

FIRST-YEAR ADVISING GUIDE

Support | Empower | Connect | Prepare





WHAT'S FIRST-YEAR ADVISING?

FYA is built on four pillars: **support, empower, connect,** and **prepare**. All incoming freshmen majoring in Dornsife College participate in FYA and partner with a First-Year Advisor. These advisors provide a holistic and diverse approach to meet the needs of first-year students in their transition from high school to USC. They conduct dedicated outreach to facilitate students' connections to Dornsife and the greater Trojan community.



Through empowering students to explore their academic, personal, and career goals, our individualized support lays the foundation for students to succeed at USC and beyond.



Upon completion of FYA, students will feel

- Supported and empowered to pursue their goals,
- Connected to the Trojan community, and
- Prepared to take on the challenges and opportunities of college life.

Students will then transition to their major department where major advisors guide them during their second college year through to graduation.



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TIPS

Click on pages to explore
then look for this icon
throughout our guide
for more tips!

ACADEMIC ADVISING IS A **PARTNERSHIP.**

Advising is an ongoing process between advisors and students through which students clarify, pursue, and reevaluate goals; navigate their academic journey; and engage with their campus community.

In an effective advising partnership both students and advisors play active roles, including the following:



ADVISORS WILL

- Support academic and career exploration
- Explain requirements and policies
- Assist with course planning
- Connect students with faculty, resources, and opportunities



STUDENTS WILL

- Read and respond to messages
- Follow-up on referrals
- Be mindful of important deadlines
- Prepare for advising appointments
- Communicate with advisors and support system



TIP

Find your **assigned academic advisor** in **Advise USC** > Advisor Connect > My Success Team



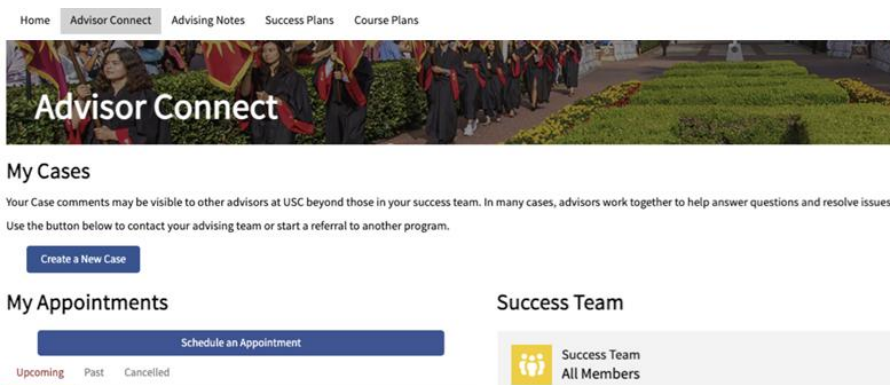
ADVISING CONNECTIONS

During the school year, advisors and students connect with each other through support cases and individual advising appointments. Both begin in **Advise USC!**



Support Cases

Get answers to brief academic advising questions!
In Advise USC, visit Advisor Connect > My Cases.



Appointments

Book one-on-one sessions for in-depth online or in-person explorations. In Advise USC, navigate to Advisor Connect > My Appointments.



TIPS

Allow 3 business days for responses.
Business days are
Monday – Friday
9 AM – 5 PM excluding
holidays and vacations.

Tag advisors with @
and their first + last
names to let them
know you replied to a
support case.

Include comments with appointment reservations to detail for advisors what you wish to discuss.

ADVISING TIMELINE

WELCOME WEEK - WEEK 2

FINALIZE REGISTRATION

Optional

Consult your advisor if you wish to discuss registration changes.

WEEKS 2 - 6

EXPLORE & MORE

Optional

Explore with your advisor academic and career goals, opportunities, resources, or multi-semester plans.

WEEKS 7 - 13

PRE-REGISTRATION ADVISING

Required

Meet with your advisor to review the current semester's progress and discuss plans for next semester. To enroll in classes when your permit to register opens, **SCHEDULE & COMPLETE THIS SESSION IN ADVANCE**. Completion of an appointment is required to lift the Mandatory Advisement registration hold.

WEEKS 14 - FINALS

EXPLORE & MORE

Optional

Explore with your advisor academic and career goals, opportunities, resources, or multi-semester plans.

Advising appointments are available throughout the semester. Use the timeline above to [schedule an academic advising appointment](#) with your advisor!

FINALIZE REGISTRATION

Before registration closes at the end of Week 3, check that your schedule supports your success. Consider the questions below, then connect with your advisor **Welcome Week through Week 2** to discuss changes.



Do classes count toward requirements?



Is your class schedule manageable?



Should transfer credits change registration?



TIP
Click for more registration resources in our First-Year Corner!



HOW TO NAVIGATE Web Registration

LOG IN TO MYUSC
Click the "Web Registration" widget on the left.

EXPLORE WEBREG
Select the term (Fall, Spring, or Summer) and proceed to the WebReg homepage, the list of USC schools and departments.

Web Registration
Fall 2022 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout
Classes
Search Programs [] Find Advanced
Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Lewiston School of Accounting

FINDING CLASSES
Click on your desired school or college for a drop-down menu of all departments. For Dornsife courses, click on the "Dornsife College" link. For GE courses, click on "GE Requirements for Students Beginning in Fall 2015 or Later."

EXAMPLE Let's pretend we're adding this ENGL-174 class. Here's what info to look out for...

Web Registration
Spring 2023 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout

MY CALENDAR
To view the classes that you added so far, click on the myCalendar tab. Here is what it will look like when you start adding classes:

- Red** = Time conflict
- Yellow** = Scheduled for registration
- Green** = Successfully registered

 You will not be able to register for classes if you have any red on your myCalendar.

MY COURSE BIN
Here is what all of your classes will look like in the myCourseBin tab. To remove a class, click on it to expand and click "Unschedule," then "Remove." You can unschedule a class from myCalendar without removing it from myCourseBin to save that class for later.

Web Registration
Spring 2023 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout

CHECKOUT
When you are ready to register for all your classes, go to the "Checkout" tab. At your registration appointment time, click the "Submit" button. Only scheduled classes will be submitted. Once WebReg processes your request, you will get a message indicating if the transaction succeeded or failed.

Web Registration
Spring 2023 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout

GOT AN ERROR?
There are many reasons your transaction might fail. You could be trying to register for a class that requires **D-clearance** or **pre-requisites**, a course missing a **section** (discussion, quiz, etc.), a section that has since become **Closed**, or for **too many units** at once. Another reason may be a **"hold"** on your account. Read the error message to identify the problem. Here, the issue is D-clearance.

Registration Response
Registration Failed
Your registration could not be completed for the following reason:
You are trying to register for a class that requires Departmental authorization. Please contact the IR department to request D-clearance.
Note: Web Registration does not process partial registration. You must clear the above issues before proceeding to complete registration.

Web Registration
Spring 2023 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout

UNCHEDULE
While you wait for D-clearance, unschedule the class so it doesn't interfere with your checkout. Unschedule the course(s) that caused a transaction failure and checkout again to register for the rest of your classes, then fix the error after. Once you obtain D-clearance, you can click "Schedule" to add the class again and checkout to register.

Web Registration
Spring 2023 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout

CONGRATS!
Once you hit Checkout and Submit and get a successful registration message, you have registered for classes. You will get a confirmation email with your list of classes. You can also check on your myCalendar tab to make sure all the courses are green.

Web Registration
Spring 2023 Classes | myInfo | myCourseBin | myCalendar | Tuition Refund Insurance | Checkout

EXPLORE & MORE

Dornsife College is the largest academic unit in USC and – with our wide variety of programs and opportunities – there’s plenty to check out!

180+

**MAJORS
& MINORS**

36

**ACADEMIC
DEPARTMENTS**

50+

**STUDY ABROAD
PROGRAMS**

66

**CENTERS &
INSTITUTES**

A **major** is a program of study in a specific area. Many students change majors – that’s normal! And freshman year is the perfect time to explore options and discover new ones.

- Know the major you want? Dive deeper into details with your advisor!
- Deciding between majors or looking for a minor? Research opportunities with your advisor!
- Want resources to boost your studies? Your advisor can help find ones that match your needs.

Academic adventures await – book an **Explore & More** appointment **Weeks 2-6 or 14-Finals!**

Humanities Majors

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES
AMERICAN POPULAR CULTURE
AMERICAN STUDIES & ETHNICITY
ART HISTORY
ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES
CENTRAL EUROPEAN STUDIES
CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES
CLASSICS
COMPARATIVE LITERATURE
CONTEMPORARY LATINO & LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

CREATIVE WRITING
EAST ASIAN AREA STUDIES
EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES
ENGLISH
FRENCH
GENDER & SEXUALITY STUDIES
ITALIAN
JEWISH STUDIES

LATIN AMERICAN & IBERIAN CULTURES, MEDIA, & POLITICS
NARRATIVE STUDIES
PHILOSOPHY
PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS & ECONOMICS
PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS & LAW
RELIGION
RUSSIAN
SPANISH
UNDECLARED HUMANITIES

Natural Sciences Majors

APPLIED & COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS
ASTRONOMY
BIOCHEMISTRY
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (BIOTECHNOLOGY)
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (ECOLOGY, EVOLUTION & ENVIRONMENT)
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (MARINE BIOLOGY)
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (MOLECULAR, CELLULAR & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY)
BIOPHYSICS

CHEMISTRY
CHEMISTRY (CHEMICAL BIOLOGY)
CHEMISTRY (CHEMICAL NANOSCIENCE)
CHEMISTRY (RESEARCH)
COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE
DATA SCIENCE
EARTH SCIENCES
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES
HUMAN BIOLOGY
MATHEMATICS
NEUROSCIENCE
PHYSICAL SCIENCES
PHYSICS
PHYSICS COMPUTER SCIENCE
QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY
UNDECLARED NATURAL SCIENCES

Social Sciences Majors

ANTHROPOLOGY
ARCHAEOLOGY & HERITAGE STUDIES
BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS & PSYCHOLOGY
COGNITIVE SCIENCE
COMPUTATIONAL LINGUISTICS
ECONOMICS
ECONOMICS & DATA SCIENCE
ECONOMICS/MATHEMATICS
GEODESIGN
GLOBAL GEODESIGN
GLOBAL STUDIES

HEALTH & HUMAN SCIENCES
HISTORY
HUMAN SECURITY & GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE
INTELLIGENCE & CYBER OPERATIONS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (GLOBAL BUSINESS)
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & THE GLOBAL ECONOMY
LAW, HISTORY & CULTURE
LINGUISTICS
LINGUISTICS & COGNITIVE SCIENCE
LINGUISTICS & EAST ASIAN LANGUAGES & CULTURES
LINGUISTICS & PHILOSOPHY

MIDDLE EAST STUDIES
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS & SOCIAL CHANGE
POLITICAL ECONOMY
POLITICAL SCIENCE
PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIAL SCIENCES: EMPHASIS IN ECONOMICS
SOCIAL SCIENCES: EMPHASIS IN PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY
UNDECLARED SOCIAL SCIENCES
VISUAL ANTHROPOLOGY



PRE-REGISTRATION ADVISING

During **mandatory Pre-Registration Advising** with advisors **Weeks 7-13**, students reflect on their progress and identify classes and goals for next semester. Completion of this session is **REQUIRED before registration for the next term**. Here's how to prepare:

Check STARS report

- Is all transfer credit listed?
- Is major correct?

Review sample course plan

- What courses come next?
- Is there elective space?

List courses & questions

- Identify courses you want to take and questions to ask your advisor

View registration restrictions

- Log into MyUSC then view in Web Registration or OASIS

Know permit to register date

- Log into MyUSC then view in Web Registration or OASIS

Complete advising appointment before registration date

- Follow advisor's directions to schedule and attend advisement

FALL
2025

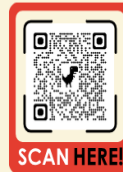
FYA EVENTS

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08/27

FIRST-YEAR ADVISING KICKOFF SOCIAL

TOMMY'S PLACE
5:00PM-7:00PM



View more details
on Engage SC!

FIRST-YEAR ADVISING OPEN HOUSE

GFS 320
11:00AM-1:00PM



08/29

09/09

NAVIGATING USC RESOURCES

MICHELSON HALL (MCB)
4:00PM-6:00PM



EXPLORING MAJORS & MINORS

MUDD HALL (MHP) 203
6:00PM-8:00PM



09/18

10/01

PREPARING FOR SPRING SEMESTER

ZOOM
6:00PM-7:30PM



USC
Dornsife
First-Year Advising



**CLICK FOR
MORE INFO**

FYA offers
a series of programs
**exclusive to
Dornsife
freshmen**
that supplements
advisement
and provides
opportunities for
students to connect
with each other and
the university.



Celebrate the start
of your year with us
at the **August 27
Kickoff Social!**

CALENDAR Fall 2025



TIP

Check off items to add to your calendar and plan ahead!



MONTH	IMPORTANT DATES	OPPORTUNITIES
AUG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> August 16-20: Move in week <input type="checkbox"/> August 21: Dornsife New Student Welcome <input type="checkbox"/> August 22: Student Job Fair <input type="checkbox"/> August 25: Fall semester begins <input type="checkbox"/> August 26-28: Involvement Fair <input type="checkbox"/> August 27: First-Year Advising Kickoff Social <input type="checkbox"/> August 29: First-Year Advising Open House 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend welcome week events <input type="checkbox"/> Organize your schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Use resources like Kortschak Center to prepare for the year <input type="checkbox"/> Review fall registration and consult advisor about any schedule changes
SEPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> September 9: Navigating USC Resources <input type="checkbox"/> September 12: Last day to add classes and select Pass/No Pass for Session 001 <input type="checkbox"/> September 18: Exploring Majors & Minors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify academic and wellness resources of interest <input type="checkbox"/> Check in with personal support system <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with advisor if you wish to discuss goals and interests <input type="checkbox"/> Attend professor office hours to expand on classroom learning
OCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> October & November: Schedule and attend Pre-Registration Advising with your advisor before permit to register date <input type="checkbox"/> October 1: Preparing for Spring Semester <input type="checkbox"/> October 10: Last day to change Pass/No Pass to Letter Grade for Session 001 <input type="checkbox"/> October 10: Last day to drop courses without “W” for Session 001 <input type="checkbox"/> October 10-11: Fall recess <input type="checkbox"/> October 29 onward: Spring 2026 registration opens by permit to register 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Utilize academic and wellness resources <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for midterm exams <input type="checkbox"/> Check your academic progress in Brightspace or consult your professor/TA
NOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> November 6-9: Trojan Family Weekend <input type="checkbox"/> November 14: Last day to drop a class with a transcript “W” for Session 001 <input type="checkbox"/> November 26-30: Thanksgiving holiday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue using academic and wellness resources <input type="checkbox"/> Create a final exam study plan
DEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> December 5: Fall classes end <input type="checkbox"/> December 6-9: Study days <input type="checkbox"/> December 10-17 Final exams <input type="checkbox"/> December 18-January 11: Winter recess 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study for final exams <input type="checkbox"/> Celebrate your fall semester accomplishments! <input type="checkbox"/> Consider goals for next semester <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy winter break!

RESOURCES



TIP

Identify resources to explore with your advisor

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Dornsife Tutoring: Individual tutoring in a variety of Dornsife subjects. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/tutoring>

Economics Tutoring Center: Free peer tutoring for ECON 203, 205, 303, 305, & 318.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/econ/tutoring-center>

Kortschak Center for Learning & Creativity: Shares strategies for organization, studying, and other learning topics. <https://kortschakcenter.usc.edu>

Math Center: Teaching and Math Center assistants offer drop-in support for all Math courses both in person and online. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/mathcenter>

Supplemental Instruction (SI): Academic assistance for ECON 317, MATH 126, MATH 226, PSYC 274 and specific science courses via small, collaborative groups.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/supplemental-instruction>

Writing Center: Through individual consultation, this center assists with the skills and processes of critical thinking, drafting, and revising that lead to clearly expressed positions, coherent arguments, and persuasive reasoning. Handouts and video tutorials are also available on their website. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/writingcenter>

REGISTRATION

General Education Course Descriptions: View details about GE courses.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/ge/course-descriptions>

Foreign Language: View policies, placement exams, and Level I D-clearance information.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/languages>

Freshman Seminars: Explore topics beyond the regular curriculum with dedicated professors and first-year peers.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/undergrad-programs/fsem>

MyUSC: Portal for accessing such tools as USC email, Brightspace, OASIS, and Web Registration.

<https://my.usc.edu>

Office of Academic Records & Registration:

Provides services including registration, transcripts, petitions, and transfer credit evaluations.

<https://arr.usc.edu>

Schedule of Classes: Resource for viewing a semester's course availability, important deadlines, and related policies. <https://classes.usc.edu>

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Campus Support & Intervention (CSI): CSI works with all student populations to provide support, guidance, and resources to troubleshoot and resolve complex issues.

<https://campussupport.usc.edu/students>

Counseling & Mental Health: A variety of support is available including informal Let's Talk conversations, group therapy, and individual sessions.

<https://sites.usc.edu/counselingandmentalhealth>

Department of Public Safety (DPS): Provides a safe and secure environment on campus and in the local USC community for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors.

<https://dps.usc.edu>

Dornsife Embedded Counselors: Mental health professionals provide tailored support for Dornsife students.

<https://sites.usc.edu/counselingandmentalhealth/services/embedded-counselors>

Mindful USC: Offers mindfulness-related classes, programming and events designed to foster growth, health, compassion, and connection. <https://mindful.usc.edu>

Office of Religious & Spiritual Life (ORSL): Connects students with religious and spiritual communities and offers spiritual support. <https://orsl.usc.edu>

Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS): Ensures equal access for students with disabilities in compliance with state and federal law. <https://osas.usc.edu>

Office of the Ombuds: A safe and confidential space where students can share USC-related concerns.

<https://ombuds.usc.edu>

Recreational Sports: Provides facilities, programs, and services for a variety of recreational activities.

<https://recsports.usc.edu>

Student Basic Needs: For students experiencing food, housing or financial insecurity. <https://studentbasicneeds.usc.edu>

Student Health: Offers health services through a variety of resources and services. <https://studenthealth.usc.edu>

Trojans Care for Trojans (TC4T): For USC students, faculty, and staff to take action when they are concerned about a fellow Trojan challenged with personal difficulties.

<https://campussupport.usc.edu/tc4t>

USC Report & Response: Where students can make a report – anonymously, if preferred – of an incident they have witnessed or experienced that violates campus policies or values.

<https://report.usc.edu/>

MORE RESOURCES

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Maymesters: Opportunities for off-campus domestic and international learning typically offered May through June.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/flp/home/programs-and-resources/maymester>

Overseas Studies: Academic work completed abroad that complements one's studies and offers a deeper understanding of a particular culture.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/overseas-studies>

SOAR - SURF – SHURE: Funding opportunities for undergraduates serving as a faculty's research assistant.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/exl/surf-shure>

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/exl/soar>

For more, visit <https://dornsife.usc.edu/exl/programs>.

CAREER SUPPORT

Dornsife Career Pathways: Works with Dornsife students to align academic and professional interests through student-centered career advisement and programming.

<https://dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways>

USC Career Center: Provides a full range of services and signature events to help students seeking job or internship opportunities. <https://careers.usc.edu>

LinkedIn Learning: An online learning platform that helps students learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

<https://itservices.usc.edu/linkedin-learning>

PRE-PROFESSIONAL ADVISING

Pre-Health Advising: Pre-health advisors aid students in all aspects of pre-health course-planning and application components. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/pre-health>

Pre-Law Advising: Pre-law advisors host events and meet with students to help with the law school application process. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/pre-law>

Pre-Graduate School Advising: Pre-grad advisors host information sessions and assist with all graduate school application components. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/careerpathways/grad-school-advising>

STUDENT COMMUNITIES

Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS): Provides programs, services, and resources for students who identify as Asian Pacific American and educational opportunities for the entire campus. <https://apass.usc.edu>

Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs (CBCSA): Helps create an optimal learning environment for students who identify as Black and the Trojan family at large.

<https://cbcsa.usc.edu>

First-Generation+ Success Center: Those first in their family to attend college bring valuable strengths to USC. This center supports their journey through mentorship, academic and career resources, community-building events, and a welcoming space to thrive.

<https://firstgenplussc.usc.edu>

La CASA: Works with students who identify as Latinx to provide academic, personal, and cultural support, as well as helping students develop leadership skills.

<https://lacasa.usc.edu>

LGBTQ+ Center: Welcomes students from across the gender and sexuality identity spectra to provide support, education, advocacy, and connection with the community.

<https://lgbtqplus.usc.edu>

Office of International Services: A resource center that provides information for both incoming and current international students. <https://ois.usc.edu>

USC Veterans Resource Center: Supports military, veteran, and military-connected students. <https://vrc.usc.edu>

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Dornsife Continuing Student Scholarship: Undergraduate Dornsife major students who plan to be enrolled as full-time for the following academic year are eligible to apply. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/css>

Financial Aid: Offers information and support for financial aid questions. <https://financialaid.usc.edu>

Scholarship Universe: A scholarship matching tool that identifies scholarships based on your profile. <https://usc.scholarshipuniverse.com/public/home>

For more university scholarships and fellowships visit <https://awardsdatabase.usc.edu/app>.

TROJAN TERMS



IDENTIFY TERMS TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR ADVISOR, THEN GET MORE TIPS HERE



ACADEMIC ADVISING

Process by which students – in partnership with academic advisors – pursue goals, navigate academics, and engage with the campus community.

ADVISE USC

Accessible through [MyUSC](#), [Advise USC](#) is where advisors and advisees schedule appointments, create course plans, generate referrals, and share support case queries.

BRIGHTSPACE

Online course management system available through [MyUSC](#) where students access course materials and grades.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Standards of conduct expected of all USC students are listed in the [Student Handbook](#). Violations may result in disciplinary action.

COREQUISITE

A course that must be taken prior to, or at the same time as, another course. Details are listed in a course's description in Web Registration, Schedule of Classes, and Catalogue.

COURSE PLAN

Plan of courses and other academic activities co-authored with an academic advisor. Course Plans are created in [Advise USC](#).

CURRICULUM

Courses required to complete a program of study. View details in a program's listing within the [Catalogue](#).

D-CLEARANCE

Classes with 5-digit section numbers ending in "D" require permission to enroll. Details are available on a department's [Schedule of Classes](#) listing. Compare with R-clearance.

ELECTIVE

Courses numbered 100-499 that explore student interests. Dornsife Electives count toward the Dornsife unit requirement. Electives outside Dornsife may count toward the 128-unit Degree requirement.

FERPA

[Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act](#) governing student record privacy and access. USC will not release personally identifiable information without student consent.

FULL-TIME

An undergraduate student enrolled in 12 or more semester units.

MANDATORY ADVISING

Required advising appointment with your academic advisor that must be completed before registering for next semester's classes.

MIDTERM

Exams to assess understanding of class material. May be given during the middle of, or at multiple times throughout, the semester. See course syllabus for details.

MINOR

A program of study requiring fewer courses than a major but must be completed alongside a major. Minor programs will be listed in official transcripts and certificate issued upon awarding of the bachelor's degree.

OASIS

Online portal for academic records accessible through [MyUSC](#). Includes: STARS Report, Transfer Credit Report, restrictions (holds), and permit to register.

PART-TIME

An undergraduate student enrolled in fewer than 12 semester units.

PERMIT TO REGISTER

Date and time when eligible students begin class registration. Listed on [MyUSC](#) > OASIS and [MyUSC](#) > Web Registration. Permits are based on number of completed units.

PREREQUISITE

A course that must be completed before the student may begin a specific class.

R-CLEARANCE

Course section numbers ending in "R" with seats available are open to registration.

REGISTRATION

Students enroll in courses through [MyUSC](#) > Web Registration. Some holds may restrict registration. See OASIS or Web Registration for restrictions (holds).

STARS REPORT

Detailed list of degree requirements that have been completed and/or not yet fulfilled. Viewable in [MyUSC](#) > OASIS.

SYLLABUS

Instructor's outline of a course's deadlines, assignments, grading scale, and other important details.

TRANSFER CREDIT REPORT

List of credits awarded for transfer college courses and exams (AP, A-level, IB, etc.) viewable in [MyUSC](#) > OASIS.

FIRST-YEAR CORNER



FIRST YEAR ROADMAP

**FIRST-YEAR
ADVISING**



**WELCOME
TROJANS
ORIENTATION**



**FYA EVENTS
THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR**



**PARTNER WITH
ACADEMIC
ADVISOR**



**TRANSITION
TO DEPARTMENTAL
ADVISING**



**SOPHOMORE
& BEYOND**



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