

THE USC GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

GE Categories Effective Fall 2014



(For students who started college before Fall 2015)

(Students who graduated from high school prior to Spring 2015 will follow this USC GE program)

USC's six General Education categories are described below. Students should take at least one course from each category. Please note that you must take courses fulfilling categories IV and VI and an additional upper division writing course at USC. Category IP **Fullerton College** R Courses focus on the Greco-Roman or Judeo-Christian traditions from origin through modern European culture, with at least a two century span (e.g. Western Civilization). Art 112 F; 113 F **Western Cultures** 110 F: 110HF: 111 F: 111HF **History** and Traditions Philosophy & Religious St. 135 F; 201 F; 202 F **Political Science** 120 F Courses focus on cultures and civilization alternative to Western Europe or westernized cultures, such as Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Native America. Anthropology 102 F: 102HF: 209 F **Global Cultures and** 116 F; 212 F; 213 F **Traditions Ethnic Studies** 160 F **History** 154 F; 160 F Philosophy & Religious St. 250 F: 270 F Courses focus on basic specific principles and on how those principles have developed. Introductory science courses with a lab meet this category. **Biology** 101 F; 101HF; 170 F; 222 F 111AF Chemistry Scientific **Earth Sciences** 100 F with 100LF; 101 F with 101LF; Inquiry 116 F or 116HF with 116LF: (requires a lab) Geography 102 F with 102LF **Physics** 130 F or 130HF with 130LF 130 F; 205 F; 210 F; 221 F; 221HF Courses focus on a particular area of research using perspective from many scientific disciplines in order to show connections among Take at USC fields, and possible real-world uses and consequences. Science and Its You must take this course at USC. **Significance** This category requires analysis of literature, art or music, drama, cinema, photography, or works written by (not about) philosophers. Art 114 F **English** 102 F; 102HF; 203 F; 204 F; 207 F; 211 F; 212 F; 214 F; **Arts & Letters** 221 F; 222 F; 224 F; 225 F; 234 F: 234HF: 245 F: 246 F: 248 F; 249 F; 251 F; Courses focus on local, national and international problems, and developing the analytical skills to understand them in a broad context. Take at USC There is a writing course co-registered with each course and a companion series of evening courses. Social Issues You must take this course at USC.



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REQUIREMENT	DESCRIPTION	С	IP	R
Writing All students must demonstrate their ability to write college-level expository prose through fulfilling a two-course requirement. For information, call the Writing Program at (213) 740-1980	Any course below fulfills the lower division writing requirement <u>if</u> <u>completed after graduating from high school and before starting</u> <u>at USC</u> (an additional upper division writing course must be completed at USC): English 103 F; 103HF; 104 F; 201 F Philosophy & Religion Studies 172 F			
Foreign Language Not all USC majors have a foreign language requirement. For more information, call the Admissions Center at (213) 740-6616.	The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and some other USC majors must complete the third semester (or fifth quarter) of a college-level foreign language with a passing grade (C- or higher), or pass USC's placement examination at a level equivalent to third semester competency. Students who do not finish their third semester (or fifth quarter) before transferring to USC must take USC's placement examination to determine their level of competency. If the test score indicates placement into a level which the student has already completed, the student will be advised (but not required) to repeat the course at USC for no additional credit. Therefore, if your major requires the foreign language skill level and if you have started taking a foreign language, you are advised to complete the requirement before transferring to USC. For additional information visit https://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/transfer/			
For SPAN 203 F and SPAN 204 F: Credit will only be granted if taken in a traditional classroom setting (NOT online/hybrid), SPAN 203F is equivalent to SPAN 220 and fulfills the level three language requirement, and SPAN 204 F fulfills the level four language requirement. After admission to USC, students must submit a registration receipt or registration confirmation showing exactly which section they attended.				
Math	To be admitted to USC, you are expected to have achieved a grade of C or better in intermediate algebra at the college level or to have completed a minimum of three years of mathematics in high school, including advanced algebra, also with a C or better. USC majors in the sciences, business and engineering require specific mathematics courses and achievement beyond this level. You should consult with the department to which you intend to apply. If lower-division mathematics courses are required by your major, we advise you to complete these early in your college studies prior to admission to USC.			
Diversity	Ethnic Studies 101 F (Multi); 129 F (Multi); 131 F (Multi); 140 F (Multi); 142 F (Multi); 170 F (Multi); 171 F (Multi) Sociology 101 F (Multi); 101HF (Multi); 225 F (Multi); 225HF (Multi); 290 F (Multi)			
Policies Regarding GE Courses	 No more than four (4) semester units of pass/no pass (C/NC) may be applied to GE requirements. A single course may be used to fulfill both a GE requirement and the diversity requirement. Once a student enrolls in USC, he/she must complete all remaining GE and writing requirements at USC. 			

For more information, see the booklet "Transferring to USC" available on the Internet at: http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/transfer/applied/transferbrochure.html