

USC Annenberg

School for Communication
and Journalism

DEGREE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

USC Annenberg collaborates with the **London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)** to offer a dual master's degree program in global media and communication. You will study the impact of globalization on communication, society, culture, politics and media practices in two of the world's most important media capitals, London and Los Angeles. At both institutions, you have access to experts in new technology, global communication organizations, international telecommunications and media studies. A final research project on global communication will be the product of work done at both institutions. Upon satisfaction of all degree program requirements, you will be awarded a **Master of Arts (M.A.) in Global Communication** by USC and a **Master of Science (MSc) in Global Media and Communications** by the LSE.

When is the application deadline?

There is no deadline. Applications will no longer be accepted once the program is full. You are encouraged to apply when the LSE application opens early in October. If you choose to apply after February 1, please check the program availability on the LSE Web site: www2.lse.ac.uk/study/graduate/availableProgrammes.aspx

Am I required to submit applications to both schools?

Yes, you must apply to LSE and USC.

First, complete the online LSE application at www.lse.ac.uk/collections/graduateAdmissions/ and pay the LSE application fee. See the LSE web site for details, or contact the LSE Student Recruitment Office for details: media@lse.ac.uk or 020 7955 6613. **You must submit all required supporting materials (resume, statement of purpose, etc.) to complete this application.**

Second, complete the online USC Graduate Admission Application at: www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/applyonline. **The USC application fee is waived** if you select the fee waiver option. **You are not required to upload your resumé, writing samples or reference materials to the USC application.** However, you must request to have your English test scores reported if required and official transcripts (original language and English translations) from all universities you have attended must be submitted to USC's Graduate Admissions office.

Is there a certain GPA required for admission to this degree program?

Although no GPA guarantees admission, a minimum 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative GPA from your undergraduate institution, or the international equivalent, is required for this degree program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Complete all admission testing as early as possible and no later than one month prior to the application deadline.

- International students must submit valid TOEFL or IELTS scores; scores are valid if taken within 2 years of degree program start date. USC Annenberg recommends a minimum TOEFL score of 114 (IBT) or minimum IELTS score of 8.0 for all degree program applicants.
- International applicants who completed their entire undergraduate degree in the US or another Anglophone country where English is both the language of instruction and the only official language of the country are exempt from submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores. Completing a graduate degree in an Anglophone county does not exempt you from submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Go to www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/apply. Complete the online USC Graduate Admission Application. Enter your name as it appears on your passport. If applicable, indicate any alternate or previous name in the "other name" field. **Upload the following supporting materials before submitting your application:**

- Résumé or CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Writing Sample
- Unofficial copies of transcripts from all college/universities attended, including USC. (Only upload the English language translations of international transcripts.)
- Recommendation Letters - Create online profiles by providing names and email addresses of your referees. Apply Yourself will send instructions and forms automatically. USC Annenberg only accepts online recommendations.

What test scores must I submit to apply?

For the first year at LSE, refer to www2.lse.ac.uk/intranet/students/tableOfFees/home.aspx for the fees. U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply for financial aid through LSE at <http://www.lse.ac.uk/intranet/LSEServices/financeDivision/feesAndStudentFinance/feesAndLoans/LoansUSA.aspx>

For the second year at **USC Annenberg**, domestic and permanent U.S. residents should refer to the USC Financial Aid Website: <http://www.usc.edu/admission/fa/graduates/continuing/applying.html>. U.S. citizens and permanent residents may apply for federal need-based financial aid.

International student applicants should review the guidelines for submitting financial documents at www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/international/financialsupport.html. International students must demonstrate proof of ability to live and study at USC.

All students are eligible to apply for **USC Annenberg** departmental merit scholarships and research associate positions for their second year at USC; application forms and instructions are disseminated during the Lent term of your first year at the LSE.

Are there opportunities to learn more about the M.A./MSc in Global Communication?

Refer to the LSE and Annenberg websites for details about campus visit programs, events that faculty and admissions officers will attend in your local area, and online information sessions.

Pay the \$85 non-refundable application fee with a credit card or request an application fee waiver. Fee waiver requirements may be found at www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/faq/index.html

Submit your online application before or on the stated application deadline for your degree program(s). USC Graduate Admissions will send your USC ID via email 2-3 days after you submit your online graduate admission application.

After receiving your USC ID, mail the following materials to:

University of Southern California
Office of Graduate Admission
3601 South Flower St., Room 112
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0915

- Official transcripts from all colleges universities attended, including any study abroad programs. Original language and English translation are required.

All supporting documents must be submitted online with the application in English; limit each document to 1 MB in .pdf or .doc format. Once the application has been submitted, you may not upload, change, correct or change any supporting materials. Once submitted, all materials and documents become the property of USC Annenberg. Incomplete applications may not be reviewed.

Once your complete application is submitted and processed, it will be released to the faculty admission committee for review.