

ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

USC CORE/GE REQUIREMENTS – 2025-2026

Effective Fall 2025 through Summer 2026

REMINDERS:

STUDENTS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL: College courses taken before high school graduation can fulfill GE requirements, but not the lower-division writing requirement, or the foreign language requirement, nor can they earn USC course equivalence. Courses must be taught on the college campus by college faculty and not used toward high school graduation to earn credit; courses taught in a high school setting or exclusively to a high school student population, even if they are transcribed by a college or university, do not earn credit at USC.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE LITERACY: STUDENTS ARE RECOMMENDED TO COMPLETE 6 OF THE 8 COURSES FROM THE 6 GE CORE LITERACY AREAS BEFORE TRANSFER.

Students may fulfill any GE Core Literacy Requirement with transfer coursework taken before starting USC, but are required to take at least two GE Core Literacy courses from the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences after starting at USC.

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LOWER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT One course from ENGL 101, 101H, C1001, 1001H, ENGL C1000 is a prerequisite to these courses. An additional upper division writing class must be taken at USC after transfer.			
MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT A grade of C or better in either MATH 030 (not transferable) or three years of math in high school, including advanced algebra. USC majors in the sciences, social sciences, business and engineering require specific mathematics courses beyond this level.			
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES: These courses can be <u>double counted</u> to satisfy requirements in Gen Ed Core Literacy: CITIZENSHIP IN A GLOBAL ERA: ONE course from: ETHS 100, 110; PSCI 110; SOC 150; SJS 102			
TRADITIONS AND HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS: ONE course from: ARCH 290, 290H, 296, 296H; ART 100, 100H, 101, 101H, 103; ENGL 176, 176H; HIST 151, 152, 161, 161H, 162, 162H, 170, 170H, 175, 175H, 180, 180H, 185, 185H; PHIL 125; PSCI 188; REL ST 110, 150, 151; THTR 101			
COURSES THAT FULFILL FOREIGN LANGUAGE LEVELS: Many majors require a third-semester foreign language course or equivalent. (The International Relations major requires the equivalent of a fourth semester.) Courses that fulfill foreign language levels if completed after graduating from high school at OCC are Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Students will be required to take a foreign language placement exam to continue in language courses at USC.			

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GENERAL EDUCATION CORE LITERACY AREAS			
GE LITERACY CATEGORY A – THE ARTS ONE course from: ARCH 290, 290H, 296, 296H; ART 100, 100H, 101, 101H, 102, 103, 107, 108, 109, 109H, 114, 115; DANC 200, 230; ENGL 148, 148H; FILM/VID 100, 100H, 109, 109H; MUS 100, 105, 139, 143; PHIL 118; PHOT 130; THEA 100, 101.			
GE LITERACY CATEGORY B – HUMANISTIC INQUIRY TWO courses from: ENGL 140, 140H, 141, 141H, 143, 143H, 147, 147H, 150, 150H, 151, 151H, 152, 152H, 156, 156H, 160, 160H, 161, 161H, 170, 170H, 173, 173H, 176, 176H, 179, 179H, 181, 181H, 187, 187H, 270, 270H, 275, 275H; HIST 151, 152, 161, 161H, 162, 162H, 170, 170H, 175, 175H, 180, 180H, 185, 185H, 195, 198; HUM 100, 101H; PHIL 100, 115, 120, 125, 165, 185; PSCI 188; REL ST 100, 110, 115, 135, 150, 151			
GE LITERACY CATEGORY C – SOCIAL ANALYSIS TWO courses required from: ANTH 100, 100H, 102, 220, 280; ETH ST 100, 110, 150, 190; GNDR ST 100, 130, 187; GEOG 100, 100H, 150, 185; HIST 101, 150, 176, 187; PSCI 110, POLS C1000, C1000H; PSYC 105, 190, 190H; SOC 100, 100H, 150, 185, 185H SJS 101, 102			
GE LITERACY CATEGORY D – LIFE SCIENCES ONE course required from: BIOL 100, 100H, 180, 225; MSCI 180 WITH 180L			
GE LITERACY CATEGORY E – PHYSICAL SCIENCE ONE course required from: ASTR 100 WITH 100L, 100H WITH 100L, 100H WITH 100M; CHEM 110, 180; GEOL 105 WITH 105L, 105H WITH 105L, 105H WITH 105M, 105 WITH 105M, 110, 160, 185 WITH 185L, 185H WITH 185L; MSCI 100 WITH 100L, 100 WITH 100M, 100H WITH 100L, 100H WITH 100M, 185 WITH 185L; PHY 110 WITH 111, 120, 130, 185, 185H			
GE LITERACY CATEGORY F – QUANTITATIVE REASONING ONE course required from: ECON 100, 170, 170H, 175, 175H; MATH 100, 115, 140, 155, 170, 180, 180H, 185, 185H, 220, 280; PHIL 220; PSYC 160; STAT C1000			

Policies:

- Foreign Language or Science course with lab taught online will not apply to the foreign language or GE Core Literacy requirements.
- Courses must receive at least a grade of C-. No more than 4 semester units of CR/NCR may be applied to GE Core.
- A single course may be used to fulfill one Global Perspective and one Core Literacy requirement.
- Once a student enrolls at USC, all remaining GE and writing courses must be completed at USC.