



International Student Recruitment

(2026-2027)

University of South China

1. About University of South China

University of South China (USC), established in 1958, is a comprehensive key provincial university. The university began offering education to international students in 2010 and received high-quality certification for higher education of international students from the Ministry of Education in 2021. Notably, eight disciplines—Clinical Medicine, Chemistry, Engineering, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Biology and Biochemistry, Materials science, Environmental science and ecology, and Molecular Biology and Genetics—are ranked in the top 1% globally according to the Essential Science Indicators (ESI).

In its long history of education, the university has developed distinct “nuclear characteristics,” a strong “medical brand,” and an “environmental advantage.” It is a comprehensive university that primarily focuses on engineering and medicine, while also coordinating the development of nine major disciplines: philosophy, economics, law, literature, science, management, and arts. The university comprises 25 directly affiliated colleges, 8 directly affiliated hospitals, 4 collaborative affiliated hospitals, and 28 units for collaborative graduate education. It holds the authority to grant doctoral, master’s, and bachelor’s degrees, offering 63 undergraduate majors, 26 first-level master’s degree programs, and 20 types of professional master’s degrees. Additionally, it has 8 first-level doctoral degree programs and 5 postdoctoral research stations. Currently, the university has over 39,000 full-time undergraduate students, more than 7,700 doctoral and master’s students, and nearly 600 international students.

The university's faculty team, including clinical instructors, comprises over 4,000 members. Among them, more than 100 are distinguished experts, including specially appointed Chang Jiang Scholars, recipients of the National Science Fund for Distinguished Young Scholars, experts under the National Key Talent Programs, specialists supported by the National High-Level Talent Special Support Plan, national-level young and middle-aged experts with outstanding contributions, and scholars enjoying special government allowances from the State Council. Additionally, there are 172 experts recognized at the provincial level, such as Hunan Furong Scholars and recipients of the Hunan Outstanding Young Talents award.

The university library houses a collection of over 2.93 million physical books and provides access to 8,139 types of Chinese and foreign journals. It also offers 17,849 types of high-quality electronic journals through the EBSCO platform and maintains more than 50 databases, including WOS, IEL, CNKI, and Chaoxing.

Located in the historically and culturally significant city of Hengyang, Hunan, the university boasts picturesque landscapes and convenient transportation. Hengyang is the hometown of Cai Lun, the inventor of papermaking (one of China's ancient "Four Great Inventions"), and Wang Fuzhi (also known as Wang Chuanshan), a philosopher often referred to as the "Eastern Hegel." The city is situated near Hong Kong and Macau, serving as a vital hub connecting the eastern and western regions of China. Notably, it features both humanistic landmarks like the Shigu Academy and natural wonders represented by Mount Hengshan (Nanyue). Moreover, Hengyang Nan Yue Airport offers direct flights to major domestic cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Qingdao, Chengdu, Xi'an, Chongqing, Kunming, Xiamen, Haikou, and Sanya.

Students at USC

At present, the International College has 583 international students from all over the world. This includes 447 undergraduates, 65 master's students, 7 doctoral students, and 64 language students. The college is committed to providing international students with high-quality educational resources and support services. Through rich curriculum, cultural exchange activities, and academic cooperation, the

college helps them integrate into Chinese culture, improve their academic ability, and provides opportunities for them to expand their international perspectives.

students' gallery images

2. About the Programs

2.1 Programs

The university offers programs for Chinese language proficiency, bachelor degree, master degree and doctorate. See more detailed programs in Appendix.

Specially recommended Programs

For bachelor degree

Clinical Medicine, Civil Engineering, Software Engineering, Mechanical Design, Manufacture & Automation

For master degree

Basic Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Nursing, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Software Engineering, Safety Science and Engineering, Nuclear Science and Technology, Mineral Engineering, Pharmacy, Business Administration, Applied Economics

For doctoral degree

Basic Medicine, Clinical Medicine, Mineral Engineering, Nuclear Science and Technology, Safety Science and Engineering, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Civil Engineering

Our Manufacture & Automation, Software Engineering and Civil Engineering programs have been certified by the Higher Education Evaluation Center of the Ministry of Education of China. The Nursing program has been certified by the Higher Education Nursing Professional Teaching Steering Committee of the Ministry of Education of China. The Clinical Medicine program is recognized by the Pakistan Medical Commission, the Rwanda Higher Education Council, the Ghana Medical and Dental Council, the American Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates and other international institutions.

2.2 Duration

All programs are offered exclusively to full-time international students.

Non-degree Chinese Language Proficiency Program

The duration for the non-degree Chinese language proficiency programs at least one semester.

Degree Program

The duration for an undergraduate program is 4 to 7 years, for postgraduate is 3 to 5 years, for doctoral student is 4 to 6 years.

Foundation Program

The candidate for a degree program but without the Chinese competence required by USC is supposed to undertake a foundation program (unless specified otherwise). The duration of foundation program for undergraduates, postgraduates and doctoral students is no more than 2 academic years.

3. About the Application

3.1 Basic Requirements

The applicant must be a non-Chinese citizen (with over 4-year citizenship and no less than 2 years residency record in the citizenship countries), aged 18 or above (Born before June 15, 2008), with a valid foreign passport, good health and good conduct, and is willing to abide by the laws and regulations of China and the rules and regulations of USC.

3.2 Academic and Age Requirements

Language Requirements

For medical and other programs taught in Chinese, applicants should achieve no less than 180 for HSK Level 4. Students who want to transfer to programs taught in Chinese should provide a HSK4 certificate within the specified time for application.

For engineering and other majors taught in English, applicants should be English speakers and graduates from senior high schools for English speakers (mother language or official language). Otherwise English proficiency certificates such as

IELTS 6 and TOFEL 80 are required.

For medical programs, applicants should achieve 80% or more of the full marks in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology in the previous stage.

Age Requirements

A bachelor degree applicant should be younger than 25 years old with a high school diploma and an outstanding academic performance; if an applicant already has a high school or college diploma and wants to pursue a bachelor degree in USC, 30 is the cap of the age requirement.

A master's degree applicant should be under 35 years old and must have a bachelor's degree or the equivalent recognized by the Chinese government.

A doctoral degree applicant should be under 40 years old and must have a master's degree or the equivalent recognized by the Chinese government.

3.3 Procedures and Documents Needed for Application

From the year of 2019, international applicants need to make their applications through the university online application platform. Please visit the platform via <https://usc.17gz.org/> or <http://apply.usc.edu.cn/> to do the application. Do Not mail hard copies.

The formal Admission Notice will be sent to accepted applicants, along with an E-mail through which they can find the link to download the Electronic Visa Application Form (JW202). Accepted applicants should bring their passport, Admission letter, Visa Application Form (JW202), Physical Examination Record Form, etc. to the local Chinese Embassyor Consulate and apply for a student visa (X visa), and register at the university on time.

Documents Needed to Prepare and Upload are as Follows:

Application Documents for All Applicants	(1)a scanned copy of the university of South China Application Form (2)a scanned and notarized copy of the original academic transcript and Diploma of Highest Academic Qualification (3)a scanned copy of the passport information page valid for more than one year (with the name and passport number) (4)a scanned copy of the Physical Examination Form within 6 months, and
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	<p>a detailed laboratory blood test report from the same hospital must be affixed. Attention, the physical examination should be made after March 20, 2026.</p> <p>(5)a scanned copy of Notarial Certificate of Non-criminal Punishment within 6 months. A sealed photograph of the applicant should be affixed on the certificate issued after March 20, 2026.</p> <p>(6)a passport-sized electronic photo with white background</p> <p>(7)a HSK certificate such as HSK 4 certificate (programs of Chinese medium, including those who want to join Chinese students class to study) or an English Proficiency Certificate such as TOFEL 80 or IELTS 6 or EF 60 (programs of English medium)</p> <p>(8)a Bank Remittance Certificate for application fee (with the application number, depositor's full name and student passport number)</p> <p>(9)a proof of financial guarantee of at least \$6,000</p> <p>(10)a school performance certificate issued by the original university (if the applicant has studied in China before).</p>
<p>Additional Documents for Master or Doctoral Degree(including MBA)Applicants</p>	<p>(1)a scanned copy of the degree certificate</p> <p>(2)a scanned copy of two recommendation letters by your professors</p> <p>(3)a scanned copy of your Individual learning plans (no less than 800 words, about your research direction, understanding of your major, previous scientific research achievements etc)</p> <p>(4)a scanned copy of the Acceptance Letter by your supervisor with the supervisor's signature, contact information, official seal from the receiving college or affiliated hospital.</p> <p>(5)published papers and Other Supporting Materials (if any).</p>

Special Note:

- ① The documents mentioned above should be provided in English or Chinese. Applicants shall be responsible for the authenticity and completeness of the submitted materials. Applications with false, incomplete, or blurry scanned materials will not be accepted.
- ② Application fee and documents will not be returned.
- ③ Additional documents may be requested.
- ④ The hard copy of the documents above shall be submitted to the Student Affairs Office of International College, USC , upon the student's arrival at the university.
- ⑤ The applicant shall carry out the examination in strict accordance with the items required in the "physical examination form for foreigners" . The "physical examination form for foreigners" with missing items, such as no photo of the applicant, no sewing seal on photo, no signature and seal of the attending physician and hospital, and no date of examination shall be deemed invalid.

⑥Your application fee is limited to bank transfer at the counter. Please note the application number, depositor's full name and student passport number on the money order. Please remit the money to:

Account Name : University of South China(南华大学)

Account No : 4300 1510 0640 5000 5899

Opening Bank: Hengyang Shigu Branch Bank, China Construction Bank (建行衡阳市石鼓支行)

3.4 Application Time

April 15 to August 10

4. About the Fees

4.1 Application Fee

¥600/person

4.2 Tuition Fee (¥/academic year/person)

Levels	Liberal Arts	Science& Engineering	Medicine
Bachelor	15,000	15,000	21,000
Master	18,000	18,000	24,000
Doctorate	--	20,000	26,000
Foundation Program (Chinese Language Proficiency)	12,000/academic year; 8,000/academic semester		

4.3 Accommodation Fee

Room Deposit: ¥1,000/person.

Accommodation Fee : ¥3,000-5,000/year/person.

4.4 Residence Permit Fee

¥800/ academic year/person

4.5 Annual Insurance

¥800/ academic year/person

4.6 Insurance

A comprehensive medical insurance system has been implemented for international students in China, consisting of accidental injury and hospitalization insurance. It is compulsory for self-financing international students to purchase an insurance scheme meeting the standard designated by the Ministry of Education. The university will not accept an international student to register if he/she does not have such an insurance scheme.

NB: The university collects all dues by the academic year rather than the calendar year.

All fees charged by the university will be calculated from the date the student is supposed to arrive specified on the admission notice should it come to refunding.

The fees of Physical Examination, Health Insurance, Residence Permit and fees for personal items are to be collected at actual cost.

Fees for textbook are not included in the tuition, which shall be collected in terms with the actual cost of books each year.

Living on campus, Self-supporting fees for living expense is around ¥1,200 /person/month for a student if he/she doesn't live in a luxurious life

All the fees mentioned in the prospectus are charged in Chinese Currency RMB(¥), and the unit is Yuan.

5. About the Admission

The university sends Admission Notice of USC and an E-mail including the link to download the Electronic Visa Application Form for Study in China (JW202) to the qualified candidates upon the approval by the supervisory departments.

The prospective student must register at the university by the date specified in the Admission Notice. Any unaccountable no-show by the date will be interpreted as giving up the offer.

6. Scholarship

6.1 Government Scholarship

6.1.1 Outstanding international students in the school can enjoy the "Hunan Provincial Government Scholarship for Foreign Students". The doctoral scholarship is ¥25,000 /year/person, the postgraduate scholarship is ¥20,000 /year/person, and the undergraduate scholarship is ¥15,000 /year/person.

6.1.2 Outstanding international Chinese language students from countries engaging in “One Belt and One Road Initiative” have the chance of getting ¥15,000 / year/person from Hunan provincial government.

6.2 University Scholarship

A Merit Scholarship is set up for international students being excellent in learning and character. A doctoral student can obtain a maximum annual grant of ¥61,000/person/year, a graduate student can obtain a maximum annual grant of ¥44,000/person/year, and an undergraduate can get a grant ranging from ¥1,000 to ¥2,000/person/year according to his/her performance. For engineering students attending English-medium programs of Civil Engineering, Software Engineering, Mechanical Design, and Manufacture&Automation, a grant up to ¥7500/person/year can be achieved.

One thing to be noted that the university scholarship for international students mentioned above adopts a ANNUAL REVIEWING SYSTEM. Those who have passed the reviewing with good performance in their previous academic year can continue to enjoy their next year scholarship, while those failed the reviewing shall be canceled their qualification to go on enjoying their next year scholarship.

7. Supplementary Provisions

This brochure is published in both Chinese and English. In case of any ambiguity, the Chinese version shall prevail. The university reserves all the rights for the final explanation of the prospectus.

Appendix

Key Programs for Bachelor Degree Candidates

School	Major	Language	Duration (year)
School of Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Design, Manufacture & Automation	Chinese/English	4
School of Mechanical Engineering	Materials Processing and Controlling Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Mechanical Engineering	Process Equipment and Control Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Mechanical Engineering	Vehicle Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Mechanical Engineering	Intelligent Manufacturing Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Mechanical Engineering	Energy and Power Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Electrical Engineering	Electrical Engineering and Automation	Chinese	4
School of Electrical Engineering	Electronic Information Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Electrical Engineering	Telecommunication Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Electrical Engineering	Automation	Chinese	4
School of Electrical Engineering	Robotic Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Electrical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Nuclear Science and Technology	Nuclear Physics	Chinese	4
School of Nuclear Science and Technology	Nuclear Engineering and Technology	Chinese	4
School of Nuclear Science and Technology	Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety	Chinese	4
School of Nuclear Science and Technology	Nuclear Chemical and Fuel Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Environmental Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Safety Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Resource	Mineral Processing Engineering	Chinese	4

Environment and Safety Engineering			
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Mineral Resources Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Resource Prospecting Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	City Underground Space Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Computing / Software	Software Engineering	Chinese/ English	4
School of Computing / Software	Internet of Things Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Computing / Software	Data Science and Big Data Technology	Chinese	4
School of Computing / Software	Artificial Intelligence	Chinese	4
School of Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	Chinese/ English	4
School of Civil Engineering	Building Environment and Energy Application Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Civil Engineering	Water Science and Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Civil Engineering	Building Electricity and Intelligence	Chinese	4
School of Civil Engineering	Road, Bridge and River-crossing Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Design and Art	Visual Communication Design	Chinese	4
School of Design and Art	Environment Design	Chinese	4
School of Design and Art	Product Design	Chinese	4
School of Design and Art	Digital Media Art	Chinese	4
School of Architecture	Architecture	Chinese	5
School of Architecture	Urban and Rural Planning	Chinese	5
School of Architecture	Landscape Architecture	Chinese	4
School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Macromolecular Materials and Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Inorganic Non-metallic Materials Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering and Technology	Chinese	4
School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering	Pharmaceutical Engineering	Chinese	4

School of Mathematics and Physics	Information and Computing Science	Chinese	4
Hengyang Medical College	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	5
Hengyang Medical College	Pediatrics	Chinese	5
Hengyang Medical College	Anesthesiology	Chinese	5
Hengyang Medical College	Medical Imaging	Chinese	5
Hengyang Medical College	Stomatology	Chinese	5
Hengyang Medical College	Medical Laboratory Technology	Chinese	4
Hengyang Medical School	Biotechnology	Chinese	4
School of Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Chinese	4
School of Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical preparation	Chinese	4
School of Public Health	Preventive Medicine	Chinese	5
School of Public Health	Health Inspection and Quarantine	Chinese	4
School of Nursing	Nursing	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	Law	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	Economics	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	International Economy and Trading	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	Logistics Engineering	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	Electronic Business	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	Business Management	Chinese	4
School of Economic Management and Law	Accounting	Chinese	4
School of Languages and Literature	Chinese Language & Literature	Chinese	4

Key Programs for Master Degree Candidates

School	Major	Language	Duration (year)
The First Affiliated Hospital Of University Of South China	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3
The Second Affiliated Hospital Of University Of South China	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3
Affiliated Nanhua Hospital, University Of South China	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3
The Maternal And Child Health Hospital Of Hunan Province	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3
Changsha Central Hospital	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3
The Seventh Affiliated Hospital, University Of South China	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3
School of Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	Chinese/ English	3
School of Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Chinese/ English	3
School of Nuclear Science and Technology	Nuclear Engineering and Technology	Chinese/ English	3
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Mining Engineering	Chinese/ English	3
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Safety Science and Engineering	Chinese/ English	3
School of Computing / Software	Software Engineering	Chinese/ English	3
School of Electrical Engineering	Electrical Science and Technology	Chinese/ English	3
School of Economic Management and Law	Business Management	Chinese	3
School of Economic Management and Law	Applied Economics	Chinese	3
School of Nursing	Nursing	Chinese	3
School of Basic Medical Sciences	Basic Medicine	Chinese	3
School of Basic Medical Sciences	Biology	Chinese	3
School of Pharmacy	Pharmacy	Chinese	3
School of Public Health	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Chinese	3
Hengyang Medical College	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	3

Key Programs for Doctoral Degree Candidates

School	Major	Language	Duration (year)
School of Nuclear Science and Technology	Nuclear Engineering and Technology	Chinese/ English	4
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Mining Engineering	Chinese/ English	4
School of Resource Environment and Safety Engineering	Safety Science and Engineering	Chinese/ English	4
Hengyang Medical College	Clinical Medicine	Chinese	4
Hengyang Medical College	Basic Medicine	Chinese	4
School of Public Health	Public Health and Preventive Medicine	Chinese	4
School of Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	Chinese/ English	4

Transport of USC:

A 40-minute high-speed train ride to Changsha.

A 120-minute high-speed train ride to Guangzhou.

A 120-minute flight to Beijing and Shanghai.

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