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GESM 131 Science Communication in a "Post-Truth" Era

Four (4) units

Spring 2025 – Mon./Wed. – 12:00PM Location: ANN 309

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We acknowledge that the territory on which we gather is the occupied land of the Tongva/Gabrielino peoples. We recognize the ongoing history of settler-colonialism in this place, and that we must strive to ensure that our learning, teaching, and building of knowledge and community honors the struggles, resilience, and vital wisdom of the Tongva/Gabrielino peoples. To learn more about the Indigenous history of our region go to <u>https://native-land.ca/</u> and <u>https://mila.ss.ucla.edu/.</u> To connect to on-campus resources and programs for indigenous or interested students go to the Native American Student Union: <u>https://nasu.usc.edu/</u>.

Course Description

Controversy and public debates abound concerning: climate change and mass extinction; vaccine mandates and mask-use during a global health crisis; the biology of sex in the context of constrained gender-affirming care; medical neglect based on gender, race, and ability; and many more—these issues suggest that competing claims about "fake news" or "alternative facts" are not unique to political content in journalism and mass media. Rather, they demonstrate how the sciences have also constituted another site for contesting knowledge. From a cultural studies approach, this course analyzes and interrogates examples of scientific consensus and disagreement, engaging with scholarship examining the social and historical underpinnings of fact-finding or truth-making. In each case, students will closely and carefully study how reality, or the ways we talk about it, mediate and become inseparable from power, culture, and social identity.

In a context of growing public distrust in science and expertise, it is important to enrich our understanding of the complex interplay between facts and social values. By carefully examining scientific and technical claims about social and political identities and about the natural, human, and virtual environments those identities move through, this course will strengthen your capacity to approach scientific evidence critically without overlooking the material or empirical world.

Student Learning Outcomes

Borrowing from humanistic approaches in the discipline of communication, this course equips you with strategies of argumentation in the analysis of scientific knowledge. You will develop interpretive skills in discourse analysis and visual analysis, demonstrating them through essays, reading responses, and class discussions exploring the political nature of scientific knowledge production and the ideological uses of evidence within and outside of scientific circles. Engaging with contemporary and historical examples of contested knowledge in the life, medical, and computational sciences, you will learn how to make and support sound claims through the language of course texts, which cultivate an understanding of science communication on two levels: (1) the ways scientists communicate their work to themselves and to the wider public; and (2) the social and cultural attitudes that shape scientific practice and its reception.

Required Readings and Supplementary Materials

All assigned texts are made available via the content section of Brightspace. Additionally, most assigned texts are available electronically via USC Libraries, but alternately you can also purchase them from your favorite independent bookstore. The instructor may change the syllabus at any time during the course in order to better serve the intellectual mission of the course.

Students will always have access to the course syllabus on Brightspace. Lecture slides will be provided to students with OSAS letters indicating the accommodation.

Description and Assessment of Assignments

Assignment 1: Essay on Sex and Gender / 20 points / Feb. 12

You will be given three themes from which you will choose one to analyze using course readings from Weeks 2-4.

Assignment 2: Matchmaker Report / 20 points / Mar. 10

You will play matchmaker between humanity and an infectious disease, using course readings from Weeks 5-7 to demonstrate how this infectious disease will exploit humanity's unpreparedness.

Assignment 3: Letter to Self / 20 points / Apr. 9

Imagine yourself in the future, and from that place of speculation write a letter to yourself in the present.

Final Assignment: Magazine Project / 35 points/

Throughout the semester you will explore how science is used to both unify and divide humanity. In a three-part project, you will wrestle with the politics of such efforts to define the "human" by creating your own call for solidarity. Together, individual projects will constitute a submission to a course-wide magazine, for which we will collectively decide the title.

- **Topic Introductions** / 10 points / Weeks 14-15 In a 10-15 minute presentation, you must introduce a scientific topic or controversy you are personally interested in. Make sure to indicate your sources. Additionally, propose how you would visualize this topic to a mass audience.
- Article / 10 points / May 9
 The written component analyzes the topic using course readings from Weeks 11-13. Write for a mass audience.
- Visualizations / 10 points / May 9 Create visuals that complement your article above. You will be given several options for this.

Participation

Participation is a major component of this class and is worth <u>10% of your total course grade</u>. The participation grade will be determined by contributions to class discussions in the form of questions, comments, peer collaboration, and office hours attendance. Participation will be graded in increments of 5 weeks.

Grading Breakdown

Description of assessments and corresponding points and percentage of grade.

Assessment Tool (assignments)	Points	% of Grade
Participation	10	10

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Assignment 1: Essay on Sex/Gender	20	20
Assignment 2: Matchmaker Report	20	20
Assignment 3: Letter to Self	20	20
Final Assignment: Magazine Project	30	30
TOTAL		100%

Course Grading Scale

Letter grade and corresponding numerical point range			
94% to 100%: A	80% to 83%: B-	67% to 69%: D+	
90% to 93%: A-	77% to 79%: C+	64% to 66%: D	
87% to 89%: B+	74% to 76%: C	60% to 63%: D-	
84% to 86%: B	70% to 73%: C-	0% to 59%: F	

Grading Standards

What each letter grade demonstrates.

Letter Grade	Description	
А	Excellent; demonstrates extraordinarily high achievement; comprehensive knowledge and understanding of subject matter; <u>all</u> expectations <u>exceeded</u> .	
В	Good; moderately broad knowledge and understanding of subject matter; explicitly or implicitly demonstrates good, if not thorough understanding; <u>all</u> expectations met and only minor substantive shortcomings.	
С	Satisfactory/Fair; reasonable knowledge and understanding of subject matter; most expectations are met; despite any shortcomings, demonstrates basic level of understanding.	
D	Marginal; minimal knowledge and understanding of subject matter; more than one significant shortcoming; deficiencies indicate only the most rudimentary level of understanding.	
F	Failing; unacceptably low level of knowledge and understanding of subject matter; deficiencies indicate lack of understanding.	

Grading Timeline

For effective learning, students should receive timely feedback on assignments and exams. Therefore, every attempt will be made to grade assignments and post grades within two weeks. Scores for all assignments are regularly updated on Brightspace.

If you have concerns regarding a grade on a given assignment, you must first wait 24 hours (cooling off period) before appealing it in writing (approximately 1 page, single-spaced), stating the reasons why you feel the grade is

inaccurate, taking specific written comments into consideration. Additionally, the student must have compared their work to that of another student who received at least half a letter grade higher. All concerns should be addressed to the professor within 7 days of receiving the graded assignment. After that, no appeals will be accepted for review and the grade will be considered final.

Course Policies

In this class, the instructor and students alike should strive to create a vibrant and respectful place for learning. This means recognizing social differences; affirming discomfort as a place for reflection; and maintaining the high standards of rigor that higher education demands. These constitute ways that we can care for each other in the classroom. Thus, unlike social media, the classroom is not a platform for dehumanizing speech or misinformation.

We are mindful of tremendous learning challenges in times of difficulty. The instructor in this course will endeavor to be responsive to student needs. However, at its best, care is reciprocity. We are also mindful of teaching challenges, where instructors also perform (often gendered) emotional and caring labor. This runs the risk of becoming care fatigue. Hence, students can also perform care for their instructor by meeting the instructor halfway: please let them know as soon as possible of any accommodations needed, so that they can prepare ahead of time.

If you require testing and learning accommodations for this course, please provide the instructor with your OSAS letter as soon as you are able.

Assignment Submission Policy

The class schedule below indicates important due dates. Extensions are provided only in cases of emergency. **Extensions are not retroactive**. Therefore, it is important that the instructor be notified as soon as possible and before the due date if a student requires an extension.

All assignments are due on the dates specified. Lacking prior discussion and agreement with the instructor, late assignments will risk a grade reduction: For every 24 hours that the assignment is late, half a grade will be deducted. That means that if an assignment receives a letter grade of A, but is a day late, then it will receive a final grade of A-.

Attendance

Attendance is important: there is significant material covered in class that is not in the reading. This course involves **substantial in-class work**. Students who miss more than **three (3) meetings** will have their grades reduced. Attendance will be taken during class, and you will lose half a letter grade from the final grade for every unexcused absence. This means that if your final grade is an A and you miss four section meetings, your final grade will drop to an A-. An excused absence is one where you inform the instructor beforehand that you will not be able to make it to class for a valid and documented medical or legal/religious reason. Contact the instructor at the very beginning of the semester in order to inform them of your needed accommodations for religious observances. If you have an unforeseen emergency that prevents you from attending section, inform the instructor **as soon as possible** and provide written evidence of the reason of the emergency (e.g. doctor's note).

Unexcused absences are not retroactive, and so it is very important that the professor is notified as soon as possible if a student requires an excused absence beyond the three allowable unexcused absences.

Arriving significantly late to class (>10 mins) is disruptive to section meetings, and will hurt participation grade. Other examples of what will hurt participation grade include: not engaging with peers during group activities; being on one's phone during class time; not doing in-class work during class time.

In the event that you find yourself experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms, in keeping with university recommendations, you should:

- Stay home! This is the best way to prevent spreading COVID-19 as supported by scientific evidence; Please do not come to an in-person class if you are feeling ill, particularly if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Nothing we do in our class is worth risking your health, my health, or the health or your peers.
- Contact the instructor to identify options available for keeping up with course requirements and content. Office hours are for clarifying questions concerning assignments, grades, and lecture/section materials, and not for repeating any lectures/sections that a student may have missed.

Communication

Please do not hesitate to contact the professor about your questions or concerns. I will respond in a timely manner to all emails, which means within three business days. The instructor is not expected to respond to emails during the weekend or after 5PM and before 8AM on weekdays.

Course Schedule

Important note to students: Be advised that this calendar is subject to change based on the progress of the class, news events, or guest speaker availability.

	Theme	Readings/Homework	
Week 1			
Mon. Jan. 13	Introductions	No readings/homework	
Wed. Jan. 15	Science in this	Watch "Left-Wing Code Words and Language," from ProPublica,	
	political moment	"Inside Project 2025's Secret Training Videos"	
Week 2			
Mon. Jan. 20	MLK	No class.	
Wed. Jan. 22	Genitals	Anne Fausto-Sterling, 2000, "Of Gender and Genitals: The Uses and Abuses of the Modern Intersexual," in <i>Sexing the Body:</i>	
Wed. Jan. 22	Gernais	Gender Politics and the Construction of Sexuality	
Week 3			
Mon. Jan. 27	Chromosomes	Sarah Richardson, 2012, "Sexing the X: How the X Became the 'Female Chromosome.'"	
Wed. Jan. 29	Hormones	Anne Fausto-Sterling, 2012, "Of Molecultes and Sex," in Sex/Gender: Biology in a Social World.	
Week 4			
Mon. Feb. 3	Brains	Rebecca Jordan-Young, 2010, "Masculine and Feminine Sexuality," in <i>Brain Storm: The Flaws in the Science of</i> <i>Differences</i>	
Wed. Feb. 5 The future of sex/gender	The future of	Anne Fausto-Sterling, 2012, excerpt from <i>Sex/Gender: Biology in a Social World</i> .	
	sex/gender	Sophie Lewis, 2024, " <u>TERF Island: There Have Always Been</u> Enemies Inside the Feminist Camp."	
Week 5			
Mon. Feb. 10	Immunology	Emily Martin, 1994, "Immunophilosophy: How Scientists See the Immune System," in <i>Flexible Bodies: The Role of Immunity in</i> <i>American Culture from the Days of Polio to the age of AIDS</i>	

Wed. Feb. 12	Vaccine Hesitancy, Part 1	Emily Martin, 1994, "Educating and Training the Body: Vaccines and Tests," in <i>Flexible Bodies: The Role of Immunity in American</i> <i>Culture from the Days of Polio to the age of AIDS</i> Steven Thrasher, 2022, "Release: The Myth of White Immunity," in <i>The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll when Inequiality and</i> <i>Disease Collide</i> ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE BEFORE CLASS TIME
Week 6		
Mon. Feb. 17	President's Day	No class.
Wed. Feb. 19	Vaccine Hesitancy, Part 2	Nicole Charles, 2022, "Risk and Suspicion," in Suspicion: Vaccines, Hesitancy, and the Affective Politics of Protection in Barbados
Week 7		
Mon. Feb. 24	Vaccine Aparthied	Steven Thrasher, 2022, "One in Two: Unequal Prophylaxis," in The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll when Inequiality and Disease Collide
Wed. Feb. 26	Herd Immunity	Steven Thrasher, 2022, "Disability as Disposability: Ableism," in The Viral Underclass: The Human Toll when Inequiality and Disease Collide
		A People's CDC, 2023, "A People's External Review of the CDC"
Week 8		
Mon. Mar. 3	Profit vs Climate	Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway, 2010, "The Denial of Global Warming," in Merchants of Doubt: How a Handful of Scientists Obscured the Truth in Issues from Tobacco Smoke to Global Warming
		Stuart Capstick et. al., 2022, " <u>Civil disobedience by scientists</u> helps press for urgent climate action," Nature
Wed. Mar. 5	Experts and Activism	Fernando Racimo et. al., 2022, "The biospheric emergency calls for scientists to change tactics," <i>eLife</i>
		Luke Kemp et. al., 2022, " <u>Climate Endgame: Exploring</u> catastrophic climate change scenarios," PNAS
Week 9		
		Thomas Lovejoy and Carlos Nobre, 2018, " <u>Amazon Tipping</u> <u>Point</u> "
Mon. Mar. 10	Climate and Policy	Monica de Bolle, 2019, "The Amazon Is a Carbon Bomb: How Can Brazil and the World Work Together to Avoid Setting It Off?"
		Earle C. Ellis et. al., 2020, "People have shaped most of terrestrial nature for at least 12,000 years," <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences</i>
		ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE BEFORE CLASS TIME
Wed. Mar. 12	Loss, Part 1	Dahr Jamail, 2019, "The Coming Atlantis," in <i>The End of Ice:</i> Bearing Witness and Finding Meaning in the Path of Climate Disruption

Sun. Mar. 16 –	Spring Break	NO CLASS
Sun. Mar. 23		
Week 10		
Mon. Mar. 24	Loss, Part 2	Amitav Ghosh, 2016, "History," in The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable
Wed. Mar. 26 Climate Feeling		David Corn, 2019, " <u>It's the End of the World as They Know It</u> ," <i>Mother Jones</i>
	Climate Feelings	Jade Sasser, 2024, "The Kids are not Alright," in Climate Anxiety and the Kid Question: Deciding Whether to Have Children in an Uncertain Future
Week 11		
		Elizabeth Kolbert, 2018, " <u>Skin Deep</u> ," National Geographic Magazine.
Mon. Mar. 31	The Human Family	Michele Norries, 2018, " <u>The Rising Anxiety of White America</u> ," National Geographic Magazine.
		David Derreby, 2018, " <u>The Things that Divide Us</u> ," National Geographic Magazine.
Wed. Apr. 2 Ancestry	Ancestry	Alondra Nelson, 2012, "Reconciliation Projects: From Kinship to Justice," in <i>Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The Collision of DNA, Race, and History</i>
	Keith Wailoo, 2012, "Who Am I? Genes and the Problem of Historical Identity," in <i>Genetics and the Unsettled Past: The</i> <i>Collision of DNA, Race, and History</i>	
Week 12		
Mon. Apr. 7	Othering: Bias	Jonathan Kahn, 2017, "Biologizing Racism: The Ultimate Technical Fix," in Race on the Brain: What Implicit Bias Gets Wrong About the Struggle for Racial Justice
		TBD
Wed. Apr. 9	Othering: Eugenics	ASSIGNMENT 3 DUE BEFORE CLASS TIME
Week 13		
Mon. Apr. 14	Existential Crisis: Anthropocene	Nick Mirzoeff, 2018, "It's Not the Anthropocene, It's the White Supremacy Scene; or, The Geological Color Line," in <i>After</i> <i>Extinction</i>
Wed. Apr. 16	Existential Crisis: Al	Meredith Broussard, 2023, "Understanding Machine Bias," in More Than a Glitch : Confronting Race, Gender, and Ability Bias in Tech
Week 14		1
Mon. Apr. 21		
Wed. Apr. 23	Final project preparations	
Week 15		

Wed. Apr. 30	Final project preparations	
FINAL		
<u>FRI. MAY 9</u>	FINAL DUE	<u>SUBMIT BY 11:59 PM PDT</u>

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Integrity

The University of Southern California is foremost a learning community committed to fostering successful scholars and researchers dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge and the transmission of ideas. Academic misconduct is in contrast to the university's mission to educate students through a broad array of first-rank academic, professional, and extracurricular programs and includes any act of dishonesty in the submission of academic work (either in draft or final form).

This course will follow the expectations for academic integrity as stated in the <u>USC Student</u> <u>Handbook</u>. All students are expected to submit assignments that are original work and prepared specifically for the course/section in this academic term. You may not submit work written by others or "recycle" work prepared for other courses without obtaining written permission from the instructor(s). Students suspected of engaging in academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

Other violations of academic misconduct include, but are not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, fabrication (e.g., falsifying data), knowingly assisting others in acts of academic dishonesty, and any act that gains or is intended to gain an unfair academic advantage.

Academic dishonesty has a far-reaching impact and is considered a serious offense against the university. Violations will result in a grade penalty, such as a failing grade on the assignment or in the course, and disciplinary action from the university itself, such as suspension or even expulsion.

For more information about academic integrity see the <u>student handbook</u> or the <u>Office of Academic</u> <u>Integrity's website</u>, and university policies on <u>Research and Scholarship Misconduct</u>.

Please ask your instructor if you are unsure what constitutes unauthorized assistance on an exam or assignment or what information requires citation and/or attribution.

AI Generators Policy

This course aims to develop creative, analytical, and critical thinking skills. Therefore, **unless otherwise stated on prompts**, all other assignments should be prepared by the student working individually or in groups. Students may not have another person or entity complete any substantive portion of the assignment. Developing strong competencies in these areas will prepare you for a competitive workplace. Therefore, using AI-generated text, code, or other content is prohibited in this course, will be identified as plagiarism, and will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity.

While students are prohibited from using AI-powered programs for their assignments, they may find themselves analyzing or critiquing AI-generated images. In these cases, students are required to cite or credit AI-generated material. For instructions on how to do so, refer to <u>USC Libraries Citing Generative AI</u>.

Please ask the instructor if you are unsure about what information requires citation and/or attribution.

In this class, you are expected to submit work that demonstrates your individual mastery of the course concepts. Unless specifically designated as a "group project," all assignments are expected to be completed individually.

If found responsible for an academic violation, students may be assigned university outcomes, such as suspension or expulsion from the university, and grade penalties, such as an "F" grade on the assignment, exam, or in the course.

Course Content Distribution and Synchronous Session Recordings Policies

USC has policies that prohibit recording and distribution of any synchronous and asynchronous course content outside of the learning environment.

Recording a university class without the express permission of the instructor and announcement to the class, or unless conducted pursuant to an Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) accommodation, is prohibited. Recording can inhibit free discussion in the future, and thus infringe on the academic freedom of other students as well as the instructor. (Living our Unifying Values: The USC Student Handbook, page 13).

Distribution or use of notes, recordings, exams, or other intellectual property, based on university classes or lectures without the express permission of the instructor for purposes other than individual or group study. This includes but is not limited to providing materials for distribution by services publishing course materials. This restriction on unauthorized use also applies to all information, which had been distributed to students or in any way had been displayed for use in relation to the class, whether obtained in class, via email, on the internet, or via any other media. Distributing course material without the instructor's permission will be presumed to be an intentional act to facilitate or enable academic dishonestly and is strictly prohibited. (Living our Unifying Values: The USC Student Handbook, page 13).

Statement on University Academic and Support Systems

Students and Disability Accommodations:

USC welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. <u>The Office of Student</u> <u>Accessibility Services</u> (OSAS) is responsible for the determination of appropriate accommodations for students who encounter disability-related barriers. Once a student has completed the OSAS process (registration, initial appointment, and submitted documentation) and accommodations are determined to be reasonable and appropriate, a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) will be available to generate for each course. The LOA must be given to each course instructor by the student and followed up with a discussion. This should be done as early in the semester as possible as accommodations are not retroactive. More information can be found at <u>osas.usc.edu</u>. You may contact OSAS at (213) 740-0776 or via email at <u>osasfrontdesk@usc.edu</u>.

Student Financial Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress:

To be eligible for certain kinds of financial aid, students are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward their degree objectives. Visit the <u>Financial Aid Office webpage</u> for <u>undergraduate</u>- and <u>graduate-level</u> SAP eligibility requirements and the appeals process.

Support Systems:

Annenberg Student Success Fund

The Annenberg Student Success Fund is a donor-funded financial aid account available to USC Annenberg undergraduate and graduate students for non-tuition expenses related to extra- and co-curricular programs and opportunities.

Annenberg Student Emergency Aid Fund

Awards are distributed to students experiencing unforeseen circumstances and emergencies impacting their ability to pay tuition or cover everyday living expenses. These awards are not intended to cover full-tuition expenses, but rather serve as bridge funding to guarantee students' continued enrollment at USC until other resources, such as scholarships or loans, become available. Students are encouraged to provide as much information in their application, as well as contact their academic advisor directly with questions about additional resources available to them.

Counseling and Mental Health - (213) 740-9355 – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

<u>988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline</u> - 988 for both calls and text messages – 24/7 on call

The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline consists of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices. The new, shorter phone number makes it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services (though the previous 1 (800) 273-8255 number will continue to function indefinitely) and represents a continued commitment to those in crisis.

Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) - (213) 740-9355(WELL) – 24/7 on call

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender- and power-based harm (including sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and stalking).

Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX (EEO-TIX) - (213) 740-5086

Information about how to get help or help someone affected by harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants.

Reporting Incidents of Bias or Harassment - (213) 740-2500

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions to the Office for Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title for appropriate investigation, supportive measures, and response.

The Office of Student Accessibility Services (OSAS) - (213) 740-0776

OSAS ensures equal access for students with disabilities through providing academic accommodations and auxiliary aids in accordance with federal laws and university policy.

USC Campus Support and Intervention - (213) 740-0411

Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - (213) 740-2101

Information on events, programs and training, the Provost's Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

<u>USC Emergency</u> - UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call

Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

USC Department of Public Safety - UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-1200 – 24/7 on call

Non-emergency assistance or information.

Office of the Ombuds - (213) 821-9556 (UPC) / (323-442-0382 (HSC)

A safe and confidential place to share your USC-related issues with a University Ombuds who will work with you to explore options or paths to manage your concern.

Occupational Therapy Faculty Practice - (323) 442-2850 or otfp@med.usc.edu

Confidential Lifestyle Redesign services for USC students to support health promoting habits and routines that enhance quality of life and academic performance.