

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUIDELINES
COMMUNICATION JOURNALISM PUBLIC RELATIONS

As an applicant, it is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with USC's transfer policies and procedures. Refer to <http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/apply/transfer.html> for information about the application process, core requirements, the transfer planning worksheet and the *Transferring to USC* Brochure.

In addition, you are urged to follow these guidelines to enhance your preparation for an undergraduate major at USC Annenberg.

Transfer Selection

Admission to USC Annenberg is competitive. The quality and rigor of your undergraduate academic course work are primary considerations in our review process. For fall 2008, the average GPA of admitted USC Annenberg transfer applicants was 3.67. However, there is no GPA that guarantees admission.

Annenberg Admission Recommendations

- Satisfy USC's transfer requirements in English and Math. Refer to the Web site cited above.
- Complete General Education categories 1, 2, 3, and 5 and the Diversity core requirement.
- Complete one semester (or two quarters) of college/university foreign language course work before transferring. If you are fluent in another language, please indicate that language proficiency on your résumé.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a college/university instructor or academic advisor. Letters from high school teachers or counselors are not accepted.
- Submit a one page Statement of Intent with your application if you are applying to the Journalism or Public Relations majors. This statement is your opportunity to discuss your motivation for pursuing a major in Journalism or Public Relations at USC and to describe your future career goals and aspirations.
- Complete no more than 40 units for the Journalism or Public Relations major and no more than 64 units for the Communication major. Contact your USC admission counselor (refer to the USC Admission Web site to determine the name and contact information) if you have completed 24 units or fewer for admission advice.

Additional Criteria:

The USC Annenberg School admissions committee also considers the following factors:

- Strong writing skills demonstrated in essays and grades in college English Composition courses
- Interest and commitment to major demonstrated by internships, employment, student clubs and organizations, or community service
- Leadership in campus organizations, student government, community service, or clubs
- Employment, family responsibility and other circumstances that may have impacted your academic performance
- Non-traditional or returning adult students with weaker academic performance in early college experience and strong grades (A's and B's) in more recent transferable course work
- Coursework that may be helpful for upper division classes, such as college statistics for Communication majors

Additional Notes:

- If you are attending a four-year college or university, contact USC Admission for advice regarding course work to meet General Education and core requirements.
- There are no lower-division prerequisites for Communication, Public Relations or Journalism. Students admitted to the Journalism major cannot apply journalism course work taken at another community college or university toward their USC degree.
- Applicants attending California community colleges must review articulation agreements available on the USC Web site and at your college's transfer center.
- Admission interviews are not available for transfer applicants. Supplemental materials will not be reviewed as part of the admission process.

More questions? Plan to attend a Transfer Day Program hosted by USC Admission. An Annenberg presentation is offered at each program. Contact the USC Admission Center at 213-740-1111 to make a program reservation.

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