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USC

University of Southern California



Marshall School of Business

University of Southern California is located at just south of lively beautiful downtown Los Angeles. The university itself is well known as many undergraduate programs ranked top ten in the U.S. with a great number of number one spot (resources: US News and World Report). Moreover, the spirit of the students as we called ourselves as the Trojan is the most amazing thing you can get from here. Once you are a Trojan, you will be the Trojan for a lifetime. USC is known as the university that has the largest number of international students in the states which means you will have a great opportunities to meet and work with diversified races or nationalities. Combining one of the strongest relationships as a Trojan with the alumni or the Trojans that USC has around the world makes wherever and whenever you go to work or travel will be much more easier than you could find anywhere else.

Exchange Life @ USC

Are you thinking about going to study abroad as an exchange student? Are you looking for business school? Do not like the cold weather? Love the beaches? Like the diversified of students? Are you looking for the best semester you could ever get? Do not like to live in countryside? Want to travel along the west coast easily? Love party but also want to get the strong academic knowledge? Undoubtedly, all of these answers are **USC!**





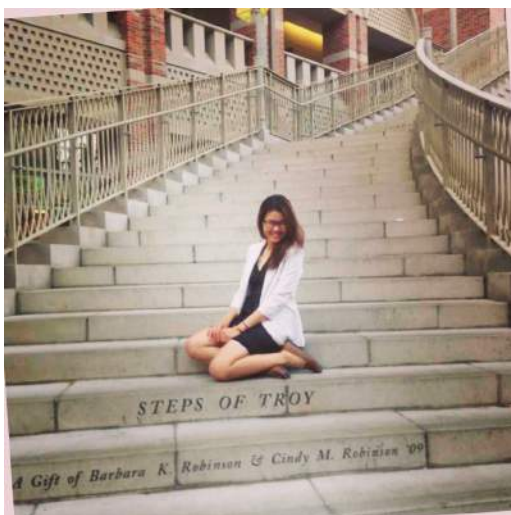
First week tips

First of all, the preparation is very important. In order to live smoothly, you should be well prepared. Not only the visa but also the course equivalency that is the most important things you should prepare. Apart from those two, there are plenty of things you should prepare as well e.g. the apartment, copies of your important documents, plan for your trips during the semester etc.

First week at USC is all about adapting ourselves into the new environment. You should first get SIM card, the best mobile carries in USC



Before arrival, you will get the chance to apply for the buddy program. The host will be the person to help you to be more familiar with any thing in the campus. You will have a chance to meet them on the orientation day. They will bring you around the campus. The apartment that I chose was Founders. You have to buy a lot of things to fill you empty apartment. Having roommates is preferable because you can share many things with them and more importantly is the relationship that you will get.





USC Classes

The classes here are very competitive. You will have to choose at least two business courses to maintain your status as Marshall exchange student. But there are also many interesting class such as those general courses e.g. the self defense, yoga, the science of happiness that you can have as just for fun course during studying here.

Activities

As the weather in LA is pretty warm and very similar to Thailand so you don't have to worry much about adaptation here. It is also good for outdoor sports. The most popular sport is football. There will be the football match almost every single week and you will see that unity of people at So Cal before the games begin as we call it as the tailgate that is the funniest part of the game. In addition, as we live near the coast, there are numerous well-known beaches that we can hang out every weekend. Another advantage of being here in fall semester is you will have a chance to absorb many American cultures and traditions such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, shopping on Black Friday, Christmas and New Year.



Travel

One of the best things being an exchange student here is we can travel a lot. Apart from downtown LA and Hollywood area, we can go to San Diego, Santa Barbara, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon, San Francisco or even Seattle. But you should also be careful of using the bus as it often delays.

Food

If you prefer to cook by yourself, there are supermarket around the campus such as Ralphs and Superior where you can find the fresh ingredients. Every Wednesday, there is also Farmer Market in front of the library. The spicy food is very common here as there are a lot of Mexican restaurants. The nearest authentic Thai food is located at the University village. The best way to find the good restaurants is finding them on Yelp.com.



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