

## USC's General Education Requirements Fall 2014 - Summer 2015

Students must complete six general education courses, one from each roman numeral category below, in order to graduate from USC.

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT YET GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL:** High school students are limited to a maximum of 16 units of degree credit for college courses taken before high school graduation. Courses earn elective credit only and may, if applicable, fulfill general education categories I, II, III, and V, but not the writing, the diversity or the foreign language requirements. These classes are not applicable to any other requirements, including GE categories II or V, Diversity, Writing, or Foreign Language. See articulation agreement for details.

In addition to completing these four GE requirements, students will also be required to complete a diversity requirement, lower division writing requirement, and depending on the student's major, a foreign language requirement. **(SEE REVERSE FOR DETAILS)**

For a **Transfer Planning Guide** for major and general education requirements for USC go to [www.usc.edu/tpg](http://www.usc.edu/tpg).

### I. Western Cultures and Traditions

Art History	1; 2; 21
English	3; 4; 50
History	1; 2; 29; 55
Music	30; 31
Philosophy	3; 4; 51
Political Science	51

### II. Global Cultures and Traditions

Anthropology	2; 20
Art History	5; 6; 17; 18
Chinese	9
English	40
History	24; 25; 26; 38; 41
Japanese	9
Philosophy	22

### III. Scientific Inquiry (requires a lab)

Astronomy	3, 4
Biology	3; 15; 21
Botany	1
Chemistry	9; 11
Geography	5
Geology	4; 5
Physics	6; 8; 14; 21
Zoology	5

\*USC will not accept science lab courses taken via distance education.

### IV. Investigations in Science and Technology

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### V. Arts and Letters

Art History	3 (formerly Art 8); 15 (formerly Art 9); 22 (formerly Art 7); 72 (formerly Art 72)
English	5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 11 (same as Film 11), 14; 15; 17; 34; 38; 39; 41, 45, 51; 52; 55; 56; 57; 58; 59
Film Studies	1 (formerly Cinema 9); 11 (same as English 11)
Religious Studies	51; 52
Theater Arts	7

### VI. Social Issues

MUST BE COMPLETED AT USC

USC accepts some AP exams with a score of 4 or 5 (including foreign language). Go to the following link for details:

<http://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/articulation/>

**DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT:**

One course required: Communication (10); English 53; Film Studies 7; History 10, 16, 42, 43, 52, 62; Media Studies 10 (formerly Communication 10); Music 33; Political Science 21, 23; Sociology 1, 1S, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; Women Studies 10, 20, 30

**MATH REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION:**

Math 18 or 20 or completion of high school Intermediate Algebra with a grade of "C" or higher.

**LOWER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE GE PLAN:**

Complete one of the following writing courses prior to transferring to USC: English 2 or English 31. An additional upper division writing course will need to be completed at USC.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:**

If required by the intended major, a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of a college-level foreign language must be completed with grade "C-" or higher or pass USC's placement exam at a level equivalent to third semester competency (International Relations requires level 4). Students who do not finish their third semester before transferring to USC must take USC's placement examination to determine their level of competency. Courses that fulfill this requirement: Chinese 3; French 3, 4; German 3, 4; Italian 3; Japanese 3, 4; Korean 3, 4; Spanish 3, 4. **Foreign Language:** Scores of 4 or 5 on the following exams taken Spring 2007 or later will satisfy the third level foreign language requirement, but *do not* earn USC course equivalence; Chinese Language and Culture, French Language, French Literature, German Language, Italian Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature. (Students wishing to take a fourth level foreign language course must take a placement exam).

**College of Letter, Arts and Sciences and Majors.****Departments and schools in the Humanities**

Art History  
Classics  
Comparative Literature  
East Asian Languages and Cultures  
English  
French and Italian  
German  
Linguistics  
Philosophy  
Religion  
Slavic Languages and Literatures  
Spanish and Portuguese

**Special Programs:**

American Language Institute  
American Studies and Ethnicity  
Center for Feminist Studies  
East Asian Studies Center  
Expository Writing Program  
Judaic Studies

**Dept. in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Biological Sciences  
Chemistry  
Earth Sciences  
Exercise Science  
Mathematics  
Physics and Astronomy

**Special Programs:**

Environmental Studies  
Ocean Sciences  
Psychobiology

**Dept. and Schools in the Social Science**

Anthropology  
Economics  
Geography  
History  
International Relations (level 4 required)  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Sociology

**Special Programs:**

Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics  
Law and Society  
Peace and Conflict Studies  
Political Economy and Public Policy  
Gender Studies

**GE PLAN POLICIES**

-A single course may be used to fulfill both a GE requirement and the diversity requirement.

-No more than four (4) semester units of pass/no pass credit may be applied to GE requirements.

-Once a student following the GE plan enrolls at USC, he or she may no longer take courses elsewhere to fulfill GE or writing requirements. However, student may take transfer courses to fulfill diversity or language.

-A limit of 64 units including general education and subjects in preparation for your major may be accepted for transfer toward your degree of USC.

**Majors that have a 3 semester foreign language requirement:**

-All majors in the College of Letters, Arts, & Sciences  
-Majors that have some version of a foreign language, i.e.: B.S. Gerontology; B.S. Nursing; Physicians Assistant; B.M. String and Vocal Arts, B.S. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.  
-B.A. Fine Arts  
-B.A. Gerontology  
-B.S. General Studies  
-B.A. Music  
-B.A. Dramatic Arts  
-B.A. Cinema-Production and Critical Studies  
-B.S. Computer Science  
-B.A. Annenberg School of Communication & Journalism  
-B.A. International Relations-requires level 4