Paying for USC

USC Student Financial Services | 2026-2027

Welcome to the Trojan Family! We know you're looking forward to joining our academic community and taking advantage of all the university has to offer. In this brochure you will find useful information regarding your student account, tuition payments, and the financial services and programs available to you. For more detailed information on student accounts and payment options, visit at **sfs.usc.edu**.

Tuition and Fees

Student Account Overview

Every USC student has a student account. Your account will reflect nearly all of your financial transactions at the university, including:

- **Tuition**
- **Mandatory fees** ***(e.g., orientation fee, program fee, norman topping fee, student health center fee, transportation fee, student health insurance.)***
- **Lab, course and digital material fees**
- **University housing**
- **Meal plan**
- **Health Center charges** (e.g., prescriptions and immunizations)
- **Commitment and housing deposits**
- **Financial aid** awards such as grants, scholarships and loans
- **Payments you make to your student account**
- **USC Payment Plan** credits or debits

Estimated Student Budget

The annual cost table below is an estimated budget to assist you in your financial planning. Your individual costs may vary based on your program of study, housing and meal plan selections.

Estimated Annual Costs

Tuition and fees (12–18 units for two semesters)	**$ 77,276**
University housing and meal plan	**$ 21,942**
Books and supplies	**$ 604**
Personal and miscellaneous	**$ 2,016**
Transportation	**$ 1,188**
New Student Fee	**$ 450**
Total	**$ 103,476**

Your Monthly Statement

You may view your student account at any time by visiting **sfs.usc.edu** and logging in to **USCe.pay**.

Each month, your billing statement is posted online if you have an outstanding balance or have activity on your student account during the month. Notifications are sent to your official USC email address and guest users.

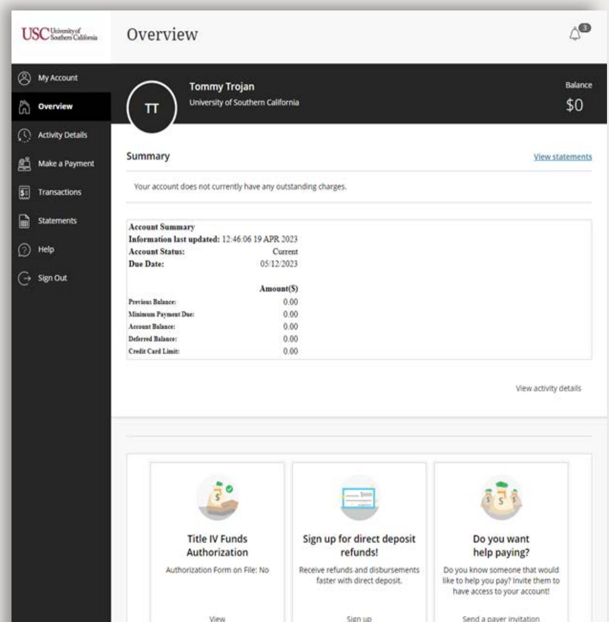
If you preregister for fall classes, your tuition and fees will be included on your July billing statement. Housing, meal plan and parking charges are added to your student account as they are incurred.

University grants and scholarships are generally credited to your student account when tuition and fees are assessed, but federal aid cannot be credited until 10 days prior to the start of the term. Please contact Financial Aid at **financialaid.usc.edu** if you have questions about your scholarships or loans.

Student health insurance is mandatory unless waived. For more information, visit **visit https://studenthealth.usc.edu/upc-student-health-center/**. If you are not eligible to waive the student health insurance fee, add it to your estimated budget.

Your monthly billing statements, current activity and payment plan information are available on USCe.pay.

You can access this service from Experience USC. For complete information, visit sfs.usc.edu.



Student Account Settlement Deadlines
https:// sfs. usc.edu/ deadlines/

Fall 2026:
August 21, 2026

Spring 2027:
January 8, 2027

Fall tuition, fees and other charges on your student account are due in full by **Friday, August 21, 2026.** Spring charges are due by **Friday, January 8, 2027.** Late fees and finance charges will be assessed after these dates.

Late Registration and Late Settlement Fees

First week: $100
Second week: $100
Third week: $100

The university assesses a 1% monthly finance charge on all past-due balances.

By registering for classes, you enter into a legally binding financial obligation for all charges on your student account. Please see the Schedule of Classes at **usc.edu/soc** for more information regarding tuition and fees, payment schedules, deadlines and registration procedures.

Payments and Refunds

Making a Payment

Pay online sfs.usc.edu

- Electronic transfer of funds to USC from your checking or savings account.
- Wire transfer
- Payment plan
- *Effective July 1, 2020, credit cards/debit cards will no longer be accepted for payment of tuition, fees and other charges associated with student accounts. Please visit* **Updated Policy on Credit Card Payments** *for more information*.

Pay by mail

- Make your check, money order or cashier's check payable to University of Southern California.
- Include the student name exactly as it appears on your bill.
- Include your 10-digit USC ID.

Mail checks to:

USC Cashier's Office
620 W. McCarthy Way, Suite 21
Los Angeles, California 90089

Pay in person

In-person payments may be made with:
- Cash (U.S. currency only)
- Check, cashier's check or money order (U.S. banks only)

Locations and Hours

University Park Campus
1150 W. Jefferson Parking Structure, Room 100
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

Health Sciences Campus
Seaver Residence Hall, Suite 102
1969 Zonal Avenue
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm

Requesting a Refund

If you have a credit balance on your student account, you may be eligible for a refund. To receive a refund, you must log in to **USCe.pay** and sign up for eRefund Direct Deposit.

If your bill was paid with cash, check, web check or financial aid and you are eligible for a refund, it will be deposited directly into the student's bank account (regardless of who paid) in 2-3 business days.

Exceptions

Wire Transfer: *If your student account has been overpaid by a wire transfer, the university will return the entire amount of the wire transfer to the originating bank or you may leave the excess funds in your account to be used for future charges. Partial refunds are not allowed.*

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan Refunds: *Parent PLUS loan refunds are automatically sent to the person designated in the loan application (typically the parent borrower) in 5-7 business days.*

Payment Plan Refunds: *Please see page **10** regarding payment plan refunds.*

Prepayment

Features	Prepay up to 5 years' tuition and some mandatory fees at current rate; no tuition increases; minimum 2 years required; unused funds will be refunded at the end of the contract.
Budget Amount	Estimated undergraduate amounts: **2 years: $154,552** **3 years: $231,828** **4 years: $309,104** **5 years: $386,380**
Payments	Your signed agreement must be received, along with prepayment, by the settlement deadline for the first term to be covered under the agreement.
Fees	No fee.
Eligibility	You must be admitted to USC.
Last Day to Apply	Signed agreement and payment in full by **Fall 2026** **August 21** **Spring 2027** **January 8**
Websites	**sfs.usc.edu/payment/prepayment**

Payment Plan

Features	Extended interest-free payment plan over a five-month period per term for university-billed expenses; must apply each term. Trimester payment plan available for ***Dental, MS Geriatric Dentistry, Grad Certificate-Geriatric Dentistry, Law, MBA PM, MS Marketing, Bovard College, MS Public Administration online programs, Master of Science-Nursing, Doctor of Social Work, Annenberg online programs - Communication Management, Digital Media Management, EdD in Organizational Change and Leadership and ELD EdD in Educational Leadership and MS Real Estate Development.***
Budget Amount	You decide the amount based on your estimated or actual charges.
Payments	**Fall term:** 5 monthly payments, August–December. **Spring term:** 5 monthly payments, January–May. Monthly payment equals 1/5 the amount budgeted for the term. **Trimester terms:** 4 monthly payments each term
Fees	$75 application fee per term. *Payments not made on time are subject to a $25 late payment fee.*
Eligibility	Any enrolled USC student with a student account in good standing.
Last Day to Apply	**Fall 2026 : September 11** **Spring 2027: January 29** *Applying for the Payment Plan after the settlement deadline will not cancel any late fees or finance charges already assessed.*
Websites	**sfs.usc.edu/payment/plan**

USC Payment Plan FAQ

Is the Payment Plan account the same as the student account?

No, the student account is the running total of all your university charges and credits. The Payment Plan is a short-term option that allows you to settle the student account through a line of credit.

How much does the Payment Plan cost?

The fee for **2026-2027** is $75 per term.

How do I apply for the Payment Plan?

To enroll in the Payment Plan, log in to sfs.usc.edu/payment/plan. Apply by the account settlement deadline to avoid late fees.

How do I make payments under the Domestic 4- or 5- Pay Payment Plan?

Payments must be made via automatic deduction (ACH) from a U.S. checking or savings account and are processed on the third of the month.

How do I make payments under the International Payment Plan?

Payments must be made in accordance with methods approved by the origin country.

If I participate in the Payment Plan, do I still need to monitor my student account?

Yes, any balance on your student account not included in your budget will be billed to you separately and must be paid by the due date.

How are refunds on my Payment Plan account processed?

Refunds will not be issued from credit balances on your student account until all payments to the Payment Plan for the current term have been made.

When can I apply for the Payment Plan?

The Payment Plan application will open on:

- **July 20 for Fall 2026**
- **December 14 for Spring 2027**

Quick Guide

- Establish guest users at **sfs.usc.edu/epay**
- Review charges on **sfs.usc.edu/epay** before payment due date.
- Calculate projected term cost by deducting aid (excluding work-study) from charges.
- Check your USC email account for billing notices.
- Note settlement due date.
- Determine payment option.
- Enroll in Payment Plan or make full payment online via **sfs.usc.edu/epay**
- Enroll in a Prepayment option.

USC University of Southern California

Student Financial Services
uscsfs@usc.edu
213-740-4077

Cashier's Office
cashier@usc.edu
213-740-7471

Agency Billing
agencybilling@usc.edu
213-740-0427

University Collections
collect@usc.edu
213-740-9087