The Daily Trojan grades the USC experience.

USC Report Card
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Leventhal School of Accounting
The subject matter might be dry, but award-winning faculty and the school's close work with big business and accounting firms consistently land its undergraduate and graduate offerings in the top five nationally. Visibility on campus, however, is painfully low.
- Jeremy Beecher  
  Grade: A-

Marshall School of Business
Marshall lives large on the USC campus with more than 4,500 students and solid alumni support. Strong real estate, sports business and globalization initiatives have put Marshall on the map, but fluctuating rankings and uneven leadership have hurt the school's reputation in academic circles. Reviews of graduate programs are mixed. It's hoped that incoming Dean James Ellis, generally admired for his work as vice provost for globalization, will turn Marshall's regional profile into a national one.
- Jeremy Beecher  
  Grade: B+

School of Pharmacy
While the school has long been renowned throughout Southern California, its reputation is going national thanks to a recent influx of awards given to USC pharmacy students. As the first school to establish a six-year Pharm.D. program, a clinical pharmacy program and a pharmaceutical economics and policy program, USC continues to set the bar high for pharmacy schools throughout the country.
- Joanna Lin  
  Grade: A-

School of Policy, Planning, and Development
Just a few years after former Dean Dan Mazmanian launched a campaign to inject the policy, planning, and development school into regional decisions, the effort is bearing fruit. As Los Angeles enters a new era of urban planning, it's routine to find that area shot-callers hold degrees from the graduate-heavy school. Perhaps it's no surprise, then, that the school consistently ranks in the top 10 nationally, with its urban policy and public management programs in the top five.
- Jeremy Beecher  
  Grade: A-

School of Theatre
By reputation, USC has one of the best theater schools in the nation, and if you've seen one of the school's big-budget productions, the lavish sets and opulent costumes show you why. But sometimes it seems as though the audiences are filled solely with other theater majors, a black-box version of preaching to the choir. One theory why the shows aren't more popular with the general public is the subject matter. Though shows like "The Pajama Game" have undeniably broad appeal, lesser-known titles and avant-garde pieces that are often staged not only have difficulty grabbing college students' Friday-night attention, but may also be better suited to more mature theater veterans — their intrigue requires as much lived experience as on-stage talent.
- Moll Brennan  
  Grade: B+
Viterbi School of Engineering

Any school whose students and faculty figured out how we can all use our cell phones at once — but who also auction themselves off for dates, using pickup lines like, "Hey, baby, if you’re $x^2$, can I be $1/3x^3$, the area under your curve?" is golden in our book. Viterbi ranked seventh among engineering schools in U.S. News & World Report’s best graduate schools and its undergraduate program is a regular in the top 10. - Joanna Lin

Grade: A