

# USC Dornsife

## First-Year Advising

AUGUST 2023



FYA booth at the Dornsife Welcome Experience: Student Reception

### FALL SEMESTER FUN

## Welcome to Your First Year!

The First-Year Advising (FYA) team and all of Dornsife is excited to have a new freshman class join the Trojan family! Several activities helped get the school year started, and we were happy to see so many of you there!



Dornsife Student Ambassadors at the Dornsife Welcome Experience: Student Reception



Economics Department new student welcome reception



Dornsife Toolkit at the Dornsife Welcome Experience: Student Reception

Join us at our next event, the **FYE KICKOFF SOCIAL**, this **Wednesday, August 30, 4:00-6:00 PM** at **Tommy's Place**. Click the image below to **RSVP**. Hope you can make it!

### Upcoming Events

**TUESDAYS-FRIDAYS, SEPT. 8**

**11:00-11:45 AM**  
Kortschak Center for Learning & Creativity | **Time Management Workshop (Zoom)**

**TUESDAY, AUG. 29**

**4:00-5:00 PM**  
Center for Political Future | **Open House @ SOS B15 (RSVP)**

**TUESDAY, AUG. 29 or WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30**

**4:00-5:00 PM**  
Dornsife Career Pathways | Assess It: Deciding Your Career Path (Aug. 29 **RSVP**) (Aug. 30 **RSVP**)

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30**

**4:00-6:00 PM**  
First-Year Experience | **FYE Kickoff Social @ Tommy's Place (RSVP)**

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30**

**5:00-6:00 PM**  
USC Career Center | **Industry Insights: Consulting Panel (RSVP)**

**THURSDAY, AUG. 31**

**10:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
Academic Innovation & Research Engagement | **Paint & Plant @ THH 309**

**THURSDAY, AUG. 31**

**2:00-3:00 PM**  
CalHOPE@USC | **Growing**



## FYA CONNECTION

### Explore with First-Year Advising

Has the new school year inspired new ideas? Connect with your FYA advisor to explore them! Schedule a 30-45 minute **Explore & More** session to chat about goals, build long-term course plans, find minor or second major options, or learn about resources. Explore & More sessions are available online and in-person now through Week 5.

[Schedule Advisement](#)

Need to ask a quick advising question? Join **Drop-In Group Advising** with members of the FYA Advising Team during one of the sessions below. No appointment needed! Join at any time during the session at <https://usc.zoom.us/j/98253090072>.

- Tuesday, August 29, 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 30, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 5, 12:00 – 2:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Friday, September 8, 10:15 AM– 12:15 PM

[Join Drop-in Advising](#)

Want an in-person appointment but unsure where we are? Undergraduate intern and Health & Human Sciences sophomore Tyse Whittaker tours us through our Suite 320 in **Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS)**.

Gratitude: Mental Health Support Group for Young Adults @ USC Peace Garden

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 1**  
**1:00-2:00 PM**  
 Dornsife Overseas Studies | Study Abroad 101 Virtual Info Session (Zoom)

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 5**  
**1:00-2:00 PM**  
 USC Career Center | How to Secure an Internship for Undergraduate Students @ STU B3 (RSVP)

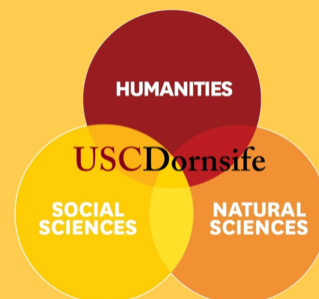
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 5**  
**5:00-6:00 PM**  
 USC Career Center | Industry Insights: AI & Data Science Panel (RSVP)

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7**  
**12:00-1:00 PM**  
 USC Career Center | Get Your Mentorship Together @ STU B3 (RSVP)

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 7**  
**3:00 PM**  
 Pre-Health | Pre-Health 101 (RSVP) (Zoom)

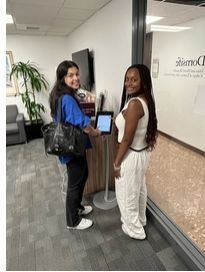
**TUESDAY, SEPT 12**  
**12:00-3:00 PM**  
 Pre-Health | Pre-Health Service & Learning Fair @ McCarthy Quad (RSVP)

For more events, visit EngageSC.





Tyse awaits visitors as they exit the elevator on the 3rd floor and turn right toward our office.



Tyse will help you check in for your appointment. Remember your student ID#!



Our lobby has comfortable seating where students can relax and wait for their FYA advisor to meet them.



## First-Year Advising Team

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## RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT

### Campus Study Spaces

Although there are plenty of festive spots on campus, there are also wonderful nooks and crannies to support your study. Click on the handout below to find new favorite homework spots!



# QUIET STUDY SPACES AT USC



This list was adapted from USC International Academy based on some favorite study spots of fellow USC students

## Registration Dates

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Last day to register and **add** classes for Session 001

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Last day to **change grade option** to Pass/No Pass for Session 001

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Last day to **drop** a Session 001 class without a "W" and receive a refund if applicable

### FRIDAY, OCT. 6

Last day to **drop** a course without an official transcript "W" -- mark of "W" will still appear on internal USC records including the STARS report

### FRIDAY, OCT. 6

Last day to **change Pass/No Pass** to Letter Grade for Session 001

### FRIDAY, NOV. 10

Last day to **drop** a Session 001 class with an official transcript "W"

### NOV. 22-26

Thanksgiving Break

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

### Roommate Tips with Eduardo Vences



Eduardo Vences (right) with roommate and buddy Ashton

**Eduardo Vences** is a sophomore majoring in Health & Human Sciences. He shares his first-year roommate experience below (edited for length and clarity).

"Ashton and I were roommates in our first year and we got along pretty well. First semester we didn't go out much. When it came to studying we usually did our own thing -- I liked to study at the First Gen Center or Doheny Library -- and when he wasn't hitting the books, Ashton was glued to his gaming console. But as the year rolled on we became good friends. During the second semester we hit up taco joints, especially Tacos El Pony and Tacos Los Carnales. And one of our coolest outings was when we checked out El Gato Night Market downtown. Freshman year was a bit of a rollercoaster, adjusting to college life and all, but having a chill roommate like Ashton definitely made the ride smoother."

Here are Eduardo's tips for a healthy roommate relationship:

1. **Communication** is key.
2. Take the **roommate agreement** seriously.
3. Be **respectful** of each other's belongings and space.
4. Hang out and **get to know** each other. It makes the experience ten times better.

For more roommate tips search **Trojans360**, USC's official student-run blog.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 1**

Fall Semester classes end

**DEC. 2-5**

Study days

**DEC 6-13**

Final examinations

For more, visit the

[Registration Calendar](#).

**Can We Help?**

Contact us at [fya@dornsife.usc.edu](mailto:fya@dornsife.usc.edu)



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