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Consumer Information

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 on the university's website on the Student Consumer Information webpage.

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 and Scholarships (see address below).

Unless otherwise stated, all addresses end with:

University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208

General Information

Academic Program Accreditation List

For accreditation information for the university schools/colleges, contact the **Office of the Provost** located in the Osborn Admin Building in Suite 102. You may also call 803-777-2808 or visit the Office of the Provost webpage.

Academic Programs

For information on the university's academic programs, degree offerings and course listings, visit the majors and degrees webpage.

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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 the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges** located at 1866 Southern Lane in Decatur, GA 30033-4097. For more information, call 404-679-4500 or visit the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges website.

To review the accreditation document, contact the **Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics** by phone at 803-777-2814 or visit the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics webpage.

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 review the procedure, visit the SC Commission on Higher Education website.

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, visit the Leadership and Service Center webpage.

Copyright Infringement Policies

To review information about the university's policies related to the use of copyright material, including peer-to-peer file sharing, visit the copyright and trademarks webpage.

Cost of Attendance

For actual tuition and fee charges, contact the **Bursar's Office** located at 1244 Blossom Street in Suite 128. You may also call 803-777-4233 or visit the Bursar's Office webpage.

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For estimated tuition and fees, housing, food, books, personal, and transportation costs, contact the **Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships** located at 1244 Blossom Street in Suite 200. You may also call 803-777-8134, email uscfaid@sc.edu or visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

If you are a student at the School of Medicine in Columbia, contact the **School of Medicine Columbia** located at 6311 Garners Ferry Road Building #3 in Columbia, SC 29209. You may also call 803-216-3629, email: jerel.arceneaux@uscmed.sc.edu or visit the School of Medicine Columbia webpage.

If you are a student at the School of Medicine in Columbia, contact the **School of Medicine Greenville** located at 607 Grove Road in Columbia, SC 29605. You may also call 864-455-8204, email: wileyc@greenvillemed.sc.edu or visit the School of Medicine Greenville webpage.

Course Listings

For course listing and academic program information, visit the University Registrar webpage.

Facilities and Services for Students with Disabilities

Accommodations can be made with the **Student Disability Resource Center** located at 1705 College Street in the Close-Hipp building in Suite 102. You may also call 803-777-6142, email sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu or visit the Student Disability Resource Center webpage.

Faculty

For a faculty listing, visit the Academic Bulletin webpage.

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. To receive a copy of the student record policies, contact the **University Registrar** located at 1244 Blossom Street in Suite 106. You may also call 803-777-5555 or visit the University Registrar webpage.

Instructional Facilities

For instructional facilities, visit the colleges and schools webpage.

Net Price Calculator

To calculate college expenses and financial aid as a college freshman attending the University of South Carolina full-time, visit the Cost Calculator website.

Student Diversity

For information about the diversity of the university student body, contact the **Office of Institutional Research, Assessment, and Analytics** located at 1710 College Street. You may also call 803-777-2814 or visit the Office of Institutional Research, Assessment and Analytics webpage.

Textbook Prices and Course Materials

The University of South Carolina Official Bookstore provides course materials and textbook prices. 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. To find course materials, visit the bookstore website.

Transfer of Credit Policies for Graduate Students

For more information, review the policies on the university website.

Transfer of Credit Policies for Undergraduate Students

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Voter Registration

To find out how to vote, visit the voting website.

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 of changes that could affect your financial aid. To review your responsibilities, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

Aid Eligibility Restrictions

To learn more about factors that could affect your eligibility to receive financial aid, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

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. To learn more about the process, visit the Exchange Programs webpage.

Financial Aid Practices at USC

To get an overall understanding of the financial aid process here at USC, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

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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. To review our awarding process, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

Non-SC State Grant Assistance

To review additional assistance from other resources, visit the Federal Student Aid website.

Overview of Financial Aid Programs

There are many different sources of financial aid that come from federal, state, institutional, and private resources. To review funding options, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

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. To review the policy in detail, visit the Bursar's Office webpage.

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. To learn more, visit the Office of Student Affairs webpage.

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. To review the full policy, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

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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. To review the policy, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

Education Loan Disclosures

Code of Conduct

The university adheres to a code of conduct to protect against unethical relationships with private educational loan lenders. To review the code of conduct, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

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. For more information, visit the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage.

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 the Federal Student Aid website.

Self-Certification Form for Private Educational Loan Applicant

Students who wish to borrow a private educational loan must complete the Private Education Loan Applicant Self-Certification form.

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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 include graduation rates by race/ethnicity. To review the reports, visit the Office of Institutional Research and Analytics webpage.

Post-Graduation Statistics

For information about post-graduation outcomes, visit the Career Center's Data and Outcomes webpage.

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 the Law Enforcement webpage.

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. To review the policies, visit the Substance Abuse Prevention and Education webpage.

Fire Safety Policies, Fire Statistics, and Fire Log

An annual Security and Fire Safety report is completed each year. To review the report, visit the Law Enforcement and Safety webpage.

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Vaccination and Immunization Policies

Incoming students are required to have certain vaccines. For the immunization policy, visit the Student Health and Well-Being webpage.

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 online. To learn more, visit the NCAA website.

Statistical Data for Equity in Athletics

Visit the Equity in Athletics Data Analysis website.

Admitting Offices

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Lieber College

902 Sumter St. Access

Tel: 803-777-7700

Visit the Undergraduate Admissions website.

The Graduate School

901 Sumter Street Suite 301

Tel: 803-777-4243

Visit the Graduate School website.

School of Law

701 Main Street

Tel: 803-777-6605

Visit the School of Law website.

College of Pharmacy

715 Sumter Street

Tel: 803-777-4151

Visit the College of Pharmacy website.

USC School of Medicine Columbia

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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.