International Student Application Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in applying to the M.S. in Applied Psychology (MAPP) program at USC! All application materials must be submitted by the application deadline to receive consideration. Incomplete applications may be delayed to the next application review round.

Application Deadlines
January 1- Priority Admission
March 1- Regular Admission

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete application includes all of the following:

- Online Graduate Admissions Application
  - including $90 non-refundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended
  - Official transcripts must be sent directly to USC.
  - To send official transcripts, please click on the link below and carefully read the detailed guidelines: https://gradadm.usc.edu/lightboxes/international-students-transcript-requirements/
- GRE Official Test score within five years of application
  - Official test scores must be sent from the testing agency directly to USC.
  - To send scores, use USC’s ETS school code: 4852.
  - Please also upload a GRE Test Score Summary Report to the application portal
- Professional Resume
- Personal Statement (750 words maximum)
  - Your essay should address both questions thoroughly, and be submitted as a single document. See below for essay questions:
    - How do your background, experiences or interests lead you to seek applications of psychology in organizations, with a focus on employees or consumers?
    - Why do you believe the USC MAPP program can help you achieve your career goals?
- Three letters of recommendation
  - Include at least one academic reference and at least one professional reference
- International applicants whose native language is not English must demonstrate English language proficiency by submitting either TOEFL or IELTS scores
  - TOEFL/IELTS tests must be taken within the last 2 years and must be submitted directly from testing service.
  - To send scores, use USC’s ETS code 4852
- Evidence of financial support (refer to USC Office of Graduate & International Admission: Financial Support for instructions). You do not need to mail any documents directly to MAPP.

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APPLICATION TIPS
Before you begin your application, please make sure to read all the application instructions carefully. While you will be able to add to certain segments on the application (e.g. test scores) post submission, you will not be able to make revisions once the application has been submitted.

Transcripts
Transcript submission is a two-step process.

- **Step One:** Request official transcripts from each college or university you attended (printouts from portals are not acceptable).
  - Scan and upload these official transcripts in the application system online.
  - College or university-issued transcripts must be received from all institutions attended (regardless of whether credit or degree was earned).
- **Step Two:** After you submit your application and receive your 10-digit USC ID number, request that a second hard copy of all official transcripts be sent from all institutions directly to US. Hard copy transcripts must arrive at USC in a sealed envelope from the institution.
  - Hard copies of official transcripts from all post-secondary schools you have attended should be sent to the address provided below:
    
    University of Southern California  
    USC Office of Graduate Admissions  
    3601 S. Flower Street, Rm. 112  
    Los Angeles, CA 90089

Recommendation Letters
- Provide the name and email address for each reference who will electronically submit a letter of recommendation prior to submitting your online application.
- References will receive an email with a password and directions for submitting their reference
- It is your responsibility to ensure all recommendations are submitted by the deadline.

Pay Your Application Fee
- Application fees must be paid via credit or debit card.
- To request a fee waiver, visit:  
  http://gradadm.usc.edu/lightboxes/us-studentsfee-waivers/

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER APPLYING?
- You will receive your 10-digit USC ID via email within two to three business days after you submit your online application. Please keep this ID on record and make sure to include it in all your communication with USC.
- After your application is submitted, the admissions team will provide you with timely and accurate updates on your application status (including missing items).
When you receive your decision notification, follow the instructions on the email to register for and view your decision at youSC: [https://you.usc.edu/login/](https://you.usc.edu/login/)

**QUESTIONS?**
For additional assistance completing your application for the on campus program, contact the MAPP Admissions Counselor, Alexis Szemraj at szemraj@usc.edu or 213.740.4883.

**Visas:** Please note that the USC Office of Graduate and International Admissions will only issue I-20 or DS-2019 certificates after you have been admitted and certified your enrollment in the MSW program.

**Funding for International Students:** international students are not eligible for federal or university need-based financial aid from the USC Financial Aid Office. More information and resources are available on the [USC Financial Aid Office: International Students](https://you.usc.edu/login/) page.