to the USC Community and offer additional dining options within walking distance of campus. These are separate entities that do not accept Dining Dollars, with the exception of the USC Village Dining Hall.		

CAMPUS CURRENCY

Residential Dining Halls

- Cardinal Plan participants have unlimited meal swipes
- Flex120 participants may use any of their 120 swipes here



Campus Cafes

- Cardinal Plan participants have 2 meal swipes per week
- Flex120 participants may use any of their 120 swipes here



Dining Dollars

Dining Dollars as part of Flex120, Trojan, Community 25, Community 50 plans, and Dining Dollar Blocks may be used on any items sold at the following venues.

Bowls
Burger Crush
C&G Juice Co.
Café Annenberg
Chad Tons Family Café
Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf
Everybody's Kitchen
Law School Café
Literatea
Panda Express

Parkside Dining Hall
Popovich Café
Seeds Marketplace
Slice Shop
Taco-Taco
Trojan Grounds featuring illy
Tutor Hall Café
Upstairs
USC Village Dining Hall

Discretionary

Discretionary funds may be used at any USC Hospitality venue, including McKay's, Rosso Oro's, University Club & The Lab

To add funds to your USCard visit mycard.usc.edu



USC TRANSPORTATION

We Can Get You There!

USC Transportation is committed to providing efficient and sustainable mobility and parking options for over 30,000 USC staff, faculty, and students daily. We operate bus routes throughout the campus community, manage over 19,000 campus parking spaces, and administer USC's Lyft Ride Program.

Latest News & Announcements:

<https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/news-announcements>

Campus Parking Permits

Are you planning to bring a car to campus? Most Fall semester parking permits are available for purchase online (specific USC Housing locations may not be available).

How to Set Up an Account & Purchase a Permit:

<https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/how-to-purchase-a-permit-2>

USC Buses

USC Transportation provides an extensive network of free buses for students, staff, faculty, and university guests.

Check Out Schedules & Track Buses:

<https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/bus-map-schedules>

Student U-Pass Program

USC Transportation has partnered with LA Metro to offer the U-Pass program, available free to all students. With U-Pass, you can enjoy unlimited travel on all LA Metro buses, trains, and partner organizations.

Learn More and Apply:

<https://transnet.usc.edu/index.php/student-u-pass>

Questions? Email us at auxtrans@usc.edu



Night classes, study groups or late-night library visits are a normal part of the college experience. USC Students, faculty and staff now have access to free rides provided by Lyft.

Visit our main website at: <https://transnet.usc.edu> and click on the "Getting Around USC" header to find our Lyft page.



USC Bookstore

Technology at a Discount

CAMPUSCONNECT at USC Bookstore offers technology at reduced educational prices, including computers, tablets, accessories, and audio video equipment. We extend special educational offers on Dell and Lenovo computers and exclusive educational pricing on Apple products.

To check out our selection online, visit:

<https://www.usbookstore.com/technology-campus>.

Digital Course Materials

The Digital Course Materials Program provides USC students with their required course materials at an affordable price.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.usbookstore.com/digital-course-material>.

Style Your Room!

Don't lug bedding and towels cross-country (or even crosstown), pre-order from USC Bookstore's online pop up shop and your items will be available for you on Move-in day. Add some art to your room; the Bookstore's annual poster sale will take place during Move-In Week.

Style Your Room ordering:

<https://campusready.com/ca-sca/>.

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