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# CONSUMER INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

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This guide is produced by the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships. It contains a summary of consumer information that must be made available to all students at the University of South Carolina in accordance with federal regulations set forth by The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. This information is also available at [https://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/student\\_consumer\\_information/](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/student_consumer_information/). Each topic listed gives a brief description of the information that must be disclosed and explains how it can be obtained. If you need assistance obtaining this information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid (see address below).

All addresses end with unless otherwise stated:

**University of South Carolina**  
**Columbia, SC 29208**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Academic Program Accreditation List

For accreditation information for USC schools/colleges, contact the Office of the Provost.

Tel: 803-777-2808

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/provost/academicpriorities/academicprograms/program-actions/program-review.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/academicpriorities/academicprograms/program-actions/program-review.php)

### Academic Programs

Information on the university's academic programs, degree offerings and course listings is available at [https://sc.edu/study/majors\\_and\\_degrees/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/majors_and_degrees/index.php)

### Accreditation Information

Students may review copies of documents regarding entities that accredit, license, or approve the institution and its programs. The University of South Carolina is accredited by:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges:  
1866 Southern Lane  
Decatur, GA 30033-4097  
Tel: 404-679-4500

Contact the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics to review the accreditation document:

Tel: 803-777-2814

[https://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/institutional\\_research\\_assessment\\_and\\_analytics/sacscoc\\_continuous\\_compliance/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/institutional_research_assessment_and_analytics/sacscoc_continuous_compliance/index.php)

### Complaint Resolution Policies

The SC Commission on Higher Education responds to formal complaints from students against public, independent non-profit and proprietary institutions of higher education in South Carolina. The Commission has limited authority over public and independent non-profit independent colleges and universities. To view the procedure, see

[https://che.sc.gov/sites/che/files/Documents/Institutions%20and%20Educators/Complaint\\_Procedures\\_and\\_Form.pdf](https://che.sc.gov/sites/che/files/Documents/Institutions%20and%20Educators/Complaint_Procedures_and_Form.pdf)

### Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

Constitution Day is celebrated on September 17 each year except for when the date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday. To learn more about an event, visit [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/leadership\\_and\\_service\\_center/civic\\_engagement/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/leadership_and_service_center/civic_engagement/index.php)

### Copyright Infringement Policies

Information about the university's policies related to the use of copyright material, including peer-to-peer file sharing, can be found on the Copyrights and Trademarks website at

[https://www.sc.edu/about/notices/copyrights\\_and\\_trade\\_marks/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/notices/copyrights_and_trade_marks/index.php).



## Cost of Attendance

For actual tuition and fee charges contact:

Bursar's Office

1244 Blossom St., Suite 128

Tel: 803-777-4233

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/bursar/tuition\\_and\\_required\\_fees/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/bursar/tuition_and_required_fees/index.php)

For estimated tuition and fees, housing, food, books, personal, and transportation costs contact:

Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

1244 Blossom St., Suite 200

Tel: 803-777-8134

Email: [uscfaid@sc.edu](mailto:uscfaid@sc.edu)

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/cost\\_and\\_aid/cost\\_to\\_attend/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/cost_and_aid/cost_to_attend/index.php)

**School of Medicine Columbia** students should contact:

6311 Garners Ferry Road Building #3

Columbia, SC 29209

Tel: 803-216-3629

Email: [jerel.arceneaux@uscmed.sc.edu](mailto:jerel.arceneaux@uscmed.sc.edu)

<https://sc.edu/medicinecolumbia>

**School of Medicine Greenville** students should contact:

607 Grove Road

Columbia, SC 29605

Tel: 864-455-8204

Email: [wileyc@greenvillemed.sc.edu](mailto:wileyc@greenvillemed.sc.edu)

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/medicine\\_greenville/financial\\_aid/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/medicine_greenville/financial_aid/index.php)

## Course Listings

For course listing and academic program information, see

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/registrar/academic\\_bulletin/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/academic_bulletin/index.php).

## Facilities and Services for Students with Disabilities

Accommodations can be made with the Student Disability Resource Center:

1705 College St.

Close-Hipp, Suite 102

Tel: 803-777-6142

Email: [sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu)

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/student\\_disability\\_resource\\_center/register\\_with\\_us/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/student_disability_resource_center/register_with_us/index.php)

## Faculty

For a faculty listing, please see

<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/>

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, or FERPA, establishes the regulations regarding access to and disclosure of student records. To fulfill FERPA requirements, the university has established Policies on Student Records. These policies outline a student's rights regarding their records, where records about the student may be kept and maintained, what kinds of information are in those records, the conditions under which the student or anyone else may have access to information in those records, and what action a student can take if the information in their record is inaccurate or that the student's rights have been compromised. Student record policies are on the web at

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/registrar/transcripts\\_and\\_records/privacy/](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/transcripts_and_records/privacy/).

To receive a copy of the policy, contact:

University Registrar

1244 Blossom St., Suite 106

Tel: 803-777-5555

## Instructional Facilities

For instructional facilities, please see

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/index.php).

## Net Price Calculator

Predict college expenses and financial aid as a college freshman attending the University of South Carolina full-time, using the net price calculator at

<https://sc.clearcostcalculator.com/student>.

## Student Diversity

For information about the diversity of the university student body, contact:

Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics

1710 College Street

Tel: 803-777-2814

View information here at

<http://oiraa.dw.sc.edu/factbook/2023/columbia/index.htm>.



### Textbook Prices and Course Materials

The University of South Carolina Official Bookstore provides course materials and textbook prices. Find materials here at <https://sc.bncollege.com/course-material/course-finder>. Costs vary by program, course load, and classes selected. You may be able to reduce your costs by buying used books, renting books, purchasing digital books, or using the university's library.

### Transfer of Credit Policies for Graduate Students

View the policies here at <https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/policies-regulations/graduate-academic-regulations/#text>

### Transfer of Credit Policies for Undergraduate Students

View the policies here at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/registrar/transfer\\_credits/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/registrar/transfer_credits/index.php).

### Voter Registration

Find out how to vote here at <https://uofsc.turbovote.org/>.

## INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

School of Medicine Columbia students and School of Medicine Greenville students should contact their respective financial aid offices to request financial aid information. See listings in previous section. All other students may contact the Columbia campus financial aid office listed in the previous section.

### Aid Recipient Responsibilities

As a recipient of financial aid, you have responsibility to inform us changes that could affect your financial aid. View your responsibilities here at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/terms\\_and\\_conditions/your\\_responsibilities/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/terms_and_conditions/your_responsibilities/index.php).

### Aid Eligibility Restrictions

Learn more about factors that could affect your eligibility to receive financial aid at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/terms\\_and\\_conditions/financial\\_aid\\_eligibility\\_restrictions/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/terms_and_conditions/financial_aid_eligibility_restrictions/index.php).

### Financial Aid for Education Abroad (Studying Abroad)

Students may be eligible for financial aid to study abroad at an eligible program, but additional information is necessary. Learn more about the process here at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/exchange\\_programs/education\\_abroad/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/exchange_programs/education_abroad/index.php).

### Financial Aid Practices at USC

Get an overall understanding of the financial aid process here at USC by reviewing [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/index.php).

### How Aid Eligibility for Need Based Aid is Determined and Awarded

Need based-aid is determined by meeting certain criteria for both general and program-specific requirements. View our awarding process here at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/terms\\_and\\_conditions/the\\_awarding\\_process/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/terms_and_conditions/the_awarding_process/index.php).

### Non-SC State Grant Assistance

View additional assistance from other resources here at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types>.

### Overview of Financial Aid Programs

There are many different sources of financial aid that come from federal, state, institutional, and private resources. Review funding options at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/index.php).

### Refund Policy

Federal financial aid funds are awarded with the expectation that students will complete the courses for which they are enrolled. Students who do not complete their courses may be subject to our refund policy. See the policy in detail at [https://www.sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/bursar/refunds/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/bursar/refunds/index.php).

### Requirements and Procedures for Withdrawal for the Columbia Campus Only

Before withdrawing from the university, consider the implications to your academic record and financial aid eligibility. Learn more about leaving USC at [https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/student\\_affair](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/student_affair)



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### **Return of Federal Financial Aid**

When a student who has received federal aid funds (Title IV Funds) leaves school before the end of the semester or period of enrollment, federal regulations require the institution to calculate the percentage and amount of unearned financial aid funds that must be returned. View the full policy here at

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/terms\\_and\\_conditions/your\\_responsibilities/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/terms_and_conditions/your_responsibilities/index.php).

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress**

The financial aid office is required to monitor your progress towards your degree. Failure to progress can result in loss of eligibility for financial aid. The policy regarding this is outlined here at

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/terms\\_and\\_conditions/satisfactory\\_academic\\_progress/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/terms_and_conditions/satisfactory_academic_progress/index.php).

## **EDUCATION LOAN DISCLOSURES**

### **Code of Conduct**

The university adheres to a code of conduct to protect against unethical relationships with private educational loan lenders. Review our code of conduct on our website at

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/forms\\_and\\_resources/code\\_of\\_conduct.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/forms_and_resources/code_of_conduct.php).

### **Entrance and Exit Counseling**

Entrance counseling is required for students planning to borrow federal direct loans. It is a summary of your rights and responsibilities. Exit counseling is required of students who leave school, drop below half-time, or graduate.

Please see

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/financial\\_aid/loans/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/financial_aid/loans/index.php) for more information.

### **National Student Loan Data System**

The **National Student Loan Data System** (NSLDS®) database is the U.S. Department of Education's central record for student aid. To access your information, visit <https://studentaid.gov/>.

### **Self-Certification Form for Private Educational Loan Applicant**

Students who wish to borrow a private educational loan must complete the following form:

<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/H450PrivateEducationLoanApplicantSelfCertificationForm.pdf>.

## **STUDENT OUTCOMES**

### **Graduation Rates and Retention Rates**

Graduation rates and retention rates are published by the Office of institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics. Various reports are available which also include graduation rates by ethnicity. To see the reports, visit

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/institutional\\_research\\_assessment\\_and\\_analytics/institutional\\_effectiveness/student\\_outcomes/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/institutional_research_assessment_and_analytics/institutional_effectiveness/student_outcomes/index.php).

### **Post-Graduation Statistics**

For information about post-graduation outcomes, please review

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/institutional\\_research\\_assessment\\_and\\_analytics/institutional\\_effectiveness/student\\_outcomes/](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/institutional_research_assessment_and_analytics/institutional_effectiveness/student_outcomes/).

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Campus Security Policies, Crime Statistics and Log**

Law Enforcement and Safety provides information about campus safety and security to keep everyone informed. To learn more, visit

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/law\\_enforcement\\_and\\_safety/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/law_enforcement_and_safety/index.php).

### **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention**

The policies for drug and alcohol abuse outline prevention, education, and intervention efforts as well as consequences for policy violations. See policies at



[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/substance\\_abuse\\_prevention\\_and\\_education/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/substance_abuse_prevention_and_education/index.php).

#### **Fire Safety Policies, Fire Statistics, and Fire Log**

An annual Security and Fire Safety report is completed each year. View the report at

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/law\\_enforcement\\_and\\_safety/crime-log-bulletins/annual-clery-report/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/law_enforcement_and_safety/crime-log-bulletins/annual-clery-report/index.php).

#### **Vaccination and Immunization Policies**

Incoming students are required to have certain vaccines.

For the immunization policy, visit

[https://sc.edu/about/offices\\_and\\_divisions/health\\_services/medical-services/immunizations/index.php](https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/health_services/medical-services/immunizations/index.php).

### **Intercollegiate Athletic Program**

#### **Graduation Success Rate for Student Athletes Receiving Athletic Aid**

As part of The Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act, information on annual participation rates and financing of men's and women's sports in intercollegiate athletic programs are available.

<https://web3.ncaa.org/aprsearch/gsrsearch>

#### **Statistical Data for Equity in Athletics**

<https://ope.ed.gov/athletics/#/>

### **ADMITTING OFFICES**

#### **Office of Undergraduate Admissions**

Lieber College

902 Sumter St. Access

Tel: 803-777-7700

[https://sc.edu/apply/apply\\_for\\_undergraduate\\_admission/](https://sc.edu/apply/apply_for_undergraduate_admission/)

#### **The Graduate School**

901 Sumter Street Suite 301

Tel: 803-777-4243

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/graduate\\_school/](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/)

#### **School of Law**

701 Main Street

Tel: 803-777-6605

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/law/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/law/index.php)

#### **College of Pharmacy**

715 Sumter Street

Tel: 803-777-4151

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/pharmacy/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/pharmacy/index.php)

#### **USC School of Medicine Columbia**

6311 Garners Ferry Road Building #3

Columbia, SC 29209

Tel: 803-216-3629

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/medicine/education/md\\_program/admission/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/medicine/education/md_program/admission/index.php)

#### **USC School of Medicine Greenville**

607 Grove Road Greenville, SC 29605

Phone: 803-864-455-8204

[https://sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/medicine/greenville/admissions/index.php](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/medicine/greenville/admissions/index.php)

#### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT**

The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender (including transgender), gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDs status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, childbirth, recovery there from or related medical conditions, breastfeeding), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other bases under federal, state, local law, or regulations.