



QUICK FACTS

Undergraduates: 17,380

24% of 35,794 freshman applicants were admitted

95 undergraduate majors and 147 academic and professional minors offered at USC

Ranked #23 in the nation by U.S. News in 2010

Alumni: 233,000 living in the Trojan family, 75% live in California

Where did we get our name “Trojans”?

The origin of USC's nickname, Trojan, dates back to 1912. The team was originally referred to as Methodists or Wesleyans. The director of athletics, Warren Bovard, asked Owen Bird, a sportswriter for the LA Times, to give the university a new nickname. Although we now are proud of a winning tradition, the USC family was not always successful during the early years. In fact, we were named "Trojans" because we were great losers. Bird dubbed the USC team "Trojans" instead of "Methodists" because he compared our players in 1912 to noble Trojan warriors... "They were facing teams that were bigger and better-equipped, yet they had splendid fighting spirit. The term 'Trojan' as applied to USC means... that no matter what the situation, what the odds or what the conditions, the completion must be carried on to the end and those who strive must give all they have and never be weary in doing so

What is the Trojan Family?

The "Trojan Family" is a term used to describe students, parents, siblings, alumni, friends, staff, and faculty who live, work for, study at, and support the University of Southern California. You automatically become a member of the Trojan Family when your student chooses to attend USC. The campus community prides itself on providing a warm and welcoming "family" atmosphere for USC students, families, and staff and faculty members. According to the USC website: "The extended family of USC is a global network made up of thousands of alumni, students, faculty, and staff, as well as parents of students.... But the uniqueness of the Trojan Family isn't due to its vast numbers. Rather, it's the extraordinary closeness and solidarity that is found in this genuinely supportive community. To its members, the term "Trojan Family" is more than a phrase: it represents a promise, a commitment to support that is lifelong and worldwide."

ATHLETIC FACTS

- USC men and women have combined for 115 national team titles.
- Trojan men's teams are tops in the nation in NCAA championships with 79 - more than any other university. Overall, USC's men have won 92 national team titles.
- The football team has been voted national champions 11 times
- USC has won the National Collegiate All-Sports Championship--an annual ranking by USA Today of the country's top men's athletic programs - 6 times (1971-72-74-75-77-80) since its inception in 1971.
- USC's women's teams have won 23 national team titles, all since 1976
- From 1959-60 to 1984-85, USC put together an amazing streak. In each of those 26 years, at least one Trojan team won a national championship (including five crowns in both 1962-63 and 1976-77).
- From the 1904 Olympics to the 2004 Olympics, 375 current or former USC athletes have taken home: 112 gold, 64 silver, 58 bronze
- If USC were an independent country in the Olympics, we would rank **12th in the world**

- USC is the only university in the world to have a gold medal-winning athlete in every summer Olympiad since 1912

