



To ensure a successful transition to USC Viterbi, we have highlighted these important resources and activities.

More details for each item will be emailed to your USC email. Stay tuned!

ASAP

USC EMAIL

- Make sure to activate your USC email and NetID.
- The Viterbi School and academic department will communicate important information with you via your USC e-mail only.

**November
2023**

MS ACADEMIC WEBINARS

- The Academic Webinar is an online information session for Master's students where advisors will introduce the department, new students' next steps, and answer your questions about course registration. Invitation coming soon via your USC email.

**November
2023**

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

- The Viterbi Graduate Mentorship Program pairs up new students with a continuing student mentor in the same academic department to help with a smooth transition to USC. Invitation coming soon via your USC email.

**Nov - Dec
2023**

NEW STUDENT HOT TOPIC VIDEOS

- Here is a series of videos focusing on various transition topics for incoming students. Topics include: *Academic Advisement, Course Registration, English Proficiency, Student Health Insurance, Financial Services, Career Connections, and Student Engagement.*

**January
2024**

ORIENTATION PART I

- A mandatory online immersion experience to introduce key resources and explain immigration policies for international students.
- Opportunities for you to start building your network at Viterbi.

**January
2024**

ORIENTATION PART II

- A mandatory in-person experience to get familiar with campus resources and engage with Viterbi faculty, advisors and students.

NEW STUDENT TRANSITION





Next Steps for International Students

Review the checklist below. Each item may have its own deadline.




Pre-arrival:

- ☐ Pay the commitment deposit (Master's students ONLY).
- ☐ Activate your USC email and NetID. [Link](#)
- ☐ Access MyUSC and OASIS. [Link](#)
- ☐ Review immunizations and screenings requirements. [Link](#)
- ☐ Check your English proficiency (This is noted on the admission letter and I-20).
Please review International Student Exam (ISE) or Teaching Assistant Exam (ITA) policies. If preferred, you may also take the TOEFL (iBT) or IELTS again. [Link](#)
- ☐ Attend your department Academic Webinar online (MS only). [Link](#)
- ☐ Register for the Viterbi Orientations/New Student Welcome (Coming Soon).
- ☐ Research housing options with both USC Housing and non-USC Housing. [Link](#)
- ☐ Bring all original diploma and transcripts to prepare for the degree verification. [Link](#)

Post-arrival:

- ☐ Complete Immigration Status Verification (ISV) and get your USC ID card. [Link](#) [USCard](#)
- ☐ Review the schedule of classes and process to register. [Schedules](#) [Registration](#)
- ☐ Take the ISE or ITA exam (if applicable).
- ☐ Attend Orientation Part I (online)
- ☐ Attend Orientation Part II (on campus)
- ☐ You may waive USC insurance or add dental coverage (optional). [Link](#)
- ☐ Settle your tuition through USCe.pay [Link](#)
- ☐ Complete prior degree verification (if applicable). [Link](#)
- ☐ Complete Mandatory Training for Graduate Students. [Link](#)

Get Involved!

- ☐ Viterbi School:   
- ☐ Viterbi Career Connections
- ☐ Viterbi Graduate Student Association (VGSA)
- ☐ Viterbi Student Organizations
- ☐ USC Student Organizations