

Information for Thornton students applying to a Graduate Program

Current USC Thornton students applying to a new degree program must:

1. Submit the USC Online Graduate application for admission (<http://www.usc.edu/admission/graduate/>)
2. Submit the SlideRoom application, and pay the SlideRoom submission fee. A link to SlideRoom is available on the Thornton site, here: <http://music.usc.edu/admission/stepsforapplying/fall-2010/>
Even though most current USC Thornton students are not required to submit a pre-screen recording, they must still complete and submit the SlideRoom application.
(TAKE NOTE: ARTD Applicants must submit a pre-screen recording)
To submit the application, at least one video file must be uploaded. In lieu of a performance video, please make a short video of yourself with your phone or computer web cam, saying “Hi, I’m “Tommy Trojan” and I’m applying to the DMA in Piano performance for fall 2018. I’m a current Thornton student so I’m not required to submit a prescreen recording.” (Use your real name and degree of course!)
3. Transcripts – Upload pdf copies of transcripts from all schools you’ve attended, including USC in both SlideRoom and USC’s Graduate Application. Please avoid using transcripts obtained from an on-line student portal as those can be difficult for the faculty to interpret, and they often lack critical GPA data and graduation information.
4. Meet all posted deadlines. This applies to all application materials including GRE and TOEFL or IELTS scores.
5. Perform an audition. Many programs allow current Thornton students to use a recital or jury as their audition; however, the vocal arts program requires a live audition during our regular new-student audition dates. Please check the specific requirements for your program, or inquire with your department chairman if you’re not sure.
6. International Students who have earned a degree at USC Thornton are not necessarily exempt from the TOEFL / IELTS requirement. Please contact Kit Bellamy in the Thornton Admission office to discuss your specific circumstances. keb@usc.edu or (213)821-1245.
7. DMA Applicants must take Thornton’s DMA Written Examination. The DMA Written Exam is offered on all audition dates. Details about the exam are available here: <http://music.usc.edu/admission/auditions/>
8. DMA applicants must also submit the “Personal Introductory Video” and at least one academic recommendation letter.

Current USC Thornton students applying to GC, Masters, or DMA programs may be **exempt** from the following application requirements:

1. PRE- SCREEN RECORDING

TAKE NOTE: All Artist Diploma applicants must submit a pre-screen recording, even if currently studying at USC Thornton.

2. Recommendation letters from performance faculty. Most departments do not require letters of recommendation from performance faculty. Please check with your department chair to find out what your department requires.
3. TRANSCRIPTS – as mentioned above, you must upload pdf copies of your transcripts in SlideRoom and the USC Graduate Application.
 - There is no need to submit official USC transcripts to the USC Graduate Admission office.
 - If you completed a BM, BA, MM, MA, DMA, or PHD at USC within the past 10 years, it should not be necessary for you to submit official transcripts to the USC Graduate Admission office from any of the institutions you attended prior to earning your USC degree. Official transcripts submitted with your prior application should still be on file. However, in some rare cases, it may be necessary to submit official transcripts. If this is the case for you, the USC Graduate Admission office will inform you after your application has been submitted and reviewed.
 - If you completed a Graduate Certificate ONLY at USC Thornton, it is more likely that you will have to submit official transcripts from your previous institutions. To find out for sure, please contact Kit Bellamy in the Thornton Admission office at keb@usc.edu or (213)821-1245.
4. APPLICATION FEES
 - International applicants must pay the USC Graduate Application fee regardless of their history at USC.
 - Domestic applicants who are currently enrolled in a degree program or have earned a bachelors, masters or doctoral degree at USC are exempt from paying the USC Application fee. Application fee waivers must be requested in advance following the guidelines outlined here: <http://gradadm.usc.edu/lightboxes/us-students-fee-waivers/>
 - Note: All Applicants must pay the SlideRoom submission fee.