



## USC Sol Price School of Public Policy International Exchange Program 2019-2020

### ABOUT THE PRICE SCHOOL

The mission of the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy is to improve the quality of life for people and their communities, here and abroad. The Price School ranks 3rd among 285 schools of public affairs nationwide, according to U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools" released in 2019. Located three miles from downtown Los Angeles, 13 miles from the beach, and within 60 miles of both deserts and snow-capped mountains, the Price School offers students the opportunity to enjoy the cultural richness of a major city coupled with L.A.'s outdoor lifestyle and unbeatable weather. L.A.'s rich cultural diversity and unique urban setting provides an ideal "living laboratory" for learning.

### NOMINATION DEADLINE

Fall: March 1  
Spring: September 1

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall: Mid-August to Mid-December  
Spring: Early January to Mid-May

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit all documents to the online application. Your home institution will nominate you and provide you with a link. Students admitted into the program will need to provide additional information and documents.

#### Application Documents:

- Current CV/resume, including work/professional experience, extracurricular activities, academic or professional honors or awards, languages of fluency, and computer knowledge
- Personal Statement: approximately 2 pages, outlining reason for pursuing the exchange program at Price and how a semester abroad would enhance your academic and career goals
- Official transcript(s) of all previous and in-progress coursework
- Official TOEFL or IELTS exam scores. Must be taken within the past two years with a score of 100 on the TOEFL (with no less than 20 in each section) or a score of 7 on the IELTS (with no less than 6.5 on each band score)

#### Visa-related Documents:

- Confidential Financial Statement providing proof of ability to fund education and living expenses (form to be provided by Exchange Program Coordinator)
- Copy of the front page of passport, showing full name, photo, passport number, and expiration date

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### STUDENT SERVICES

There are a variety of resources and offices on campus that provide support to all students. These include:

- Orientation
- Academic Advising
- Free Writing Assistance
- Tutoring
- Office of International Services
- Disability Services
- Mental Health Services and Counseling
- Computing Services and Email
- Libraries
- Campus Cruiser (Shuttle) System
- 600+ Student Clubs/Associations
- On-Campus Health Facilities
- On-Campus Sports Facilities
- Club Athletics

## LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- ◆ **Class Format:** Lectures, case analyses/presentations, papers, and projects
- ◆ **Attendance:** Mandatory for most courses
- ◆ **Participation:** Part of the final grade in most courses
- ◆ **Units per course:** 2 or 4
- ◆ **Hours per Unit:** 3 hours of work per unit (1 in class, 2 out of class) each week for 15 weeks
- ◆ **Average Course Load:** 16 units for undergraduates, 12 units for graduate students
- ◆ **Language of Instruction:** English



## COURSE INFORMATION

Exchange students are required to take three-quarters (3/4) of their units within the Price School. Undergraduate students require 12-16 units a semester, and graduate students require 8-12 units a semester.

Exchange students have the same freedom in course selection as regular students. Though courses may be taken outside of the Price School in other departments, these require additional approval and are approved pending available space, fulfillment of any prerequisites, among other criteria.

Exchange students will be provided further information regarding course registration upon admission to the program.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

The schedule of classes provides a list of courses offered during a specific semester, a brief course description, the time and day a course meets, and the name of the instructor. To view Price School courses, click on **Price School of Public Policy**, and courses are listed under **Policy, Planning and Development (PPD)** and **Policy, Planning and Development - Expanded (PPDE)**.

See the schedule here: [classes.usc.edu/](https://classes.usc.edu/)



## J-1 VISA & SEVIS FEE

Upon admission into the program, the Exchange Program Coordinator will send all J-1 visa-related documents to the student. A student's J-1 visa will be valid for the length of the program of study. Students are able to enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the start date of the visa and stay in the U.S. up to 30 days after the end date of the visa.

### More information:

[ois.usc.edu/](https://ois.usc.edu/)

The SEVIS system is a computerized system that tracks all student visa holders. All international students must pay a SEVIS fee to the U.S. government prior to their visa interview. Information on where to pay the fee will be included with your admission packet.

### More information:

[www.ice.gov/sevis/students](https://www.ice.gov/sevis/students)

## HEALTH SERVICES

Health insurance is **mandatory** for all students, though students may request a waiver if they have a qualifying insurance policy. For International students, most international plans are not accepted. Your insurance plan must meet the minimum requirements to support your visa as well as USC's minimum requirements. The cost for USC student health insurance for Fall 2019 is \$753.00 and Spring/Summer 2020 is \$1,370.00. In addition to the above described health insurance charges, USC has a mandatory student health center fee that may not be waived, enabling students to access care at the health center on their campus. The student health center fee is \$367 for Fall semester 2019 and \$366 for Spring semester 2020.

### More information:

[engemannshc.usc.edu/insurance/](https://engemannshc.usc.edu/insurance/)

## HOUSING

USC offers on-campus housing options on a first-come, first-served basis. While much of the on-campus housing is reserved for incoming freshman, there are facilities available for upperclassmen and graduate students depending on space availability. Accommodations include apartments, residence halls and suites in a variety of locations and sizes. USC has also partnered with Off-Campus Housing (OCH) to help students find safe and convenient housing near the USC campus. OCH provides tools, resources, information, and events designed to make searching for a home easier.

More information: [housing.usc.edu](https://housing.usc.edu)

## TUITION AND FEES

Exchange students will pay tuition to their home institution.

The Price School will cover student tuition for up to 16 units for undergraduate students or 12 units for graduate students, the fee for the DS-2019 Request Form, and the following mandatory student services fees: Student Programming Fee, Student Services Fee, and the Norman H. Topping Student Aid Fee.

## APPROXIMATE LIVING COSTS IN US \$ DOLLARS

**Estimated cost of on-campus housing**  
[housing.usc.edu/index.php/sample-cost/](https://housing.usc.edu/index.php/sample-cost/)

**Estimated cost of off-campus housing**  
\$600 to \$1,800/month, varies depending on housing choice

**Food**  
\$300 to \$400/month

**Books and class materials**  
\$600/semester