ACADEMIC POLICIES

IMPORTANT REMINDER: COMM and JOUR D-clearances will expire on April 29, 2016. Be sure to register by this date or your D-clearance(s) will expire and your spot will be offered to the next student on the wait list.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
The following is the Annenberg School’s policy on academic integrity as published in the University catalogue: "The School for Communication/Journalism maintains a commitment to the highest standards of ethical conduct and academic excellence. Any student found responsible for plagiarism, fabrication, cheating on examinations, or purchasing papers or other assignments will be reported to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs and Community Standards and may be dismissed from the Annenberg School. There are no exceptions to the school’s policy."

USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Annenberg Communication and Journalism Undergraduate Degree links)

CLASS ATTENDANCE
Please be sure to attend the first class meetings of your Annenberg classes or the instructors may drop you from their classes. The Annenberg School adheres to the university policy, which states "an instructor may replace any student who without prior consent does not attend... (a) the first two class sessions or (b) the first class session of the semester for once-a-week classes. It is then the student’s responsibility to withdraw officially from the course through the Registration Department."

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GRADING
Undergraduate degrees:
Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative and major grade point average to graduate from the university. Students need to earn a D- or above to pass their classes (excludes JOUR course work for majors).

JOUR Majors Only: Students are required to complete each journalism class with at least a grade of C-.
Journalism courses with a grade of D+ or below must be repeated; courses may only be retaken once.

USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Annenberg Journalism Undergraduate Degrees link)

CREDIT FOR INTERNSHIPS
If you’re looking for internship courses, here are four you can try: COMM 205 Communication Practicum (1-2 units, max. 4 units); JOUR 205 Journalism Practicum (1-2 units, max. 2 units); MDA 250 Internship for Liberal Arts: Work and Career—Theory and Practice (1-2 units, max. 4 units); and BUAD 495 Practicum in Business Issues (1 unit, max. 12 units; restrictions may apply).

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS
Any student requesting academic accommodations based on a disability are required to register with Disability Services and Programs (DSP) each semester. A letter of verification for approved accommodations can be obtained from DSP when adequate documentation is filed. Please be sure the letter is delivered to the professor, as early in the semester as possible. DSP is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. The office is located in Grace Ford Salvatori Hall (GFS) Room 120 and their phone number is (213) 740-0776. For more information, go to https://dsp.usc.edu/.
AUDITED COURSES
“Students who wish to audit a course at USC must register for the course on web registration and select the audit grade option. A course taken for audit (V) will be assessed at the current tuition rate. A course taken for audit (V) will not receive credit and will not appear on the USC transcript or grade report. A course taken for audit is not included in enrollment for purposes of receiving financial aid.

USC allows students to select the audit grade option for any course up until the 20 percent mark of the session in which the course is offered. For the specific deadline to select the audit grade option of a course, click the Calendar icon next to the course in the courses offered section on the Schedule of Classes.

Under no circumstances will the university allow a petition to request to change the registration status of a course from a letter grade or credit to audit (V) or vice versa after the grade option deadline.”

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University Transfer Course Work & Grading Policies

Residency (Entering USC in Fall 1997 or after)
After completion of 64 units, no more than 8 additional units may be allowed for transfer credit. A minimum of 64 units must be earned in residence at USC (64 maximum transferable units). Once students matriculate at USC, all courses for subject or unit credit in fall or spring semesters must be taken in residence. (Students can only transfer summer course work.) Once students matriculate at USC, no additional transfer work will be accepted toward general education courses or course work applicable to the writing requirement.

Students must complete a minimum of 128 units, of which not more than 4 units may be physical education units, not more than 8 units may be dance technique courses, and not more than 16 units may be individual instruction in music at the 201/401 levels. Of the 128-unit minimum, at least 32 units must be upper division course work.

Transfer Credit
Before taking courses at another college, go to OASIS and click on “Request for Pre-approval to transfer course work to USC” to complete the online pre-approval process. If the online pre-approval process is not available, turn in a Transfer Course Work Pre-approval form (https://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/forms/Summer_PreApproval.pdf) to Degree Progress (http://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/services/degree-progress/generalinfo.html). Keep a copy for your records. Once they have approved the course(s) you plan to take, contact that school and register. When you have completed the course(s), you have two options: first, have the college send an official transcript to the USC Degree Progress Office; second, have the college mail you an official transcript (do not open it) and hand deliver it to the USC Degree Progress Office (TRO 101). It must be sealed in order for it to be official. Once Degree Progress has received your official transcript, have them update your transfer credit statement.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Scores:
The first option for transfer credit (see above) applies to both AP and IB scores, except you request an official score report from the College Board (www.collegeboard.org) and IB Organization (www.ibo.org), respectively.

Articulation Agreements
To see if a course will transfer, go to the Undergraduate Transfer Credit website (http://www.usc.edu/dept/ARR/services/articulation/generalinfo.html), click on Agreements (left-hand column), and then select the region and select the school. Scroll down to see which classes are transferable. Note: You must fill out and submit a Transfer Course Work Pre-approval form online via OASIS before registering for a course at another school.
**JOUR Majors Only:** The School of Journalism does not accept major course work from another school.

**Grades of Incomplete (IN)**

**Conditions for Completing a Grade of Incomplete (IN):**

“If an IN is assigned as the student’s grade, the instructor will fill out the Assignment of an Incomplete (IN) and Requirements for Completion form which will specify to the student and to the department the work remaining to be done, the procedures for its completion, the grade in the course to date and the weight to be assigned to the work remaining to be done when computing the final grade. A student may complete the IN by completing only the portion of required work not finished as a result of documented illness or emergency occurring after the twelfth week of the semester. Previously graded work may not be repeated for credit.”

*USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Academic Standards link under Academic Policies)*

**Time Limit for Completion of an Incomplete:**

“One calendar year is allowed to complete an IN. Individual academic units may have more stringent policies regarding these time limits. If the IN is not completed within the designated time, the course is considered “lapsed,” the grade is changed to an “IX” and will be calculated into the grade point average as 0 points. Courses offered on a Credit/No Credit basis or taken on a Pass/No Pass basis for which a mark of Incomplete is assigned will be lapsed with a mark of NC or NP and will not be calculated into the grade point average.”

*USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Academic Standards link under Academic Policies)*

**Missing Grades (MG)**

“Marks of MG must be resolved before a degree or certificate will be awarded. If a student wishes to graduate and chooses not to resolve the mark(s) of MG, the mark(s) will be defaulted to mark(s) of UW and will be calculated into the grade point average as 0 grade points.”

*USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Academic Standards link under Academic Policies)*

**Time Limit for Resolution of a Missing Grade**

“One calendar year is allowed to resolve an MG. If an MG is not resolved within one year, the grade is changed to UW and it will be calculated into the grade point average as 0 grade points. Courses offered on a Credit/No Credit basis or taken on a Pass/No Pass basis for which an MG was not resolved within one year will be changed to a mark of NC or NP and will not be calculated into the grade point average.

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*USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Academic Standards link under Academic Policies)*

**Pass/No Pass Graded Work (P/NP)**

“A maximum of 24 units of undergraduate course work taken on a pass/no pass basis may be used toward an undergraduate degree and a maximum of 4 of these 24 units may be applied to the general education requirements. WRIT 130, WRIT 150 and WRIT 340 will not fulfill undergraduate writing requirements if taken on a Pass/No Pass (P/NP) basis.”

*USC Catalogue 2015-2016 (Requirements for Graduation link under Undergraduate Education)*

The Annenberg School does not allow COMM and JOUR majors/minors to take their major/minor courses on a P/NP basis.

The minimum passing grade for a P/NP class is a C-.

**Students who started college prior to fall 2015:** One G.E. (Cat. 1-6), foreign language, diversity and general electives can be taken on a P/NP basis. WRIT 150 and WRIT 340 must be taken for a letter grade.

**Students who started college fall 2015 or later:** “One Core Literacy course may be taken on a pass/no pass basis, and both of the Global Perspective courses may be taken on a pass/no pass basis. Students may choose their GE Seminar as the one Core Literacy course taken on a pass/no pass basis.”
Foreign language and general electives can be taken on a P/NP basis. WRIT 150 and WRIT 340 must be taken for a letter grade.

Students may enroll for courses with the Pass/No Pass grade option on web registration. USC allows students to decide the grade option for any course up until the 20 percent mark of the session in which the course is offered. For the specific deadline to change the grade option of a course, click the calendar icon next to the course on the Schedule of Classes.

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