



RHC TO USC

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE LITERACIES REQUIREMENTS FOR USC

Fall 2025 through Summer 2026

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Students still in high school: College courses taken *before high school graduation* can fulfill GE requirements, but not the lower-division writing requirement, or the foreign language requirement, nor can they earn USC course equivalence. Courses must be taught on the college campus by college faculty and not used toward high school graduation to earn credit; courses taught in a high school setting or exclusively to a high school student population, even if they are transcribed by a college or university, do not earn credit at USC. **USC students:** Once you have enrolled at USC, *you cannot take transfer courses to fulfill GE Core Literacy Requirements or the lower-division writing requirement*. You may take transfer courses in the summer only to fulfill GE Global Perspectives or foreign language credit, obtain equivalence to a USC course, or earn elective units. Students should submit a Summer Pre-Approval request online in OASIS prior to registering for summer coursework outside of USC. **General education core literacy requirements:** Students are required to take 8 courses from 6 GE Core Literacy areas. Students may fulfill any GE Core Literacy Requirement with transfer coursework taken before starting USC, but are required to take at least two GE Core Literacy courses from the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences after starting at USC. The transfer institution department name and appropriate course number or numbers are listed.

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CORE LITERACY CATEGORY A: THE ARTS (Choose ONE of the following) ART 104, 105, 105H, 106, 106H, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 113, 115; DANC 179, 199; LIT 147, 148; MUS 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135, 136; MUST 151; THTR 101, 105, 105H			
CORE LITERACY CATEGORY B: HUMANISTIC INQUIRY (Choose TWO of the following) HIST 101, 102, 122, 143, 143H, 144, 144H; HUM 110, 111, 125, 125H; LIT 102, 112A, 112AH, 112B, 112BH, 114, 114H, 117, 117H, 130, 130H, 140, 140H, 141, 142, 142H, 144A, 144B, 145, 145H, 146A, 146AH, 146B, 146BH, 149; PHIL 101, 101H, 120, 124, 126, 128, 128H, 135, 140; POLS 128, 128H			
CORE LITERACY CATEGORY C: SOCIAL ANALYSIS (Choose TWO of the following) ANTH 102, 102H, 103, 104, 125; CHST 101, 146, 148, 150; ECON 135; GEOG 102, 103; HIST 131, 157, 158, 159, 159H, 167, 170; HUM 130; POLS C1000, C1000H, 125, 135, 140, 150; SOC 101, 101H, 102, 114, 116, 120			
CORE LITERACY CATEGORY D: LIFE SCIENCES (Choose ONE course; lab component required) BIOL 111 & 111L; 200			
CORE LITERACY CATEGORY E: PHYSICAL SCIENCES (Choose ONE of the following; lab component required) CHEM 110, 130; GEO 150 & 151 PHY 120, 150, 211			
CORE LITERACY CATEGORY F: QUANTITATIVE REASONING (Choose ONE course) ECON 101, 101H, 102, 102H; MATH 160, 170, 180, 190, 190H, 191, 250; PHIL 115; PSY 190; STAT C1000, C1000H			
GENERAL EDUCATION GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES REQUIREMENT COMPLETE ONE COURSE FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TWO CATEGORIES (NOTE: A COURSE MAY APPLY TO BOTH A CORE LITERACY REQUIREMENT AND A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES REQUIREMENT IF TAKEN PRIOR TO STARTING AT USC)			
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE CATEGORY G: (Choose ONE of the following) PHIL 135; POLS 140			

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE CATEGORY H: (Choose ONE of the following) ART 104, 105, 105H, 106, 106H, 107, 108, 109; HIST 101, 102, 122, 143, 143H, 144, 144H; HUM 110, 111, 125, 125H; MUS 130, 131; PHIL 124, 126, 128, 128H; POLS 128, 128H; THTR 105, 105H			
LOWER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT: ENGL C1001, C1001H Fulfills the lower division writing requirement if completed after graduating from high school and before starting at USC. MUST BE TAKEN FOR A LETTER GRADE			
MATH ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENT High school math sequence through Algebra II or MATH 70 or 73 (Intermediate Algebra) or higher. (Some majors require a higher level of Math)			

According to "Transferring to USC," the average college GPA for admitted transfer students was 3.79 (as of July 2025).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Many majors require a third-semester foreign language course or equivalent that must be completed with a "C-" or better and must be taken in person (not online); check each major individually. Students will be required to take a foreign language placement exam to continue in language courses at USC.

IF REQUIRED BY THE INTENDED MAJOR, THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT CAN BE MET IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. TESTING OUT OF THE 3RD SEMESTER ON THE USC FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION (LANGUAGE CENTER) OR
2. TAKING A LEVEL I, II AND III COURSE, OR
3. PASSING A LEVEL III LANGUAGE COURSE AT USC OR IN TRANSFER.

Additional Information about Transferring to USC

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and other standardized examinations:

USC awards 4 semester units of elective credit for AP examinations taken Spring 2009 or later with a score of 4 or 5. Exams must be taken before matriculation at any two-year or four-year college. (Most AP tests taken before Spring 2009 with a score of 3 will also earn elective units.) No credit is given for projected scores, partial scores, or subscores. AP scores do not earn course equivalence. Students may not receive credit for both an AP exam (or IB or other international exam) and a college course taken before high school graduation covering the same subject matter, nor for an AP and IB exam covering the same subject matter. Students may receive a combined maximum of 32 elective units for college courses taken before high school graduation and/or examinations (e.g., AP, IB, or other international exams) taken before matriculation at a two-year or four-year college.

Academic Renewal: USC does not honor other colleges' academic "renewal" or "forgiveness" programs that permit students to improve a substandard grade. If you repeat a transferable course for which you earned a grade of D+ or lower, both grades will be included in your transfer GPA. If the grade on the first course was a C- or higher, only the first grade is included.

Important Deadlines:

December 1, 2025: Transfer application deadline for some majors requiring a portfolio or audition.

February 15, 2026: Transfer application deadline for all other majors.

Credit Limitations:

1. Will not accept a course with a grade of C- or lower;
2. Foreign language and laboratory science courses taught via distance learning, TV, or in an online or correspondence format will only be granted elective units
3. No credit will be granted for a course that repeats credit from another college course, or from an AP or IB exam.

PLEASE NOTE: This information is for advisement purposes only and may be subject to change. Please check with USC to verify these requirements.

For more information, please refer to the USC Articulation website at <http://arr.usc.edu/services/articulation/generalinfo.html> 1.28.26ER