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## A Message from the President

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This catalogue is a roadmap to an unmatched range of intellectual opportunities available here at the University of Southern California. In it you will find information on classes offered by our College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, and 17 different professional schools.

I hope this catalogue will inspire you to consider new and inventive ways of pursuing a university education.

Our undergraduates are fortunate to have advisors and professors who wholeheartedly encourage them to explore different disciplines and departments. The undergraduate years should be a time of discovery, for stretching oneself intellectually no matter one's major. One of USC's distinctive traits is our emphasis at the baccalaureate level on what we call "depth with breadth" — that is, promoting the creative combination of majors or majors and minors that are far apart from each other in the intellectual landscape. This might entail, for instance, pursuing a major in the humanities and a minor in the sciences — or a major in the arts and a minor in the professions. The objective is not merely well-roundedness in the old sense. Rather, the principal objective is the unpredictable release of intellectual energy and the unanticipated change in perspective that occur by connecting within one mind two widely separated fields of thought.

Courses at the graduate level, although designed to focus in closer on various specialties, likewise are intended to deepen and expand knowledge. But whether at the undergraduate or graduate level, our courses at USC reward an ambitious, engaged and creative approach to learning.

I urge all of our students to be bold and creative in designing your USC education and inventing your future. Intellectual breadth and agility are the tools you will need to succeed in the 21st century, and your courses at USC will equip you well.

Steven B. Sample  
President