

GOOD PLACES TO STUDY AT USC



This list was compiled by USC students based on some of their favorite study spots. This is only a partial list; feel free to find your own “quiet space” on campus or nearby!

MUDD HALL OF PHILOSOPHY (MHP)

There are many quiet places to study in this beautiful building including a lovely courtyard. It is on the far end of campus (next to Exposition Boulevard) so it is not busy. The best place in this building however is the **Hoose Library** on the top floor--take a walk up the stairs to see it for yourself. It is breathtaking, secluded and quiet!

RONALD TUTOR CAMPUS CENTER (RTCC) TROJAN FAMILY ROOM

Situated inside USC’s student hub, the Trojan Family Room is central to everything you need – a place to study, food nearby to replenish your tired mind, and fancy furniture to cushion your bum from all those hours of studying. You’ll appreciate that the space is also aesthetically appealing for when your eyes wander away from your textbook.

LEAVEY LIBRARY (LVL)

This large library is filled with floors of study space but it is always busy. There are computer labs in the basement and on the second floor with plenty of studying area in each. You can also reserve a study room for individual or group work.

TAPER HALL OF HUMANITIES (THH)

There are several great places to get some work done in this building. On the fourth floor there are several chairs and couches down the winding hallway. There’s lots of sunlight and it’s always quiet here as well. Another good spot is the **Language Center** located on the 3rd floor.

DOHENY LIBRARY (DML)

This is perhaps the best place on campus to study because there are floors of desks and tables hidden amongst the book stacks. If you like to be secluded and undisturbed, head down the elevator and sneak around to a quiet corner. If you like large open wood tables, try the first floor Cinema Library. Doheny Library is a great place to study if you love books because the entire place smells like old books! The only problem is that once you are underground, there are no windows, so keep an eye on your watch!

FOUNDERS PARK

Located directly beside Bovard Auditorium (ADM), this is a prime location for studying on sunny days. You can sit on the benches or sit in the grass. Usually this area is relatively quiet and empty.

QUEEN’S COURT

This is the area next to the Music School (MUS, RHM, BMH). This is one of the most lovely and tranquil places to study at USC. There are plots of flowers, grassy hills and sculptures. This is also a great place if you enjoy calming noise while you study--there are almost always music students practicing or, if not, you can hear the relaxing sound of the fountain.

GROUND ZERO

Tucked away behind Marks Tower (DMT), Pardee Tower (PDT) and the Dean’s Halls (DXM, TRO), Ground Zero can be a good place for studying. It opens at 7pm on weeknights. Known for its comfortable chairs and couches, it makes a great place for reading when there aren’t concerts or events going on. Since not many people know about Ground Zero, it is relatively quiet. While you’re there, try a Chai Milkshake!

Other small campus libraries:

VKC Library (basement of VKC)
Cinematic Arts, East Asian Libraries (in Doheny)
Architecture and Fine Arts (basement of WAH)
Law Library (2nd floor of Law School)