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One of the many college rivalries in the United States and probably one of the biggest in Manhattan Beach and Los Angeles is between the University of Southern California and the University of California Los Angele. Overall, USC is a better school.

USC and UCLA are located 12 miles from each other. USC, founded in 1880, is a private university located on the southern edge of downtown LA near Exposition Park. The surrounding neighborhood is considered dangerous by many; however, more connections to downtown have helped create a more secure feeling on campus. UCLA was founded in 1919 as the second school in the UC system and is located in Westwood, which is on the west side of LA. It borders neighborhoods such as Hollywood and Beverly Hills. USC might be in a bad area, but students are more cautious, therefore are safer and more prepared for life than UCLA students, who treat Westwood as a safe neighborhood, making them more vulnerable.

In sports, USC and UCLA are both in the PAC-10 Conference and big rivals. USC has historically done better and is better than UCLA at football, where they are 49-29-7 against them. In baseball, USC has won 12 college world series, more than any team, and are 246-110 against them. They have also done well in men’s track and field, and women’s basketball. In academics, USC is known to have a great film program, which was created by Steven Spielberg himself, a great engineering department, and a great business department.

UCLA has dominated in men’s basketball, with 11 National Championships and a head-to-head record of 129-104 compared to USC’s 0 national championships. UCLA has also done better in Volleyball, with a combined total 20 national championships and a head-to-head record of 143-91. Other sports include soccer and women’s track and field. However, UCLA and USC are almost tied in water polo and tennis, and USC is slowly catching up in volleyball. UCLA is known for a good film and art program, as well as a good pre-med and med program.

Currently, both Universities are tied for 24th in United States university rankings. They both have a low acceptance rate, UCLA’s being 25.5% and USC’s being 23%. USC is still, overall, a better school.