REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST

(All required application materials must be received by December 1, 2020.)

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.liaisoncas.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 2021 is December 1, 2020. 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
[9/25/2020 Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and concerns of graduate applicants' ability to successfully complete the GRE exam, the university is temporarily suspending the GRE requirement for all applicants during the 2021 admission cycle (Applications for Fall 2021 Graduate Admission)] All applicants must send official copies of their academic transcripts and optionally send scores from Graduate Record Examination (GRE) to the Office of Graduate Admission. On the GRE application form, fill in Score Report Recipient as follows: Institution Code (4852) &, if applicable, Department Code (2206). In addition, applicants must have copies of official transcripts uploaded online and optionally can have GRE scores self-reported in the Academic History section of the online application.

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 admscan@usc.edu)
2) Official GRE Scores* (Use Institution code: 4852 and, if applicable, use Dept Code: 2206)

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

*Please make sure you include the institution code (4852) and the department code (2206) on the GRE Score Report Recipient form. You only need to fill out one line on the form to make sure both the USC Admission’s Office and the Department receive a copy of your scores.

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.