

Information for Students

A. University	University of Southern California <i>[Commonly referred to as USC; exchange is with USC Viterbi School of Engineering only]</i> http://www.usc.edu/ http://ois.usc.edu/ Incoming Exchange Page
B. Location	Los Angeles, California, USA
C. Academics	
i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer	<p>Please ensure your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home School or Faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your Faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p>
ii) Academic Calendar	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May https://academics.usc.edu/calendar/academic-calendar-2018-2019/
iii) Exchange Duration	One semester
iv) Examination	Students should check the exam timetable at their host university, and ensure they can stay at their host university until after the end of the official exam period.
v) Curriculum Structure	https://classes.usc.edu/registration/
vi) Entry Requirements	CAP of 3.5 out of 5.0 with no grade below C
vii) Language Proficiency Requirements	<p>English</p> <p>New regulations have been issued by the U.S. Department of State for the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program, including a new requirement to document that all J-1 exchange visitors have an adequate level of English proficiency to carry out their proposed program at the university. These changes will be in effect from the Fall 2015 exchange program applications.</p> <p>Students can meet this requirement with a TOEFL iBT score of 90 with no less than 20 on each section or an IELTS score of 6.5 with no less than 6 on each band score. Copies of test scores will need to be submitted with students' exchange application.</p>

	<p>Students who do not have TOELF or IELTS can opt for a telephone or Skype interview, which will be conducted by the USC Admission & Student Affairs Office. USC will contact students to arrange the interview on receipt of their application. This arrangement for the English Language Proficiency evaluation is subject to change.</p>
<p>viii) Modules Compatibility</p>	<p>The NUS-USC exchange is through USC Viterbi School of Engineering only making it a suitable SEP destination for FoE and possibly FoS and SoC students. To get a sense of the types of classes available, kindly refer to the following link and click the term (Fall or Spring) and Viterbi School of Engineering.</p> <p>https://classes.usc.edu/</p> <p>Exchange students are expected to enrol in 15-18 units. This can be anywhere from 4 to 5 courses, depending on how many units each individual course is worth. In your application, please select as many courses as possible to ensure that you are able to enrol in at least 15 units.</p> <p>Each 4-unit course at USC meets for approximately 4 hours a week. Final exams are scheduled over a 1-week period at the end of the semester. The times for all exams are set prior to the semester, and exam times CANNOT be changed. Please pay attention to the final exam schedule when selecting classes.</p> <p>After you have been accepted to USC, you will be sent an email with your USC ID number, as well as instructions on registering for courses. We do our best to place you in your first choices, but due to classroom size limitations, we are not always able to do so. You will be able to change your registration until the end of the third week of classes.</p> <p>Source: http://viterbiundergrad.usc.edu/overseas/exchange/academics/</p>
<p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p>	<p>Students can only take courses from USC Viterbi School of Engineering. All other Schools and Programmes are unavailable.</p>
<p>D. Application</p>	
<p>i) Procedures</p>	<p>All NUS students have to be nominated by NUS before they can apply for a fee-waiver exchange at the host university.</p> <p>The application procedures and list of supporting documents needed by the host university can be found in the SharePoint.</p> <p>Please look for the SEP coordinator at your Dean's Office for the link to the SharePoint.</p>
<p>ii) Deadlines</p>	<p>All NUS students must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home Faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year.</p>

	<p>After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university.</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university by the stipulated deadline, may result in your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p>
<p>E. Accommodation</p>	
<p>i) University Accommodation</p>	<p>On campus housing:</p> <p>USC owns and manages several housing complexes on campus and in the nearby University Park neighbourhood which includes several residences and various apartments. USC-owned housing is available, however it is not guaranteed. Interested students must submit a housing application once they receive their USC ID number.</p> <p>http://viterbiundergrad.usc.edu/overseas/exchange/housing/</p> <p>Off campus housing:</p> <p>Housing around campus is in great demand by USC students. There are several reasons for this: limited USC housing, non-USC housing is relatively cheaper, no need for a long commute to campus.</p>
<p>F. Visa</p>	
<p>Consular/Visa Regulation</p>	<p>Once you have been approved to study in the United States and officially admitted to the University, you will receive your Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019). Your Certificate of Eligibility is valid for 30 days before and 30 days after your academic program. This means that if you so desire, you can arrive in the United States one month before Purdue’s semester begins and depart for your home country one month after the semester ends.</p> <p>After paying the SEVIS fee, take the SEVIS receipt, the Form DS-2019, valid passport, and evidence of financial support to the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate to obtain your J-1 exchange visitor visa. When you depart for the U.S. be sure to carry these documents with you. You should also carry original financial documents as proof to support the funding listed on your Form DS-2019. A United States immigration officer will review these items at your U.S. city of arrival.</p> <p>For more information, please refer to the following link: http://viterbiundergrad.usc.edu/overseas/exchange/prearrival/</p>
<p>G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance</p>	
<p>i) Health/Medical Insurance</p>	<p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to the following link: http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/students/student-travel.html</p>

	<p>For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/finance/docs/FAQs.pdf</p> <p>If the insurance coverage is not enough, students are advised to purchase additional health and/or travel insurance from their preferred agent.</p> <p><i>USC requires that all international students either have proof of U.S.-based health insurance or enrol in the USC Student Health Insurance Plan. Enrolment in the USC plan is automatic (you do not need to do anything). In addition, all USC students, even those with non-USC health insurance, are required to pay a Health Center Fee for the semester.</i></p> <p><i>For more information, please refer to the following link (scroll down to Insurance & Immunizations section):</i> http://viterbiundergrad.usc.edu/overseas/exchange/prearrival/</p>
<p>ii) Emergency Number at host university</p>	<p>https://dps.usc.edu/</p>
<p>H. Cost of Living</p>	
<p>i) Estimated Monthly Living Expenses</p>	<p>http://viterbiundergrad.usc.edu/overseas/exchange/finances/</p>