SUPPORT CENTERED PROGRAM (SCP) ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

You have been admitted to the University of Southern California as a member of the Support Centered Program (SCP). This shows that your individual success and potential has stood out. SCP students are valued participants of the university and receive personalized support and guidance, particularly during their first two to four semesters at USC. Congratulations on being one of the select few that will receive the benefits of this program. Please read below for more information.

Listed below are details related to SCP:

Program Overview:
A. SCP staff members provide advice and support to students, particularly during the critical early stages of their USC career.
   a. Personal – adjusting to college, self-discovery, responsibility, honesty, setting goals, sticking to plans.
   b. Academic - SCP is housed within the Center for Academic Support at USC
      i. Collaboration with academic advisors to help students identify classes, majors and minors
      ii. Locating tutors, academic coaches, and/or learning assistants
   c. Social
      i. Finding and balancing appropriate clubs/groups/organizations and/or work
      ii. Access to potential peer mentors
   d. Environmental – Transition to college, homesickness, roommate issues, how to find buildings/offices, etc.
B. SCP students will be expected to complete an orientation survey prior to the start of their classes. This allows the student to provide more information about their goals, personality, and experiences. SCP staff will then read through the results, in addition to admission related materials, to learn as much as possible about each student.

Academic Expectations:
A. SCP students are required to complete one unique course, EDPT-110 (EDPT = Educational Psychology and Technology). The full title of the course is “Motivation and Learning Strategies” and it is offered by the USC Rossier School of Education.
   a. EDPT-110 is a 4 unit letter graded course that counts for graduation as an elective.
   b. As a cognitive psychology “learning about learning” course, it aims to improve students’ understanding of their academic strengths, weaknesses, and time management skills- particularly as they adjust to college life.
   c. It is offered each semester and students only need to complete it once.
B. SCP is designed to assist students early on at USC. The length of this personalized assistance is determined as follows:
   a. SCP will most closely work with students until they have completed EDPT-110 and met the following:
      i. 52 USC units toward graduation and...
         1. In good academic standing (above a 2.0 GPA)
         2. Writing 140 or 130 completed
         3. GE6 and two other GE categories completed
         4. At least 16 units of major/pre-major coursework (including foreign language if needed)
      ii. OR, 32 letter graded USC units toward graduation after their first year and...
         1. 3.0 cumulative USC GPA, or better
         2. Writing 140 or 130 completed
         3. GE6 and one other GE category completed
         4. At least 8 units of major/pre-major coursework (including foreign language if needed)
   b. SCP progress is reviewed at the end of each term and students are welcomed to utilize SCP past this period

Additional Details:
A. The USC Office of Admission decides which students will be admitted into SCP. Participation is mandatory.
B. Students will have an ARD04 enrollment agreement restriction on their account until this agreement is completed and sent in.
C. The SCP01 identifier does not restrict activity. This indicates SCP is working with the student and allows SCP staff to obtain additional information.
D. Students need to meet with SCP staff prior to making course changes when the SCP02 restriction is on their account.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agree to the provisions of this Agreement.

__________________________________________
DATE

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME: _______________________________ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _______________________________

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________

PERMANENT PHONE NUMBER: _______________________________ CELL PHONE NUMBER: _______________________________

Please fill in the information above and sign this Agreement. Return the top copy to the address below or email a scan to scprgram@usc.edu:

University of Southern California, Support Centered Program (SCP), Student Union 301, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0896.

Please keep the bottom copy for your files. Your copy has advisory information on the back.

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ANSWERS TO SOME COMMON QUESTIONS

It is important that you have a complete understanding of this agreement. Advisors and various services are available to meet your specific needs. Listed below are some common questions about the Support Centered Program (SCP).

1. Are the courses I take different from what other USC students take? SCP students only have one unique academic requirement- the completion of EDPT-110. This course is open to everyone but required by SCP. EDPT-110 should be completed as soon as possible at USC (first semester preferred).

2. Who can help me plan my program of study? Each SCP student will still have an Academic Advisor within their Major Department. SCP staff collaborates with Academic Advisors in addition to staff at Student Athlete Academic Services (SAAS) and anyone else specifically involved with the success of each student at USC.

3. Can courses taken at other schools satisfy any of my SCP requirements? Typically not. EDPT-110 must be completed at USC. The SCP unit requirements for completion are also for USC coursework. Exceptions to particular general education and writing classes are possible for students that satisfy these requirements before attending USC (i.e., Spring Admits, Transfers, or freshmen that take summer coursework after high school graduation). For questions, contact SCP.

4. How often will I see my SCP counselor? SCP staff members are available for you to utilize as often as you would like. Students with an SCP02 restriction will be required to meet with SCP staff at least once per semester. Many students meet 2-3 times or more. In addition to these meetings, regular communication via email is expected.

5. Are tutoring services available? Yes. Free tutoring and other support services are available to you in the Center for Academic Support, which also houses the SCP office (STU 301). Please make your specific concerns and/or needs known to SCP for further information.

6. How long will I be a member of SCP? Your progress to graduation, individual goals, and self-learning along the way are important. Although SCP will monitor and be available to assist you throughout your time at USC, the program has been designed to assist you during the critical early years. As such, most students transition beyond SCP after their first two to four semesters at USC. This progress is dependent on successful completion of classwork at USC as indicated on the SCP agreement form.

7. Will my participation in extracurricular activities be affected? No. We encourage students to get involved. However, it is strongly recommended that students be aware of the more time-demanding extracurricular activities (e.g., athletics, fraternities, sororities, student government, etc.) and to seek feedback and advice from SCP staff and others when it comes to finding an optimal balance with schoolwork.

8. How will I know when I have met all SCP requirements? The Director of SCP will determine when you have met this Agreement. SCP maintains contact with you about your progress, including review of mid-semester grade estimates, and will contact you accordingly.

9. What should I do if I have additional questions, conflicts, or concerns? You should email the Director of SCP. Visit www.usc.edu/scp for more information.