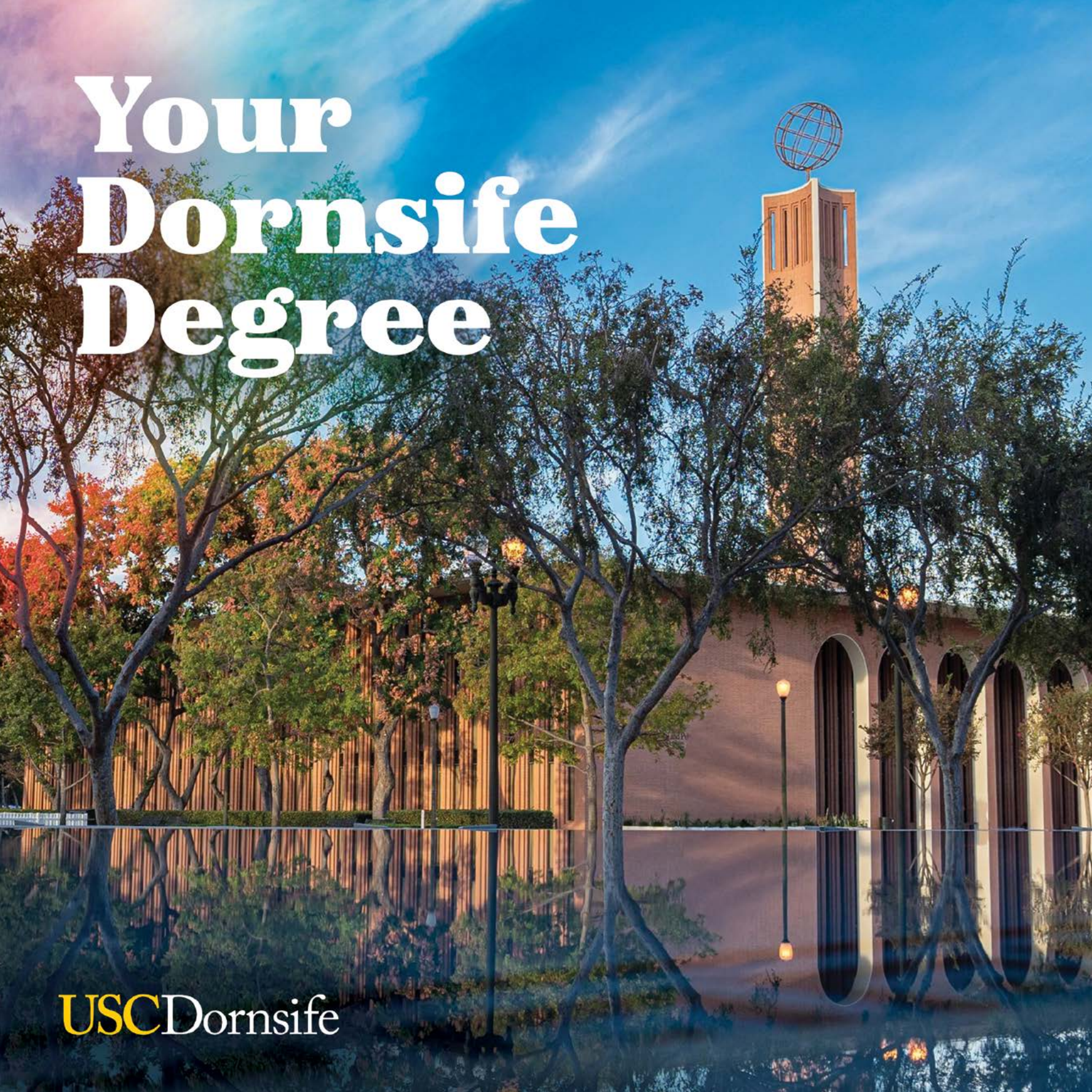
Your
Dornsife
Degree
USC Dornsife

THE USC CORE
32-48 UNITS

The USC Core is the hallmark of a USC education and the common bond between you and all other USC undergraduates. Each semester, you will find numerous courses to choose from within each category. This is the strength of the USC Core: offering both structure and flexibility as you plan your next four years.

CORE LITERACIES

The Arts (1 course)
Humanistic Inquiry (2 courses)
Social Analysis (2 courses)
Life Sciences (1 course)
Physical Sciences (1 course)
Quantitative Reasoning (1 course)

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

Equity in a Diverse World (1 course)
Traditions and Historical Foundations (1 course)

SEMINAR

During your first year at USC, at least one of your core classes will take the form of a seminar — an intimate and interactive course limited to 19 students.

THE WRITING PROGRAM

All first-year students take Writing 150, a small group experience that develops your voice as a writer. As a junior, we prepare you with specific writing skills for your intended profession. Our program bridges the academic and the practical, enabling you to master styles of writing for the classroom and beyond.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

At USC Dornsife, students complete the third semester level of a foreign language or pass the equivalent placement test.

YOUR MAJOR
40-80 UNITS

At USC Dornsife, our courses of study stretch as far as your imagination. We believe in empowering you to expand your horizons by pursuing your vast range of interests. We give you the critical tools and opportunities to reach your goals. It's the bedrock of USC Dornsife's educational philosophy: facilitating self-directed growth so our graduates can reach their full potential.

ELECTIVES
UP TO 56 UNITS

USC Dornsife puts all options on the table. This is a place for you to experiment and explore, where students can engage in double majors and minors while still staying on track to graduate in four years. We encourage you to customize your college career, building it to meet the specifications that work for you. Our breadth of elective courses makes it possible, offering you access to options that are nearly unlimited.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

USC Dornsife does more than just give you the world — we help you navigate it as well. At the beginning of your academic journey, our dedicated academic advisors give you a road map, and they are by your side every step of the way. Think of advisors as your personal tour guides, connecting you with resources and mentoring relevant to your major(s) and opportunities for research, internships, and study abroad. And our pre-professional advisors will guide you on your pre-health, pre-law, or pre-graduate school path and work with you through the competitive graduate school application process.

MAJORS

HUMANITIES

- African American Studies, B.A.
- American Popular Culture, B.A.
- American Studies and Ethnicity, B.A.
- Archaeology and Heritage Studies, B.A.
- Art History, B.A.
- Asian American Studies, B.A.
- Central European Studies, B.A.
- Chicano/Latino Studies, B.A.
- Classics, B.A.
- Comparative Literature, B.A.
- Contemporary Latino and Latin American Studies, B.A.
- Creative Writing, B.A.
- East Asian Area Studies, B.A.
- East Asian Languages and Cultures, B.A.
- English, B.A.
- French, B.A.
- Gender and Sexuality Studies, B.A.
- Italian, B.A.
- Jewish Studies, B.A.
- Latin American and Iberian Cultures, Media and Politics, B.A.
- Narrative Studies, B.A.
- Philosophy, B.A.
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics, B.A.
- Philosophy, Politics and Law, B.A.
- Religion, B.A.
- Russian, B.A.
- Spanish, B.A.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Anthropology, B.A.
- Behavioral Economics and Psychology, B.A.
- Economics, B.A.
- Economics and Data Science, B.S.
- Geodesign, B.S.
- Global Geodesign, B.S.
- Global Studies, B.A.
- Health and Human Sciences, B.A.
- History, B.A.
- Human Security and Geospatial Intelligence, B.S.
- Intelligence and Cyber Operations, B.A.
- International Relations, B.A.
- International Relations (Global Business), B.A.
- International Relations and the Global Economy, B.A.
- Law, History and Culture, B.A.
- Linguistics, B.A.
- Middle East Studies, B.A.
- NGOs and Social Change, B.A. Political Economy, B.A.
- Political Science, B.A.
- Sociology, B.A.

NATURAL SCIENCES

- Applied and Computational Mathematics, B.A. & B.S.
- Astronomy, B.A. & B.S.
- Biochemistry, B.S.
- Biological Sciences, B.A. & B.S.
- Biophysics, B.S.
- Chemistry, B.A. & B.S.
- Cognitive Science, B.A.
- Computational Neuroscience, B.S.
- Earth Sciences, B.A.
- Economics/Mathematics, B.S.
- Environmental Science and Health, B.A. & B.S.
- Environmental Studies, B.A. & B.S.
- Geological Sciences, B.S.
- Human Biology, B.A. & B.S.
- Mathematics, B.A. & B.S.
- Neuroscience, B.A. & B.S. Physics, B.A. & B.S.
- Physics/Computer Science, B.S.
- Psychology, B.A.
- Quantitative Biology, B.S.

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