

USC Department of American Studies and Ethnicity

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

(All required application materials must be received by December 1, 2024.)

A. APPLICATION

All graduate applicants are required to submit a USC On-line Application for Graduate Admission. The USC Application for Graduate Admission must be submitted online at <https://usc.liasoncas.com/>.

Information on financial aid are available from USC Financial Aid, JHH Lobby, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0911, (213)740-1111, or <http://gradadm.usc.edu/explore/paying-for-usc/>. The application deadline for Fall 2025 is December 1, 2024. All application materials must be received by the deadline.

Foreign students should contact International Admissions for details of language requirements, visa, etc. (213)740-5686.

B. ACADEMIC RECORDS

All applicants must send official copies of their academic transcripts to the Office of Graduate Admission. In addition, applicants must have copies of official transcripts uploaded online.

Please note that the USC Department of American Studies and Ethnicity no longer requires Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.

C. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

A minimum of three letters of support are required. Letters from faculty familiar with your work in American studies, ethnic studies, or a related field are encouraged. The letters should be submitted by recommenders through the on-line application.

D. PERSONAL STATEMENT

A one-thousand word typewritten essay (maximum length four pages, double spaced) explaining why you are interested in obtaining an advanced degree in an interdisciplinary program, why you are interested in the Department of American Studies & Ethnicity, and how it relates to your personal objectives and past experience. Add any other pertinent information concerning your qualifications. The essay should be submitted through the on-line application.

E. RESEARCH PAPER IN AMERICAN STUDIES, ETHNIC STUDIES, OR A RELATED FIELD

An undergraduate or graduate research paper or a critical essay (i.e. term paper, thesis) that represents your best work, preferably on a topic in your area of interest. The research paper (maximum of 25 pages) should be submitted through the on-line application.

Send the following to:

**USC Office of Graduate Admissions
3601 S. Flower Street, Room 112
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0915**

1) Official Transcripts (or send to etrans@usc.edu)

Submit the following thru the online application:

- 1) USC Online Application for Graduate Admission
- 2) Personal Statement
- 3) Curriculum Vitae
- 4) Research Paper
- 5) Copy of Transcripts
- 6) 3 Letters of Recommendation

IMPORTANT: It is applicant's responsibility to make sure all required materials have been submitted. An application will not be considered for admission if any of the required supporting documents are missing.