

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

School: University of Southern California **Date: 9/26/17**

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Is the Rep a school Alum? yes

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: AVG GPA - 3.89 SAT - 1360-1500 mid 50% ACT - 31-34 mid 50%

GPA -How is it calculated? Core vs. Cumulative? Weighted vs. unweighted?

ACT/SAT – Written Portion? Super score? Do not require writing section or Subject Test; Only superscore the SAT

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Evaluate the student in context to their high school offerings

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? Admissions is Comprehensive- Everything Counts

Most popular majors at this school: Psychology, Business School, Cinematic Arts, Journalism & Engineering

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? N/A

Does chosen major affect decision process? Yes- you select 1st & 2nd choice majors when you apply but may change it

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? 62 programs in 32 countries: You study abroad with your particular major

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities?

Research Opportunities? USC is a Research School; Research Opportunities are available as early as freshman year

Special successes the school is known for:

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? NA- private school

When are scholarship deadlines? December 1

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

	<u>PRIVATE SCHOOL</u>
Tuition & Fees	\$ 54,259
Room & Board	\$ 14,885
Total per Year (Two Semesters)	\$ 69,144

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Open House is Saturday, Nov. 11- tours are offered daily most weeks

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students? Several Honors Programs Available

Applications

When are application deadlines? Different decisions: Early Action, Binding, Early Decision, Regular Decision, Rolling? **JAN 15 is Final Application deadline but for consideration of any merit based scholarships, must submit application by DEC 1. There is not an Early Decision nor Early Action option.**

Is an essay required for all decision options? **Essay is selected from Common App - also USC supplement questions**

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? **Yes- usually only 1 letter of recommendation required but some Performing Arts Majors may require more.**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? **Interviews are optional. Demonstrated interest is not tracked.**

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? **N/A only one round of admissions**

Does the school use the Common App? **Yes, with USC supplement** How many applicants are received per year? **56,650**

How much is the application fee? **\$80** Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? **Have about a 17% acceptance rate**

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? **They have 21 Division 1 Sports, also club sports & intramural sports. Over 800 different clubs and organizations.**

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery?

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? **Students have guaranteed housing on campus for first 2 years but are not required to live on campus though most freshman live on campus. Freshman may have cars.**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Both dorm and Suite Style Housing is available. They have 4 different dining halls on campus**

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.) **Campus is not spread out. Everything is contained within one campus except their graduate schools which are about 20 minutes away. They are 20 minutes from downtown LA and a 35-minute train ride to the beach. USC has 6 different Performing Arts School on campus so there are almost always free performances on campus.**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **19,000** Total enrollment? **43,871**

Percentage of male: female- **48:52** Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students –

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **23%**

Where is the school located? **Located in Los Angeles's downtown Arts and Education Corridor**

How far is it from Milton?

Other: **Even though USC is a large university, over 50% of their classes are class size of 20 or less students; They have an 8:1 Student to Faculty Ratio.**