



**USC University of  
Southern California**  
Office of Graduate Admission

## International Student Enrollment Checklist

Congratulations on your acceptance to USC! We are thrilled to welcome you to the Trojan Family. Please complete the checklist below to accept your offer of admission and enroll in your first semester of classes.

### PRE-ARRIVAL

- Submit the Intent to Enroll Form ([you.usc.edu](http://you.usc.edu))**  
To formally accept USC's offer of admission, please submit the *Statement of Intent* form at [you.usc.edu](http://you.usc.edu). You will be issued an I-20/DS-2019 only after you have certified your intent to enroll at USC. Deadlines vary by program, so please check directly with your program for updates.
- Pay the Commitment Deposit (If applicable)**  
Your program will notify you if you are required to pay a nonrefundable program deposit, and indicate the deadline by which it must be paid. This deposit is applied to first-semester tuition charges.
- Activate Computing Account and Receive USC NetID ([itservices.usc.edu/accounts](http://itservices.usc.edu/accounts))**  
Once you submit your Intent to Enroll form, you will receive instructions for activating your Computing Account and registering your USC NetID. Your USC NetID is a username that allows you to access USC's online tools and resources, including the wireless network, myUSC and Blackboard.
- Register for Orientation ([www.usc.edu/orientation](http://www.usc.edu/orientation))**  
You will also receive an email from USC's Office of Orientation Programs inviting you to sign up for Orientation once registration opens.
- Review New Student Health Checklist ([www.usc.edu/engemann](http://www.usc.edu/engemann))**  
Make sure to complete the USC Engemann Student Health Center's new student requirements. Visit [www.usc.edu/engemann](http://www.usc.edu/engemann) and click on the New Student Health Check List button.
- Apply for the F-1/J-1 Visa With USC's I-20/DS-2019**  
Students who plan to attend USC on an F-1/J-1 visa must receive an I-20/DS-2019 (for themselves and their dependents, if applicable) from USC. Students currently attending U.S. institutions on F-1/J-1 visas will be issued USC's I-20/DS-2019 only after their current institution transfers their SEVIS record to USC.



## ARRIVAL AND POST-ARRIVAL

- Entering the United States**  
Students on F-1/J-1 visas can enter the country up to **30 days prior** to the start date on their I-20/DS-2019. You are **required** to present the following items to the Customs Officer at the U.S. Port of Entry:  
**(a)** Passport (valid for at least 6 months after your U.S. arrival date); **(b)** USC's I-20/DS-2019; **(c)** SEVIS fee payment receipt; **(d)** Valid U.S. visa.
- Complete Passport Verification (PPV) ([www.usc.edu/ois](http://www.usc.edu/ois))**  
Upon arriving at USC, all international students must complete PPV with the Office of International Services (OIS). OIS offers multiple PPV sessions starting in July (for the fall semester) or January (for the spring semester). Students can register for a session on the OIS website.
- Register for the ISE Examination With the American Language Institute (If Applicable) ([dornsife.usc.edu/ali](http://dornsife.usc.edu/ali))**  
If your official letter of admission indicates that you are required to take the International Student English (ISE) examination, please contact the American Language Institute to register for the test.
- Register for Classes ([my.usc.edu](http://my.usc.edu))**  
Once you have received your NetID, you will need to create your myUSC account for personalized access to wide-ranging campus resources in a single location. Be sure to review the *Schedule of Classes* at [classes.usc.edu](http://classes.usc.edu) and meet with your advisor if necessary, then complete web registration via **myUSC**.
- Obtain USC ID card ([www.usc.edu/uscard](http://www.usc.edu/uscard))**  
You can obtain your USC ID card at the USCard Services Office, located in Parking Structure X (PSX) on the University Park Campus. Be sure to carry your USCard with you at all times, as it identifies you as a currently enrolled student and allows you to access a wide range of services and products on campus.
- Pay Tuition and Fees ([www.usc.edu/epay](http://www.usc.edu/epay))**  
After you register for classes, you will be notified by email that your tuition bill is available at USCe.pay. Be sure to pay your tuition and fees by the due date indicated (usually the Friday before the first day of classes).
- Complete Degree Verification (if Applicable)**  
If your letter of admission from USC indicates that you must verify your conferred undergraduate degree, please follow the instructions provided to verify your degree with the Office of Degree Progress and IERF ([www.ierf.org/usc](http://www.ierf.org/usc)).

