First Year Commuter Success

Off-Campus Living & Neighborhood Relations
You’re Not Alone!

• About 75% of USC students live OFF-campus

• Come to campus for classes, stay for community!

• Make Friends Now!
Navigating the Commute
Plan For Your Commute

• Trains, Traffic and Pedestrians!
  • Who is familiar with Columbia?

• Getting to Class on Time
  • …means leaving early
  • 45 minute buffer
  • Consider time to park, walk, take shuttle
Parking Options

- **Commuter spaces** (~$100 per year)
  - Not guaranteed
- **Garage spaces** (~$400 per semester)
  - Guaranteed
- **Metered spaces**
  - Not guaranteed (and hard to find!)

Office of Parking Services
1501 Pendleton St.
Website: [www.sc.edu/vmps/park.html](http://www.sc.edu/vmps/park.html)
Email: parking@mailbox.sc.edu

**Presenting tomorrow (and at Resource Fair)**
Additional Considerations
Meal Plan Options

✓ **PLATINUM - $1,605**
$1,605 Meal Plan Dollars used at all campus dining locations and 15 guest meal swipes

✓ **GOLD - $1,324**
$1,324 Meal Plan Dollars used at all campus dining locations and 10 guest meal swipes

✓ **SILVER - $841**
$841 Meal Plan Dollars used at all campus dining locations and 5 guest meal swipes

✓ **Spur 5**
5 meals per week and $100 Meal Plan Dollars

✓ **Traditional Meal Plans**
Select from any of our weekly meal plans that come with meal swipes and Meal Plan Dollars

  * Fall 2018 meal plan pricing still under review *

Sign up for your meal plan, starting July 19th by visiting [my.sc.edu](http://my.sc.edu).

Full listing of meal plan options available at [sc.edu/dining](http://sc.edu/dining).
Housing Exemption Form

• **MUST** complete to live off-campus first year

• Contact Jackie Burden for form
  [jburden@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:jburden@mailbox.sc.edu)
Building Your Community
Take University 101

- Class of 19 Peers
- 3 credit transition course
- Nationally ranked program

**Academic advising is tomorrow afternoon!**
Join An Organization
Find On-Campus Employment

Visit sc.joinhandshake.com to learn more!
Carolina Welcome

• First Night Carolina
  • Aug. 20th (9pm)
  • Commuter Welcome: TBA

• Convocation
  • Aug. 22nd (11am-1pm)

• Student Org. Fair
  • Aug. 29th (11-2; 4-7)
Advice

• Participate in Carolina Welcome

• Get Involved!
  • Student Organization Fairs, Welcome Week, Become an Emerging Leader, Service Saturdays, Freshman Council

• Give Yourself Enough Time to Commute
Thank You! Questions?

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