



USC WRIGLEY INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
USC Catalina Semester
Application for Admission

Please complete this form and return to the USC Wrigley Institute Office (AHF) either in person, via email (catsem@usc.edu) or fax at 213-740-6720. For further questions, please call the USC Wrigley Institute at 213-740-6780 or email catsem@usc.edu

Part I. Biographical Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address during school year:

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Cell phone Number (_____) _____

E-mail Address _____

Permanent Address (if different from above):

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Parent or Guardian's name and address:

Name _____

Street or P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

Catalina Semester/s and year you are applying for: _____

Female Male Date of Birth: _____

Are you a US citizen? Yes No

Student ID Number: _____ GPA: _____

Major (intended or declared): _____ Minor: _____

Class level at time of semester (circle one): Junior Senior

Part II. Your Education

Please list any courses you are currently enrolled in (which will not yet appear on your transcript):

What is your *anticipated* date of graduation?

(Non-USC Students Only)

Please give us the name and address of your home institution:

Name of Institution _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Part III.A. Scientific Diving

A Scientific Diving class is offered as part of the Catalina Semester. Scientific Diving is open to students who already have their basic certification and at least 12 logged dives. Further information about the diving program is available at <http://wrigley.usc.edu> or by contacting (gsmith@usc.edu).

Are you currently a certified SCUBA diver? _____

Certification # and type (NAUI, PADI, etc): _____

Total # of logged dives: _____

Are you interested in becoming Research Certified? _____

Are you interested in a Basic diving clas

Part III.B. Basic Diving

A Basic Diving class will be offered as part of the Catalina Semester to students with no diving experience. Please let us know if you are interested.

Are you interested in a basic diving class? _____

Have you had a basic first aid class? _____ If yes, when _____

Have you had a basic CPR class? _____ If yes, when _____

How would you rate your swimming abilities? _____

Do you have any prior experience snorkeling or diving? If so please describe.

Part IV. Your Motivation!

Why are you interested in participating in the USC Catalina Semester? Please answer **all** of the following questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. Please continue on the back of this sheet or on an additional page.

- a. What are your short and long term goals? How do they relate to your interest in the courses that we offer during the semester?
- b. What are your most significant academic and non-academic accomplishments?
- c. Describe yourself as person (likes, dislikes, strengths, weaknesses). Please include any other information about yourself that you'd like us to know.

How did you hear about the Catalina Semester?

Part V. Letter of Recommendation

Every applicant must provide one letter of recommendation (see Addendum 2 for form). Ask a professor, a teaching assistant, your advisor...or another person in academia who knows you well.

Please let us know who will be providing your letter of recommendation:

Name _____

Institution _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Part VI. Transcript

Along with this application, please provide a copy of your current academic transcript. The transcript may be an unofficial copy.

Addendum I. Certification of Transfer Credit (for non-USC students only)

It is your responsibility to discuss your plans for off-campus study with the appropriate advisor(s) at your home institution. Please review your academic plans with your advisor and ask them to sign the form below.

Certification of Academic Advisor

I have discussed the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies' Catalina Semester program with this student. I certify that the credits awarded through this program are transferable to this institution.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Name of Institution: _____

Comments:

Addendum II. Letter of Recommendation

Student Name: _____

To the reference: The above student has applied to the USC Catalina semester — a 15-week intensive, challenging and inspiring marine and environmental science program for juniors and seniors. The semester, sponsored by the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies, takes place at the USC Wrigley Marine Science Center on Catalina Island, about 20 miles offshore of Los Angeles. This facility provides a unique setting for hands-on courses and independent research. Students take advantage of immediate access to pristine intertidal and subtidal habitats (protected by our Marine Life Refuge), small class sizes, and close relationships with each other and their professors.

What we'd like to know (at least!): How long you have known the applicant and in what capacity? Do you think this student would succeed academically in a "non-traditional" setting? Socially? What are the student's strengths, weaknesses and passions? Are the student's grades an accurate representation of performance? And maybe most importantly, would YOU like to spend 15 weeks on an island with this applicant?

Thank you very much for your honest and thoughtful responses. If you have any questions, please call us at 213-740-6780.

Please include the following information:

Your Name _____

Institution _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

The letter of recommendation may be sent to the USC Wrigley Institute via US Mail, fax, or email. If you choose to email us, please send the recommendation to catsem@usc.edu and be sure to include the applicant's name and your contact information.

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