



**WELCOME!**

# **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**International Students  
Welcome Packet!**



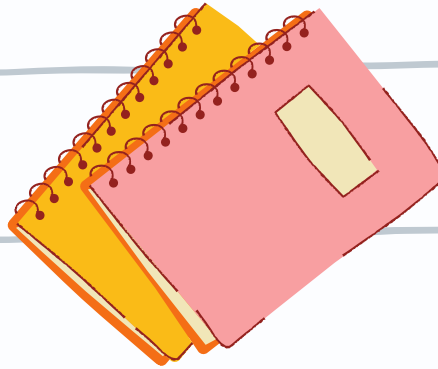
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# Checklist

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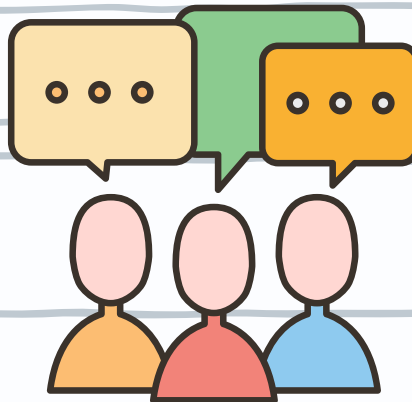
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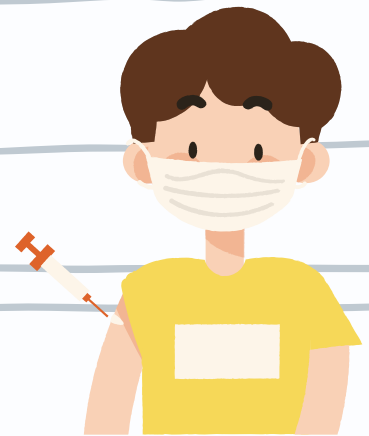
**Register for  
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**Airport  
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**Orientation**



**Immunizations**

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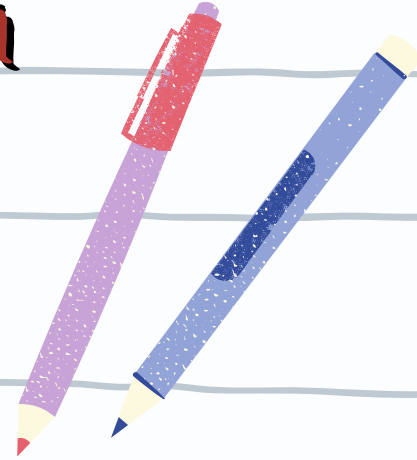
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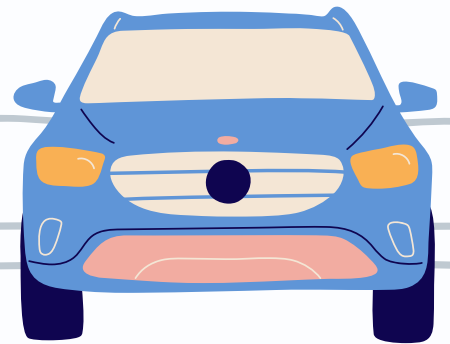
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## Living In Columbia



**Social  
Security**

**Spouse & Dependent  
Resources**



**Life in  
Columbia**

**Tuition &  
Fees**

**Transportation  
Information**

**Have you done  
the whole  
checklist?**



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# EXPLORE

## *Columbia, SC*

### CHECK OUT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN COLUMBIA!



#### *Riverbanks Zoo & Garden*

Visit the Riverbanks Zoo & Garden! This zoo is home to more than 2,000 animals and also features botanical gardens! This zoo also has obstacle courses, rock climbing, and options to feed the animals!



#### *Soda City Market*

Visit Columbia's own Soda City Market! This market takes place every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. This venue is located on Main Street in front of the South Carolina State House. This market hosts over 150 vendors each week ranging from international cuisine to flowers and local artists!



#### *South Carolina State House*

Visit the South Carolina State House in the heart of Columbia! The State House grounds hosts memorials and monuments, and make a great place to exercise!





# EXPLORE

## Columbia, SC

### CHECK OUT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN COLUMBIA!



#### *Float Down the Congaree River*

Float down the Congaree River with your friends! Enjoy the outdoors and sign up for a group trip to tube down the river and enjoy Columbia's most iconic river!



#### *Columbia Museum of Art*

Visit the Columbia Museum of Art! This art museum is host to a wide variety of art ranging from glass sculptures to oil paintings! College students get in for \$5.00! So do not forget your Carolina Card!



#### *The Vista & Nightlife*

Visit The Vista located on the west side of Columbia! This section of Columbia is host to many restaurants, bars, clubs, and other fun activities! We recommend trying all of them during your time here!



# EXPLORE

## Columbia, SC

### CHECK OUT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN COLUMBIA!



#### *Escape If You Can at The Final Door*

Can you escape in 60 minutes or less? Try your luck at The Final Door escape room just across the river in Cayce! These rooms range in difficulty with different themes and puzzles! Go with friends and see if you can escape The Final Door!



#### *Craft Axe Throwing!*

Good food and throwing axes? What is not to love? Go with your friends to Craft Axe Throwing and see who can hit the most bullseyes! This establishment hosts a range of drinks and fun! Give it your best shot at Craft Axe Throwing!



#### *Get a Strike at Bowlero*

Come on down to Bowlero in Cayce for a night of food, drinks, and fun! Each night, Bowlero offers different specials on games and food! Bring your friends and see who can rack up the highest score!





# EXPLORE USC

## CHECK OUT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



### *Go to a USC Sporting Event*

Attend one of the University of South Carolina's many sporting events across Columbia! Students are able to get free tickets to basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, and more! Put on your best USC clothing and cheer on the Gamecocks!



### *Picnic, Study, Sleep on the Horseshoe*

The Horseshoe is the pride and joy of the University of South Carolina. Domestic students use this green space for studying, sleeping, picnics, and more! Make sure to spend time on the Horseshoe with friends and enjoy the fresh air!



### *Join & Play an Intramural Sport*

The University of South Carolina is proud to offer most recreational sports through our Office of Campus Recreation. These sports range from basketball to water polo to beach volleyball! These sports do not require previous experience! Join a sport and make friends!



# EXPLORE USC

## CHECK OUT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES HAPPENING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



### *See a movie in Russell House*

Watch new movies in the Russell House Theatre with other students for free! Check out Carolina Productions' website to see what new movies are coming to Russell House! Grab your snacks, and enjoy!



### *Join a Student Organization*

The University of South Carolina has over 550 student organizations! These groups range from leadership organizations to beekeeping to language tables. There is a place for everyone! Join an organization and connect with other students who share your interests!



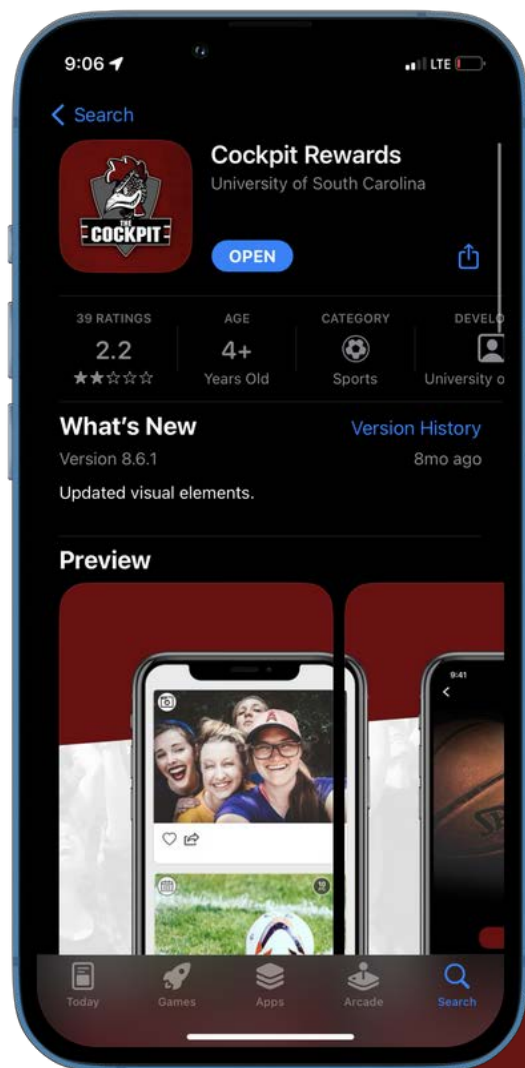
### *Take a picture with Cocky!*

The Cocky statue is one of the University of South Carolina's favorite attractions! Snap a selfie with Cocky and tag USC in the photo to show off your school spirit!

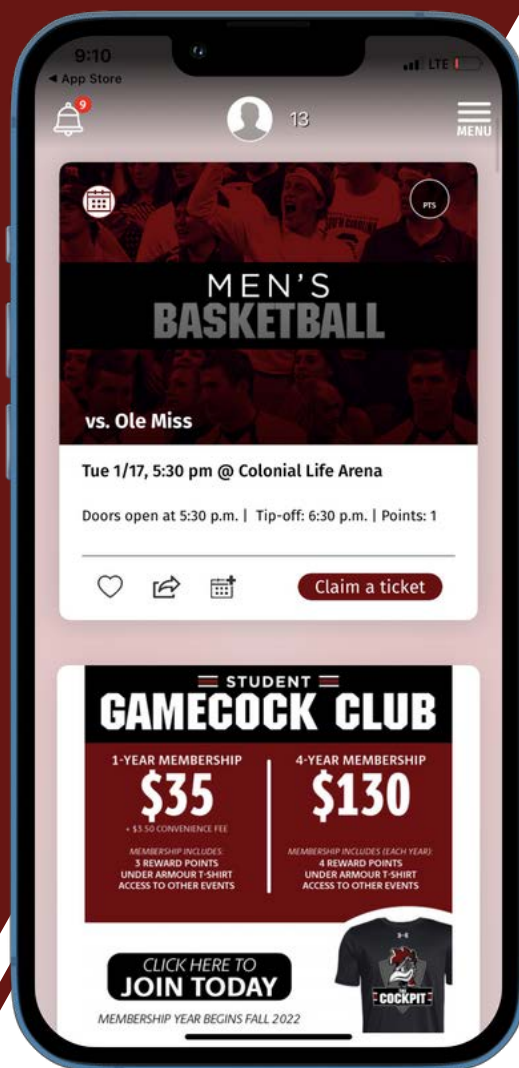




# DO YOU WANT TO GO TO GAMECOCK ATHLETICS EVENTS?



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TO DOWNLOAD!

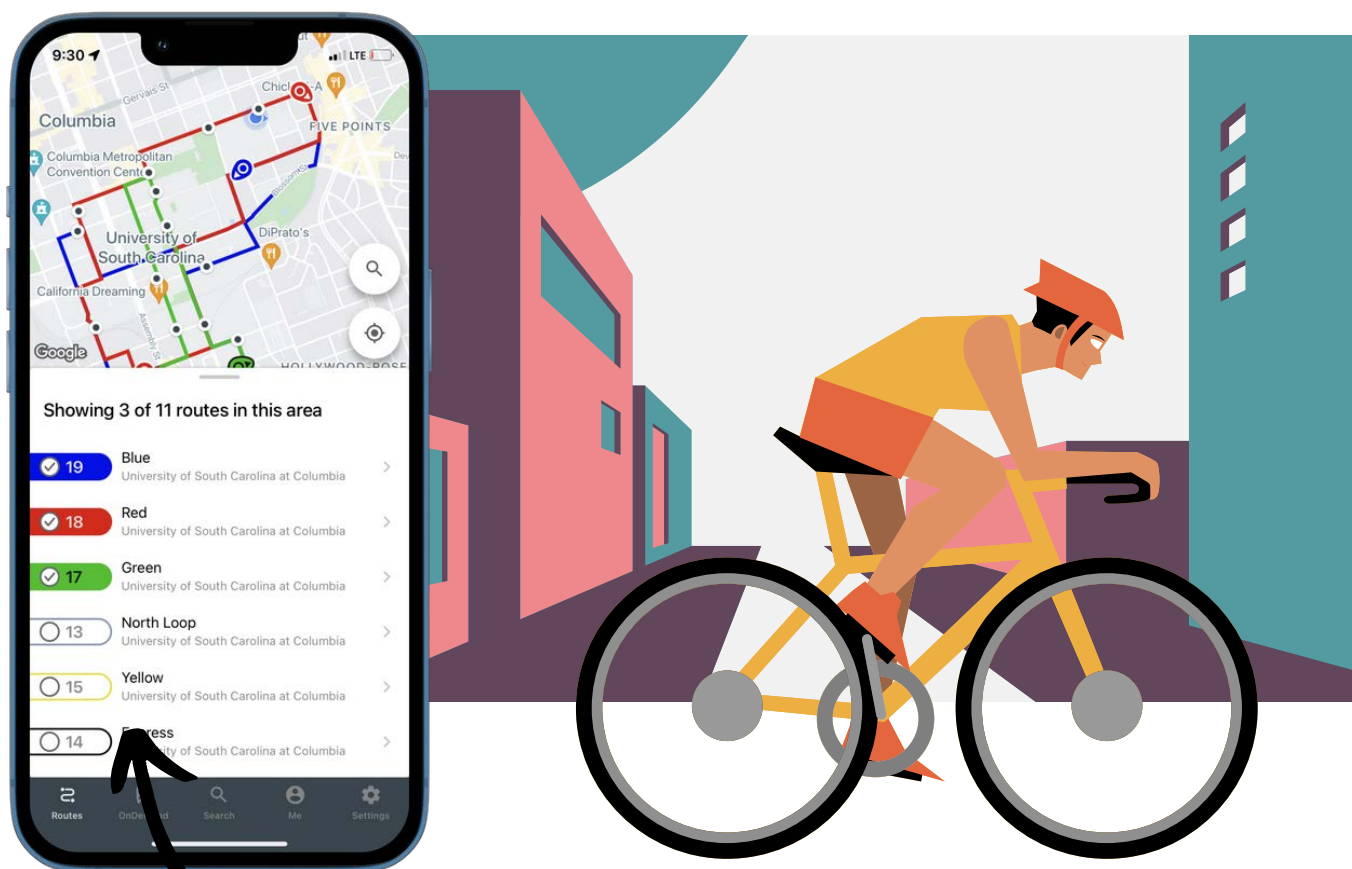


THIS APP ALLOWS YOU TO CLAIM  
TICKETS FOR GAMECOCK SPORTING  
EVENTS AND SEE UPCOMING GAMES!

# GET THE COCKPIT APP TODAY!

# NEED A RIDE?

DOWNLOAD THE TRANSLOC APP TO  
GET AROUND CAMPUS!



## CLICK HERE!

The TransLoc app allows you to see where University of South Carolina Campus shuttles are! These campus buses allow you to get across campus in no time!





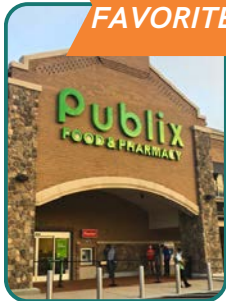


Stores With the  
Tomato are Fresh  
and Organic  
Stores!

# LOCAL GROCERY STORES

**EAT HEALTHY!**

FAN  
FAVORITE!



**Publix**

501 Gervais Street  
2800 Rosewood Drive



**Target**

6090 Garner's Ferry Road  
134 Harbison Blvd



**Whole Foods**

702 Cross Hill Road



**Food Lion**

1001 Harden Street #225

FAN  
FAVORITE!



**Trader Joe's**

4516 Forest Drive



**Walmart**

1326 Bush River Road  
5420 Forest Drive



**Earth Fare**

312 Devine Street #B



**Rosewood Market**

2803 Rosewood Drive

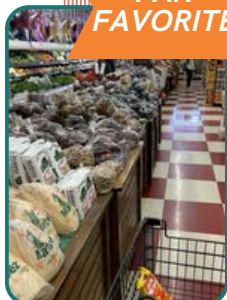




# INTERNATIONAL STORES

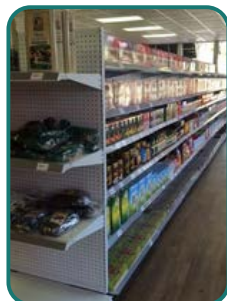
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**FAN  
FAVORITE!**



**Supermercado  
El Mariachi**

1735 Decker Blvd.



**European  
Market**

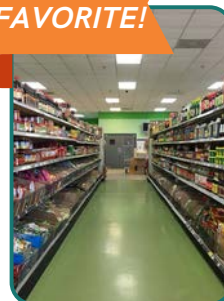
3718 Rosewood Avenue



**Halal  
International**

1601 Broad River Road

**FAN  
FAVORITE!**



**Hyundai Oriental  
Grocery**

1807 Decker Blvd. Suite 1



**Richway  
International**

5210 Two Notch Road #B



**Indian  
Grocery**

125 Outlet Pointe Blvd.



**Spiceland**

127 Dreher Road



**Oriental  
International Market**

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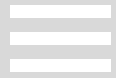


# NEED A BANK ACCOUNT?



THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT BANKS TO CHOOSE FROM IN COLUMBIA! USE THE INFORMATION ON THE PIG TO SEE WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST FIT FOR YOU!

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**



# Don't know What US Cell Phone Plan to Get?

Click the phone to compare options  
and see what works for you!



Come to the ISSS  
Office for a free  
SIM Card!



# HOUSING

*For All!*



OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING, THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS TO  
CHOOSE FROM! CLICK THE  
CLICK THE HOUSE TO BROWSE!



Off-Campus Housing

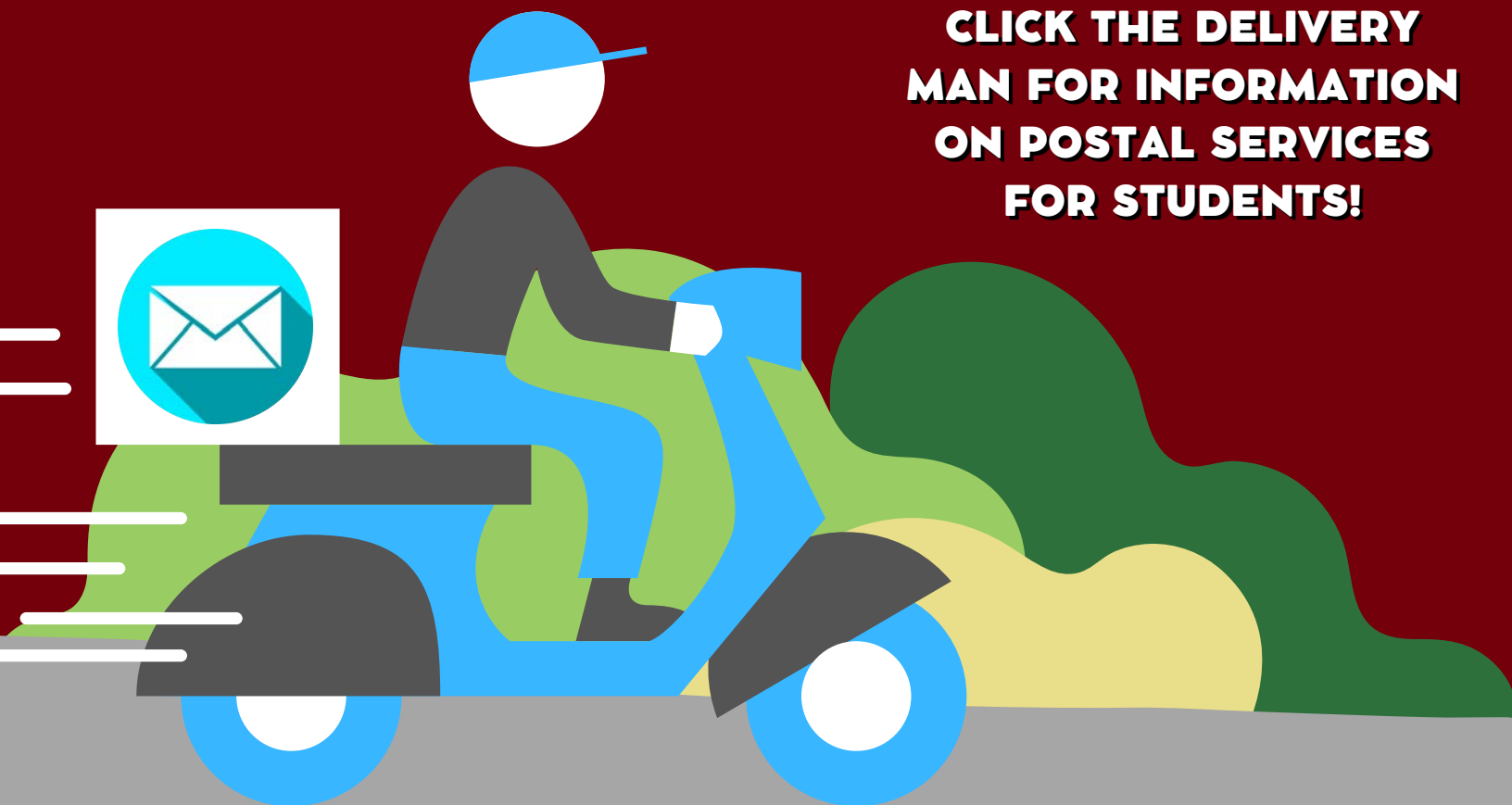


Find a roommate!

# GOT MAIL?

**DELIVERY?**

**CLICK THE DELIVERY  
MAN FOR INFORMATION  
ON POSTAL SERVICES  
FOR STUDENTS!**



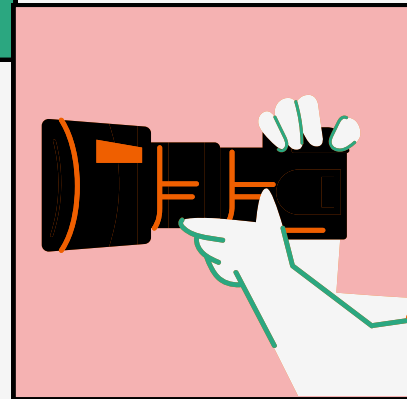
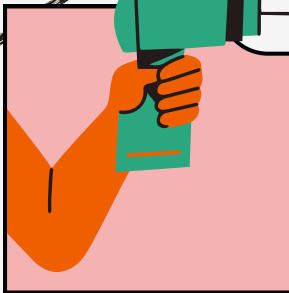
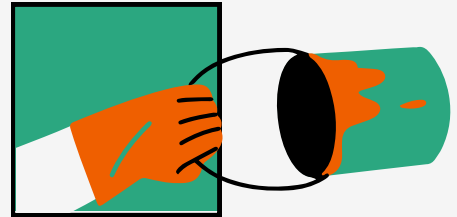
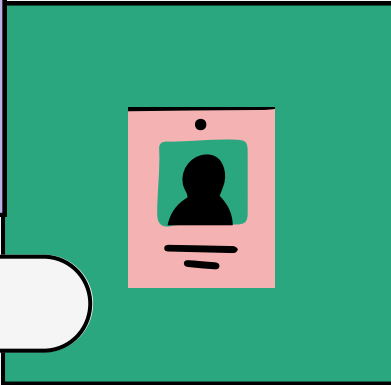
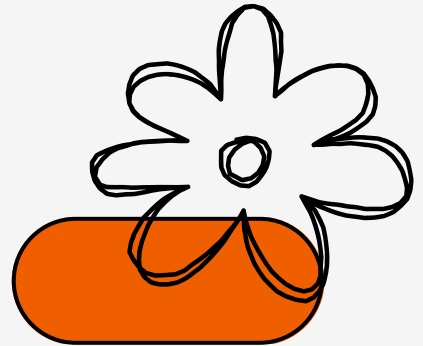
# JOIN AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION!

Student organizations and clubs are always looking for new members! Join one today!



## Checklist

- ☐ Log onto Garnet Gate
- ☐ Look at options
- ☐ Join an organization!



## Benefits

Make friends!

Network!


Try something new!

**We always recommend to get involved on campus! There is a club or organization for everyone!**



**CLICK THE SIGN UP SHEET!**





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**Send your ideas to the email  
below to have them added to  
this packet for future  
exchange students!**

**iss@sc.edu**