Recommendations
Lancaster Campus of Palmetto College

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Community Service

Related courses UNIV 101, NURS 431, PHIL 211, PHIL 322, PSYC 510, SOCY 340, PALM 495; or any approved service learning course.

Sites/experiences For volunteer opportunities via campus think about joining The USCL Rotaract Club and USCL Delta Links and Omega Scholars. These organizations offer several sponsored community service activities throughout the academic year.

Why is this important Engaging in community service helps students grow both intellectually and personally. Community service supports student development in areas such as: recognition of stereotyping and appreciation of diverse cultures. Additionally, community service allows students to give back to the community partners who have helped make USCL possible. Community service builds lasting ties between universities and communities.

Getting started Visit the Office of Student Engagement and Success in Starr Hall.

Global Learning

Related courses ANTH 102, ARTH 105, ARTH 106, ENGL 270, ENGL 283, HIST 104, HIST 109, HIST 317, HIST 318, HIST 320, HIST 321, HIST 347, MGMT 406, POLI 341, or any approved travel study course.

Recommended Timing/Semester A travel study destination is approved through the Office of Student Engagement and Success every year. Normally, trips will depart during Spring Break or Maymester. Scholarships are offered to help offset the cost of each trip.

Students may also participate in any of the Study Abroad or Maymester travel opportunities through the USC Study Abroad Office in Columbia.

Campus or local opportunities USC Lancaster travel study trips are approved in the Spring semester of each year. Typically, trips rotate on a domestic then international basis. Students may earn course credit for each travel study trip, and the course credit offered varies based upon destination and instructor.

Why this is important Learning how to interact with people from other countries and cultures will help students address urgent issues (curing diseases, fighting terrorism, finding energy solutions) within a global society. Global study pushes students embrace cultural and societal differences and experience diversity first hand.

Getting started Visit the Office of Student Engagement and Success or the Office of Academic and Student Affairs in Starr Hall.

Peer Leadership

Student organization(s) Black Awareness Group, Campus Crusade for Christ, Chemistry Club, College Democrats, College Republicans, Delta Links, EQUAL at USCL, Kappa Pi Delta: Criminal Justice Student Organization, Lancaster Players, Omega Scholars, Outdoor Recreation Club, Peer Advisors at Lancaster (PAL), Psychology Club and Psi Beta, Research Club, Rotaract, Student Government Association (SGA), UNIV101 Peer Mentoring, Veterans Group

Other Leadership opportunities The Office of Student Life encourages all students to consider chartering a student organization, if we do not offer an organization to meet your interests. Please visit the Office of Student Life to obtain the appropriate paperwork.
Why this is important
Peer leadership allows students to demonstrate interpersonal relationship building, take personal responsibility, practice real world critical thinking skills, and foster the development of leadership skills within the context of social justice.

Getting started
See any UNIV 101 professor, Director of Student Life, or visit the Office of Student Engagement and Success

Internships

Recommended sites/work experiences
The Office of Career Services, Palmetto College Coordinator, Associate Degree in Business Internship Site Coordinator, and Criminal Justice Internship Site Coordinator maintain an active list of all local businesses seeking internships. USC Lancaster students have been placed with Nutramax, Founders, the Lancaster Police Department, Christian Services, Auto Plus Insurance Group LLC, County Solicitor’s Office. Students are also encouraged to explore other internship opportunities related to their areas of interest.

Program Internship Requirements
Associate Degree in Business Internship Program, Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Internship Program, Associate Degree in Nursing Clinical Experience, Bachelor of Liberal Studies and Bachelor of Organizational Leadership Program

Why this is important
Gain valuable career related experience as a path for gaining employment upon graduation. Establish relationships with mentors and engage in opportunities to network with individuals in your field of study.

How students can get started
Visit the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, the Office of Student Engagement and Success, or Career Services

Research

Related courses
ARTS 104, ARTS 108, any 399 Independent Study in the desired field; Magellan Scholars Grants

The American College of Sports Medicine Southeast Region Conference: IMPACT OF BIOLOGICAL ATTRACTIVENESS ON BMI AND BODY FAT PERCENTAGE

The Association of Carolina Emerging Scholars Student Panelists and Presenters 2015 Conference

Sample research projects or topics
The USCL Research Club engages in research in all disciplines and pairs students with faculty mentors for research in their respective disciplines.

Why this is important
Undergraduate research experience allows students hands on experience within their field of study, gain a better understanding of published works, create new knowledge, and determine an area of interest within their respective academic disciplines.

Getting started
Attend a meeting of the research club; talk to a professor in your discipline about engaging in an independent study; visit the Office of Student Engagement and Success
INTEGRATE

How to integrate

Courses, projects, or other requirements that help students think through what they have learned from beyond the classroom experiences and how that relates to their course work, major, or future.

UNIV 101 courses continually integrate beyond the classroom experiences.

Many USCL Student Organizations, offer lecture based series, that allow students to expand their knowledge base and application of skills learned in the classroom.

ARTS based courses offer students an opportunity to showcase their works in a “gallery” based atmosphere.

The Research Club hosts a Celebration of Research at the end of each academic year, allowing students to extend their learning from an academic setting to a real world conversation.

Career Services helps student connect what they enjoy outside of the classroom with a future career.

The Office of Student Engagement and Success will work with any student interested in pursuing Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD) to build a personalized plan for student engagement and completion of required GLD components.

A UNIV 401 section is offered for GLD students to assist with the reflective thinking and writing process associated with the E-portfolio as part of the requirement for GLD.

LEAD

Initial career opportunities

Associate degree students may wish to continue their coursework toward a Baccalaureate degree. Integration of experiences (within and beyond the class room) is a benefit to any career.

Related graduate programs

AA/AS students may wish to continue coursework for BA/BS. BA/BS students may wish to continue graduate work in their related field.

Future career opportunities

Associate Degree students can continue in desired field to earn BA/BS or enter the workforce armed with the ability to make connections between experiences. Bachelor Degree students can continue in desired field in graduate school or enter the workforce in their field (or related field) armed with the ability to make connections between experiences.

The listed experiences are a sample of options for your major. See the USC Connect experiences database to search for more opportunities. www.sc.edu/usconnect