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You applied.
You got in.
You said #UofSCYes.
You're finally here.
And we couldn't be more excited to see you.

More than 300,000 strong and over 200 years old.
You are now part of the University of South Carolina family.

Many students have walked the bricks of the Horseshoe before you.
And many more will after your time here.
We're here to help you leave your legacy.

Orientation is the first step on your journey here at Carolina:
A journey of growth and discovery.

Here, you will learn all about our Carolina community.
Our traditions and values,
And what it means to be a Gamecock.

So welcome.
Get ready.
You're finally here.

And we couldn't be more excited to see you!
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

STUDENTS,

On behalf of myself and the Office of New Student Orientation, congratulations on your decision to attend the University of South Carolina! We are thrilled to be among the first to welcome you into the Gamecock Family. As a Carolina student you are joining a proud tradition of excellence in academics, research, leadership, and service.

The Garnet Guide is your primary resource for your time at Orientation as well as throughout your transition to South Carolina. Each section contains information about our campus resources, such as Academic Advising, the Student Success Center, Financial Aid, Student Health Services, and many more. You will also find information about what you can get involved in and engage with at the University both on- and off-campus. Although this guide includes information on a wide variety of offices and student organizations, there are numerous other resources here at the University of South Carolina available to students that we encourage you to check out.

We understand that you may have a lot of questions about your transition to the University of South Carolina. Our staff is ready and willing to help you with anything you may need! We look forward to meeting and getting to know you as you transition into college.

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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

South Carolina’s New Student Orientation is the first step in helping you successfully transition to the Gamecock community. We understand it may be time filled with excitement, but also nervousness. That’s why our goal is to help you feel comfortable with your life as a Gamecock!

As a part of the program, you will:

- Connect virtually with UofSC faculty and staff and get to know some of your peers
- Learn about living at the University of South Carolina
- Get acquainted with our campus policies and procedures
- Be equipped with a list of resources to help you succeed

- Learn about your academic program’s curriculum and degree requirements
- Attend a virtual academic advising session and register for classes
Throughout your Orientation experience, you will interact with members of our Orientation Team. These students are known as Orientation Leaders. You will connect with them through virtual meetings such as small groups or student panels. They are here to tell you about our campus’ culture and what it’s like to be a student here at South Carolina. Our Orientation Leaders have been training all year and are an incredible resource for you - even beyond your Orientation experience!

These student leaders have found a community in the University of South Carolina that promotes education, service, leadership, community engagement, and friendship. Our staff contains a wide variety of experiences, majors, and campus involvements, so they are able to offer you diverse perspectives on life here at Carolina.
MEET YOUR LEAD TEAM

Your 2020 Orientation and Lead Team are here as your primary resource for your Orientation experience. We are here to show you around campus and ensure that your transition to Carolina is as smooth and successful as possible. Members of our team represent 11 University of South Carolina academic colleges and more than 20 majors and fields of study so that you will always have someone to speak with about your experience here at Carolina. We have been looking forward to your arrival all summer and we are so excited that you are finally here!

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You may want to make note of the following items, as you will need to know this information throughout your Orientation components:

VIP ID: ________________________________________________

My major is: ____________________________________________

My college is: __________________________________________

My small group leader(s) is/are: ____________________________

Their contact information is: ______________________________

One thing I am most looking forward to as I begin my journey as a Gamecock is: ______________________________________

One question I have about being a Gamecock is: ____________________________________________________________________________

You may want to write down important times and appointments along with any other information you may receive, such as your advisor’s name and contact information.

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BECOMING A CAROLINIAN

The University of South Carolina has a rich history dating back over 200 years that continues to frame the institution and its students both past and present. In this section, you will learn more about our story and the traditions that have made our University the flourishing community that you see today. You will learn more about the standards and ideals that are expected of all Gamecocks in order to ensure that your community remains dedicated to personal and academic excellence. This section will also tell you about academics at UofSC, with lists including all of our academic colleges and majors of study that are offered. You will also find information about class registration and advising, including what you will need to know to be prepared for your first and future advising appointments at South Carolina.
The University of South Carolina has a rich history dating back over 200 years and a series of exciting and unique Gamecock traditions. Whether it is the Clapping Circle or Tiger Burn, the Alma Mater or Sandstorm, in this section, you will learn about a few of the customs and traditions that you will take part in while you are a part of our historic community. Ask your Orientation Leader for their favorite and how you can participate in each of our community's special traditions!

UofSC ALMA MATER

We hail thee, Carolina,  
and sing thy high praise,  
with loyal devotion  
remembering the days;  

When proudly we sought thee,  
thy children to be:  
Here’s a health, Carolina,  
forever to thee!

GAME • COCK

[geym-kok]  
noun

1. A rooster trained and bred for fighting
2. The University of South Carolina's fearsome mascot
1880
Reopened as South Carolina College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts

1894
First women admitted; first collegiate institution in the state to be co-ed

1906
Renamed the University of South Carolina

1963
African-American students return to the university after 90 years

1990
Carolinian Creed introduced see pg. 23

2020
WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Our University Seal reads “Emollit Mores Nec Sinit Esse Feros,” which translates to “Learning humanizes character and does not permit it to be cruel.”

GARNET & BLACK are acceptable colors any day of the week, especially on gamedays.

GO! FIGHT! WIN!

SPURS UP!

USC Rally Toweling:
50% successfully sandstorming
50% hitting your stadium buddy in the face

Here’s a Health, CAROLINA!

UofSC FIGHT SONG

Hey, Let’s give a cheer, Carolina is here,
The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way.
Who gives a care, if the going gets tough,
And when it is rough, that’s when the ’Cocks get going.
Hail to our colors of Garnet and Black,
In Carolina pride have we,
So, Go Gamecocks Go — FIGHT!
Drive for the goal — FIGHT!
USC will win today — GO COCKS!
So, let’s give a cheer, Carolina is here.
The Fighting Gamecocks All The Way!
# Academic Calendar

## Fall 2020

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<td>Faculty Reporting Date</td>
<td>Monday Aug. 17</td>
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<td>New Student Convocation</td>
<td>Wednesday Aug. 19</td>
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<td>Classes Begin</td>
<td>Thursday Aug. 20</td>
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<td>Last day to change/drop a course without a grade of &quot;W&quot; being recorded</td>
<td>Wednesday Aug. 26</td>
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<tr>
<td>Labor Day – Remote Class Day</td>
<td>Monday Sept. 7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Midpoint in Semester</td>
<td>Monday Oct. 12</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Election Day – Remote Class Day</td>
<td>Tuesday Nov. 3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Last day to drop a course or withdraw without a grade of &quot;WF&quot; being recorded</td>
<td>Wednesday Nov. 4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Face - to - Face Instruction Ends</td>
<td>Tuesday Nov. 24</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thanksgiving Recess (no classes)</td>
<td>Wednesday - Sunday Nov. 25 - 29</td>
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<tr>
<td>Remote Class Days</td>
<td>Monday – Tuesday Nov. 30 – Dec. 1</td>
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<td>Reading Days</td>
<td>Wednesday – Friday Dec. 2 – 4</td>
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<td>Remote Final Examinations</td>
<td>Monday – Monday Dec. 7 – 14</td>
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<td>Monday Dec. 14</td>
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## Spring 2021

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<td>Classes Begin</td>
<td>Monday Jan. 11</td>
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<td>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day</td>
<td>Monday Jan. 18</td>
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<td>Tuesday Jan. 19</td>
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<td>Midpoint in Semester</td>
<td>Monday Mar. 1</td>
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<td>Spring Break (no classes)</td>
<td>Sunday – Sunday Mar. 7 – 14</td>
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<td>Last day to drop a course or withdraw without a grade of &quot;WF&quot; being recorded</td>
<td>Saturday Mar. 27</td>
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<tr>
<td>Awards Day</td>
<td>Thursday Apr. 15</td>
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<td>Last Day of Classes</td>
<td>Monday Apr. 26</td>
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<td>Reading Day</td>
<td>Tuesday Apr. 27</td>
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<td>Wednesday - Wednesday Apr. 28 – May 5</td>
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<td>Friday – Saturday May 7 - 8</td>
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LIBERAL ARTS TRACK
African American Studies
Anthropology
Art Education*
Art History
Art Studio
Chinese Studies
Classics
Comparative Literature
Criminology and Criminal Justice
Dance* (subject to audition)
Economics
English*
Film and Media Studies
French*
German*
Geography
Global Studies
History*
International Studies
Media Arts
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Sociology
Spanish*
Theatre
Undeclared (freshmen only)

NATURAL SCIENCES TRACK
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Cardiovascular Technology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Geological Sciences
Geophysics
Marine Science
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics

College of Nursing
Pre-Nursing
(does not guarantee admission later on into the

College of Education
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle Level Education
Physical Education (K-12)

Darla Moore School of Business
Accounting
Business Economics
Finance
Management
Operations and Supply Chain
Marketing
Pre-International Business
(subject to separate admission into the International Business major later)
Risk Management and Insurance
Real Estate

South Carolina Honors College
Opportunity Scholars Program

Arnold School of Public Health
Exercise Science
Public Health

College of Social Work
Social Work

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Information on **Registration Holds**

To view holds and other course registration information, visit: [Self Service Carolina > Student > Registration > Registration Checklist](#). Registration holds can prevent you from making course registration changes at any point in the semester.

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<td>Advisement Hold</td>
<td>This hold requires student meet with their academic advisor before registering for courses each semester.</td>
<td>Added 6-8 weeks before course registration.</td>
<td>Schedule an appointment and meet with your academic advisor.</td>
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<td>Academic Recovery Hold</td>
<td>First-year undergraduate students on academic probation after their first semester must complete an academic coaching session. For more information on the Academic Standards Policy, visit the University Registrar’s website.</td>
<td>6 weeks into the second semester if you are on Academic Probation and have not attended a coaching session.</td>
<td>Schedule and attend an Academic Coaching session in the University Advising Center.</td>
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<td>Bursar Hold (Financial Hold)</td>
<td>Failure to pay outstanding charges by deadlines (parking, tuition, fees, etc.) will result in a financial hold on the student’s record. A financial hold prohibits students from future registration, receiving transcripts, or receiving a diploma. <em>Note: Once the balance has been paid in full, the hold will be removed.</em></td>
<td>Added periodically to accounts with an outstanding balance.</td>
<td>Pay balances in full via Self Service Carolina. Contact the Bursar’s Office with questions.</td>
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| Conduct Hold               | There are two types of conduct holds:  
  • Failure to attend a scheduled meeting with conduct administrator/hearing officer  
  • Failure to complete the sanctions assigned to you | Added periodically with failure to attend conduct hearings or complete sanctions. | Attend conduct meeting and complete sanctions. Contact Student Conduct and Academic Integrity for information. |
| Registrar Hold (Transcript Hold) | Students who have taken coursework at another institution before beginning or while enrolled at USC must submit an official transcript. If USC does not receive an official transcript, a transcript hold will be placed. | Added after admission to USC. | Have transcripts sent to the Office of the University Registrar. |
| Citizenship Hold           | Students must verify U.S. citizenship by completing and submitting the Citizenship Verification Form to the University Registrar’s office. | Added after admission to USC. | Complete Citizenship Verification Form and submit to the University Registrar. |
| Immunization Hold          | USC follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) recommendations regarding immunizations for college students. Immunization requirements must be met and the form on file at Student Health Services before a student can register for classes, move into a residence hall, or attend classes. | Added after admission to USC. | Submit immunization record to Student Health Services. Contact Student Health Services for information. |
| AlcoholEdu and/or Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates (SAPU) Hold | Students must complete Part I and Part II of AlcoholEdu and SAPU by established deadlines. | Added after deadline for Parts I and II of AlcoholEdu and SAPU. | Complete AlcoholEdu and SAPU. Contact Substance Abuse Prevention and Education with questions. |
Viewing Course Restrictions:

1. Log-in to Self Service Carolina
2. Click on the Registration tab and Look Up Classes to search for a course
3. Click the blue link (five-digit number) under the CRN column to see restrictions specific to a course
4. Click on the blue hyperlinked course name at the top of the page. Restrictions will be noted at the bottom of the page

Section A## - Preston Residence
Section S## - Residential Learning Initiatives or International Accelerator Program
Section C## - Capstone Scholars
Section H## - Honors
Section J## or N## - Distributed Learning/Online Course

Section M## - PMBA
Section P## - Palmetto College
Section R## - Regional Grad Program
Section T## - TRIO/Opportunity Scholars Program
Section Y## - On Your Time Initiatives sponsored courses (typically evening/weekend)
Section Z## - Ft. Jackson Location

Common Course Restrictions:

• **Course Section** – Some sections are reserved for majors only, students in Opportunity Scholars or Honors, or specific classification such as sophomores or above.
• **Field of Study** – The course may only be open to certain majors, minors, and concentrations.
• **Honors Courses or Special Approval Required** – The course may only be open to students in the South Carolina Honors College or may require the student to obtain approval from the department offering the course.
• **Course Capacity** – The course may be full.
• **Pre-Requisites** – You may not have the required pre-requisite.
• **Co-Requisites** – You may not have the correct co-requisite. If a course requires a co-requisite, both CRNs must be entered on the Add Classes Worksheet when the Submit button is pressed.
• **Campus** – The course may not be offered on your campus.
• **Level** – The course may be offered at a different level (Graduate, Undergraduate, Law, Medical, Pharmacy).
• **Alpha character** – Course sections beginning with an alpha character are intended for specific student populations. If you receive a “Student Attribute Restriction” when registering, please check the alpha character in the 3-digit section number.
HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES
USING SCHEDULE PLANNER

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| 2    | Select the Campus = USC Columbia  
Select the Subject  
**PRO TIP:** When searching for the subject, you can type the four letter subject designator instead of scrolling through all of the subjects to find the one you are looking for. **Example:** English = ENGL  
Select the Course Number you are looking for or leave blank to search all courses for that subject |
| 3    | Click ‘Search’ to bring up a listing of all courses & sections offered |
| 4    | Watch out for sections that are restricted. To see restrictions specific to a course, click the course title then click on the ‘Restrictions’ tab.  
Course sections beginning with an alpha character are intended for specific populations of students or units. If you receive a “Student Attribute Restriction” when registering for a course, please go back and check the section number.  
- **Section A##** - Preston Residence  
- **Section S##** - Residential Learning Initiatives  
- **Section Q##** - International Accelerator Program  
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- **Section T##** - TRIO/Opportunity Scholars Program  
- **Section Y##** - Courses sponsored by On Your Time Initiatives (typically evening/weekend)  
- **Section Z##** - Ft. Jackson Location |
| 5    | Look for the days and times that fit in your schedule  
Check the seat availability to make sure the course is not full |
| 6    | Click on ‘Add’ to add the course to the schedule and summary |
| 7    | Click on ‘Submit’ to finalize the course registration  
If no errors pop up, you are registered for that course |
| 8    | Repeat steps 2-7 to register for all of the courses discussed with your advisor for this semester. |
| 9    | Celebrate! You are registered! |

To view your holds and other information related to registration, visit: [Self Service Carolina > Student > Registration > Registration Notices and Holds](#).
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<td>Click on the ‘Add Course’ button</td>
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<td>Select your subject and course (for example, HIST 101)</td>
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<td>Click on ‘Add Course.’ You will now see the course on the left side of the screen under ‘Courses’</td>
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<td>Repeat the process for the courses you are registering for this semester.</td>
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<td>Once you have added all courses, click on ‘Done’</td>
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<td>If you have certain times when you cannot schedule classes, you can add a break to your schedule. DON’T schedule breaks for lunch/to avoid morning classes! Breaks restrict schedule options.</td>
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<td>Deselect the courses for which you are unable to register. Course sections beginning with an alpha character are intended for specific populations of students or units. PRO TIP: A = Preston College; S = Residential Learning Initiatives; Q = International Accelerator Program; C = Capstone Scholars; H = Honors; J or N = Distributed Learning/Online Course; M = PMBA; P = Palmetto College; R = Regional Grad Program; T = TRIO/Opportunity Scholars Program; Y = On Your Time courses (evening/weekend); Z = Ft. Jackson Location</td>
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| 10 | Click on ‘Generate Schedules’  
   Pro Tip: Click on the blue ‘i’ to see more information about a particular course. |
| 11 | Hover over the magnifying glass to see a pop-out of your possible schedule, or click on ‘View’ to see all the details for that particular schedule.  
   PRO TIP: Don’t linger too long or you may lose your seat! You are not yet registered for your courses, and using Schedule Planner does not “save” seats. |
| 12 | Look at a few schedules and select one that you like  
   PRO TIP: Click on the lock icon if you see a course you like and want to lock that into the draft schedules that Schedule Planner creates. NOTE: you are still not registered for that course. |
| 13 | Once you find the schedule you like, click ‘Send to Shopping Cart’  
   Click on ‘OK’ in the pop-up box to send the courses to Self Service Carolina  
   PRO TIP: If you are restricted for any reason from registering from one or more classes in the shopping cart, you will not be registered for any of them until you modify the schedule. |
| 14 | Finalize course registration in Self Service Carolina by following this pathway of clicks Student > Registration > Register for Classes  
   Click on the ‘Shopping Cart’ tab  
   Click the ‘Add All’ button  
   Click on ‘Submit’ to finalize the course registration |
| 15 | Celebrate! You are registered! |

### What should I do if a class is full?
- Check the plans tab in DegreeWorks (accessible in Self Service Carolina) for alternate courses you could take in your Degree Works Planner (DegreeWorks will display completed requirements, in-progress requirements, and not-yet-completed requirements for your program of study).
- Continue to monitor section enrollment in Self Service Carolina. More seats may open as students adjust their schedules.
- In some departments, you can submit an override request form or sign up for notifications when additional seats are available. In other instances, you may need to reach out directly to the department or the professor.
**Academic Integrity/Honor Code**

By entering an institution of higher learning, you and your fellow students have committed to upholding the University of South Carolina’s Honor Code, which forbids cheating, plagiarizing, or copying.

To avoid violating the Honor Code and our standards of academic integrity:
- Prepare your papers in advance by writing, re-writing, editing, and proofing them well ahead of deadlines.
- Visit our Writing Center, Academic Success Coaching, or any of the variety of tutoring and support services offered by our Student Success Center for additional help.
- Study your notes and participate in study sessions.
- Ask for help from the appropriate sources when needed.

Remember that cheating, plagiarism, and copying reduce the value of your education. Be responsible for the grades you earn!

**Housing Responsibility**

Whether you are living in a residence hall or in an off-campus house/apartment, you are paying to rent a facility. Make sure you and your roommate(s) discuss your general expectations of living, including guests, smoking and use of one another’s space/property. Members of the UofSC community are encouraged to learn about one another and respect their differences with honest and consistent communication.

**Community**

All members of the UofSC community are encouraged to learn more from others and respect the differences in people, ideas, and opinions. To ensure that every member of the community is protected against discrimination based on age, race, color, sexual orientation, gender, religion, national origin, disability, genetics, or veteran status, our Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (EOP), provides the Carolina community members with opportunities for training and competency. The EOP also offers a formal complaint process for those who have experienced discrimination (visit sc.edu/eop/students).

**Alcohol and Fake IDs**

You must be at least 21 years of age to possess or consume alcohol in South Carolina. A first violation of our alcohol policy includes a $250 fine and a phone call home. Students who are of age and choose to consume alcohol should do so responsibly with high regard for the health and safety of yourself and others. Never drink and drive! Driving under the influence risks the lives of everyone on the road, including your own.

Using or possessing an altered, borrowed, or otherwise “fake” ID is illegal and punishable by law, including (but not limited to) criminal charges and UofSC Code of Conduct violations. The University of South Carolina offers many alcohol-free events on campus throughout the year.
Drugs and Tobacco

If you choose to use illegal drugs, you put yourself at risk for many physical, emotional, and legal consequences. A violation of the UofSC drug policy includes a $350 fine and a call home. It is a violation of our drug policy to take prescription medicines that are not prescribed to you. Make smart choices about the substances you put into your body and the potentially addictive behaviors in which you participate.

In accordance with Carolina’s commitment to creating a safe and healthy environment, our campus is completely tobacco-free. Tobacco can be very addictive and damaging to your body and wallet. Our University strives to promote the prevention of tobacco use and the risks associated with exposure to secondhand smoke.

Law Enforcement and Safety

The Division of Law Enforcement and Safety is a full-service police department with statewide jurisdiction that provides law enforcement services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to our community. The Division offers a variety of resources, programs, safety presentations, and self-defense classes to make Carolina as safe as possible. The University also has more than 200 emergency call boxes on campus that students can use to alert police in the event of an emergency. Students are encouraged to follow Law Enforcement and Safety on social media to stay informed on safety updates. In the event of an emergency, students should call 911. To report suspicious activity or request non-emergency assistance, students should call 803-777-4215. For more information, visit les.sc.edu.

The Carolinian Creed

The University of South Carolina is committed to personal and community excellence by opposing intolerance and promoting integrity within our campus community. Our common values are formed upon our Carolinian Creed, which emphasizes openness, civility, integrity, and diversity. In 1990, the Carolinian Creed was established as the University’s social honor code. Instead of limiting students’ rights through the creation of more rules, the Creed sets an example for members of the community to follow. The community of scholars at the University of South Carolina is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Choosing to join the community obligates each member to the Carolinian Creed. Academic dialogue and civil discourse are the cornerstone of the educational system and crucial to individual growth.
Dedicated to creating a safe, healthy learning environment and promoting low-risk substance use behaviors through evidence-based prevention, early intervention and recovery support services.

AlcoholEdu & Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates

All new, incoming Carolina students MUST COMPLETE Part 1 and Part 2 of both AlcoholEDU and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates.

AlcoholEdu is an online alcohol education program and assessment that measures student’s perceptions about alcohol use prior to arriving on campus and after several weeks on campus.

Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates is an online education and training module that presents realistic and interactive skill-building scenarios.

**Deadlines:**
- PART ONE of each course is due **August 20**
- PART TWO of each course is due **October 20**

**How to start:**
- Log in to Self Service Carolina after **July 27**
- Follow the links provided to access the courses

**Make a Difference**

Because you understand the importance of making healthy choices.

- SAPE Peer Educators are a diverse group of students selected to encourage healthy decisions, promote low risk use and help reduce stigma. Paid and volunteer positions available.
- The Carolina Community Coalition works to build a healthy campus environment, reduce high-risk substance use, and make recommendations for policy change.

*Download our research-based guide to talking to your student about alcohol at sc.edu/sape*
GAMECOCK RECOVERY

Gamecock Recovery promotes a healthy environment and lifestyle for students in recovery at the University of South Carolina. Gamecock Recovery seeks to ensure that all students in recovery can achieve student success by creating a nurturing campus and community environment. Our vision is a campus culture that embraces recovery.

A Campus That Supports Recovery

- Weekly support meetings on campus: All Recovery, SMART Recovery, Recovery Meditation, Family and Friends
- Individual Recovery Coaching
- Hangout & Study Space in the Gamecock Recovery Lounge in Strom Wellness & Fitness Center #301B
- Monthly Addiction and Recovery-Informed Seminar (ARISE) speaker series, open to all
- Alcohol-free tailgates and social events
- Monthly newsletter with on and off campus news, events, and recovery media
- Recovery Ally Training

GAMECOCK RECOVERY

803.777.3933 | sape@sc.edu
1000 Blossom Street, Columbia, SC 29208
Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center 3rd Floor sc.edu/sape | Open Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm

@GamecockRecovery @UofSCRecovery @UofSCRecovery
JOINING THE CAROLINA COMMUNITY

**Before you take a chance...**

We value our community, student safety, and our university’s standards.

**Alcohol**

If a student chooses to consume or possess alcohol while underage or have a fake id, it’s important to know about the potential consequences. A violation of the alcohol policy results in a $250 fine, attendance at an alcohol education class, and parents/guardians are notified.

**Drugs**

If a student chooses to use tobacco, illegal substances, or vape it is considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Violating the tobacco policy results in a fine and a class about tobacco use. Violating the drug policy results in a $350 fine, random drug screenings, probation, an individual screening program, parent/guardian notification and an “If I was Suspended Essay.”

**Dangerous Behaviors**

Hazing, fighting, harassment, and threatening behavior are serious offenses. Hazing can include intentionally degrading activities, and physical or verbal mistreatment. There is an anonymous hazing hotline (803-777-5800) is a tool frequently used by students and parents to combat hazing. Other resources students use to de-escalate potentially dangerous situations include:

- Resident Mentors who can assist in managing conflict as a coach or mediator
- The Center for Health and Well-Being offers wellness coaching for topics like stress management, and resilience
- Counseling and Psychiatry can help students identify healthy strategies to manage difficult relationships

**Plagiarism**

Carolinians always give credit where credit is due. When referencing other’s work, use proper citations, and understand how to properly paraphrase. Many students report plagiarizing because they don’t manage their time well. Consider using campus resources including: the Writing Center, Student Success Center or online help through the university library and PurdueOWL.

**Cheating**

Working with peers can help with learning, but all students should submit individual work. Tests and quizzes are used to measure individual learning, not answers found on the Internet. Every professor is different, but they all want their students to be successful. Successful Carolinians will check with their professors if they have questions on the syllabus or class assignments.

**Falsification**

Help create a fair learning environment for all Carolinian. Communicate challenges with your professors so they can provide support. Signing someone else in for class if they’re not there has consequences for both students.

**Complicity**

A degree has personal and reputational value. If a student has concerns that another student is cheating, that student should report their concerns to maintain the integrity of the classroom.

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**Live the Carolinian Creed**

Integrity, respect, acceptance, leadership and compassion are the values we live within our classrooms and residence halls. It’s more than what we say. It’s who we are.

Create a Caring Community

If a community member is concerned about a student’s well-being, the Student Care and Outreach Team will connect with the student and provide them with support and resources. Our campus encourages looking out for one another so that we all have a safe and caring place to learn and grow. Anyone (students, parents, employees) can submit a Care Team referral at any time and a member of the Care Team will reach out to the student to address the student’s needs.

**Carolinian Tips**

- Comply with public health directives. Physically distance, but socially connect with other students by:
  - Checking out virtual yoga through Student Health Services or GroupX classes
  - Connect with hallmates on House Party
  - Check out Thursdays After Dark for late night programming options on and off campus
  - Avoid assignment missteps by visiting the Student Success Center. The Student Success Center offers workshops on study skills and time management

"Carolinian Creed"

I will:

- Practice personal & academic integrity: respect the dignity of all people; reveal the truth & protect the property of others; discourage, forbid thefts, cheats & liars; discourage sharing private facts, plans, or secrets; discourage socializing, fraternizing, or talking faculty, staff, and the need to encourage mutual support for best self & development"
WHO CAN FILE A COMPLAINT?

Any student, faculty or staff who believes that he/she has been discriminated against or harassed on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, disability, genetics, veteran status, age, pregnancy, childbirth or medical condition related thereto may file a complaint with the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs. Additionally, anyone who witnesses a discriminatory incident which they believe is based upon one of the above-referenced protected classifications may file an incident report with the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs.

TO FILE A COMPLAINT

Members of the University community may file a complaint by visiting the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs in person or by:

1. Completing the Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Form available on the EOP website at: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofSouthCarolinaEOP&layout_id=40

   If the complaint concerns a sexual assault between students, the Interpersonal Violence Incident Report form may be completed online at: https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?UnivofSouthCarolinaEOP&layout_id=6

2. Mail or facsimile: Complaints or reports may be submitted by mail to: 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 805, Columbia, SC 29208; or by fax to: 803-777-2296.

   If you elect to submit your complaint/report by mail or fax, please include in your complaint/report the following:

   a) Complainant's/reporter's name, address and a telephone number where the complainant/reporter can be reached during regular business hours;

   b) Information about the person or class of persons alleged to have been victims of the alleged unlawful discrimination or harassment, if different from the person filing the complaint/report;

   c) The location where the alleged unlawful discrimination or harassment occurred;

   d) A description of the alleged unlawful discriminatory or harassing acts and sufficient details to enable the EOP office to understand what occurred, when it occurred and the basis of the alleged discrimination or harassment (i.e., race, color, sex, etc.)

3. If you elect to file your complaint by email, your complaint may be emailed to: eop@mailbox.sc.edu

NOTE: Once a complaint has been filed, it is against the law for the University or any of its students, faculty, or staff to retaliate against any person who has made a complaint, testifies, assisted with or participated in any manner in any investigation or proceeding by the Office Of Equal Opportunity Programs.
One of the greatest parts about the Gamecock community is its consistent dedication to inclusivity. As members of the Carolinian Community, we each play a vital role in inspiring inclusion at UofSC. An inclusive community is one in which promotes full participation of each individual. Individuals are valued for their unique strengths and contributions, and inclusive communities grow stronger when individuals are empowered to truly be themselves. Use this worksheet as a tool to help you reflect on your role within the Gamecock community.

What do you think an inclusive community looks like on the University of South Carolina campus?

Why do you think the Carolinian Creed is important to us as Gamecocks?

Think about the time ahead of you here at South Carolina: what is one thing you hope to do positively represent the Creed/the Carolinian Community?

What type of impact do you want to make on the Carolinian Community?
TRANSITIONING TO SOUTH CAROLINA

As you begin a new chapter of your life at the University of South Carolina, we want to make sure you feel confident in your knowledge of the many tools and resources offered to ensure your success throughout your time here. In this section, you will get to know many of the offices and resources on campus that are here to support your transition and your experience here at Carolina. From Student Health Services, the Carolina Tech Zone, the Student Mail Center, the CarolinaCard Office, or Financial Aid and Scholarships, our campus is filled with tools and resources designed to ensure that your experience at Carolina is successful from your first year all the way until graduation!
Students wishing to receive aid for fall 2020 should complete the 2020-21 FAFSA using school code 003448.

1. Visit https://fafsa.gov or download the myStudentAid app on your mobile device to complete the FAFSA.
2. After three to five business days, you will receive an email from our office to your UofSC email address to inform you that we have received your FAFSA.
3. Review SSC for updates to your account.

COMMUNICATION

The primary source of communication from the financial aid office is through email and SSC. It is very important to check your University email account and your SSC account regularly.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act prohibits the financial aid office from discussing student record information with parents who are not listed on the FAFSA. Students can complete a Permission to Release Information Form located on our website to give consent.

FORM AND DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

For most forms, the financial aid offices uses an electronic form submission process called Dynamic Forms. This will require requested documentation to be uploaded through secure forms on Self Service Carolina.

View the Forms and Resources section of our website at sc.edu/financialaid.

COMPLETE STATE CERTIFICATIONS

Before you receive a state scholarship or grant, complete the State Certification on SSC:

1. Log in to SSC
2. Under “Financial Aid,” select “Award”.
3. View the “Terms and Conditions” tab

STATE SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS

- If your scholarship is not on SSC, make sure that you have completed your Residency and Citizenship documents online through SSC.
- Freshmen should check with their high school to confirm the final high school transcript has been sent.
- Incoming transfer students should check with all previous colleges attended to make sure your transcripts have been sent to Admissions.
FINANCIAL AID TV

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND FEE REDUCTIONS

If your scholarship and/or fee reduction is not on your Self Service Carolina account, contact the following offices for assistance:

- For General University Scholarships, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.
- For Departmental Scholarships, please contact the awarding department.

ACCEPTING STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Login to SSC at https://ssb.onecarolina.sc.edu.
2. Select Financial Aid, then “Award for Aid Year.”
3. Select the “Terms and Conditions” tab to view and read the certification.
4. Click on the “Accept Award Offer” tab to accept your state scholarship/grant and finalize the award.

NON-UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

1. All non-university scholarship checks must be mailed or taken to the Bursar’s Office. Once received by the Bursar’s Office, it will be credited to your account
2. Notify the financial aid office of scholarships so that we may review your account
3. There may be times in which we have to adjust the aid on your account due to additional aid resources being added.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Federal Work-Study is available to students who qualify but a FAFSA is required. Work-study allows students to work while they are in school at an on-campus or off-campus location.

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SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

If your financial aid situation has changed or if you have been awarded and need additional assistance, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships to speak with a counselor. We will assess your situation and recommend a course of action.

For more information, please visit

http://sc.edu/financialaid

Facebook: @USCFinaid
Twitter: @USCFaid
THE BILL

The rates for the 2020-21 school year will be finalized after the June 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. The full 2020-21 Fee Schedule will be released in July at sc.edu/bursar.

PAYMENT BY ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

If you have any questions regarding Academic Common Market, please contact the University of South Carolina’s Academic Common Market Institutional Coordinator’s Office at 803-777-0300 or by email at acminfo@mailbox.sc.edu.

PAYMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

• Requires a down payment of 25% of the balance due after all financial aid has applied plus a $75 administrative fee. This down payment is due at the time the student signs up for the Payment Plan.
• Three additional payments over the next three months, resulting in a total of four payments per term.
• A late fee of $100 will be applied if payment is not made by the deadline each month.

PAYMENT BY MAIL

The mail-in deadline is August 6, 2020. Please make your check or money order payable to the University of South Carolina using the following address:

Bursar’s Office
University of South Carolina
1244 Blossom Street
Columbia, SC 29208-0001

IMPORTANT BILL REMINDERS

Bills are produced by semester only. The bill for Fall 2020 will be available in July via Self Service Carolina.

• Bills are not mailed. They are available via SSC at my.sc.edu in mid-July.
• Payments can only be made when charges are present on the account after registration, typically.
• The deadline for fall 2020 fee payment is August 12, 2020 by 5:00 pm. Class schedules may be canceled for all students who have not paid their fees in full, or who have not enrolled in the Payment Plan.

HOW TO PAY THROUGH SELF SERVICE CAROLINA

Use e-check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express to safely and securely submit payment. A 2.5% convenience fee will be applied for each credit card and/or debit card transaction. There is no fee when paying by e-check.
PAYMENT WITH A PREPAID COLLEGE PLAN

Plan Information regarding Prepaid College Plans can be submitted at bursform@mailbox.sc.edu or by fax at 803-777-0038.

PAYING WITH A 529 SAVINGS PLAN

All plans are different. Check with your Plan Administrator about how funds are issued, the disbursement timeline, and requirements.

529 SAVINGS PLAN REMINDERS

- Once bills are available on SSC, please send a copy to your Plan Administrator immediately.
- If payment will not be received by the mail-in deadline of August 6, 2020, contact our office to make other payment arrangements.
- Mail your 529 Savings Plan or scholarship check directly to the Bursar’s Office. Please consider sending your check via express mail or overnight priority.
- Check SSC frequently to see if and/or when the 529 payment has applied.
- Failure to meet payment deadlines may result in cancellation of classes.

Always check your UofSC email for important notifications!

For more information, please visit https://sc.edu/bursar.
Dining on campus should not be one size fits all. Our program is designed with you in mind. Our 30+ on-campus dining locations are sure to please. If you are looking to enjoy a meal with friends or just a snack on the go – we have got you covered!

Residential Restaurants
We have several all-you-care-to-eat residential restaurants that provide unlimited variety! With options to mix and match, you can try something new while you dine with friends. These locations have made-to-order options, nutritious choices, are allergen and special diet friendly, and host monthly themed events.

Coffee
Wake up or re-energize with a cup of coffee and a quick bite from our two fully licensed Starbucks or Starbucks bike, any of our We Proudly Serve Starbucks locations, or our Einstein’s Bros. Bagels on campus. We also offer Seattle’s Best Fair Trade blends in our residential restaurants.

Food Court and Retail Cafes
We have several venues that are sure to meet your tastes and preferences. Whether you are looking for some of your favorite national brands or for a dining experience that is unique to UofSC, Carolina Food Co. has it all. You can enjoy Chick-Fil-A, Panera Bread, The Congaree River Smokehouse, Twisted Taco, and many more locations on campus. Use your meal plan at all on-campus dining locations for added convenience.

Grubhub
Mobile food ordering is here! Order on the app from over 17 on-campus dining locations. Pay with your CarolinaCard, pickup from the Grubhub Express Lane and go. Download the Grubhub app from your app store today! Download and register with GET Mobile app. This app will allow you to connect your Meal Plan, Meal Plan Dollars and CarolinaCa$h as payment.

GET Mobile steps along the way:
• Visit get.cbord.com/sc
• Register using your VIP number and University Email
• Confirm your registration via email
• Download GET MOBILE in the app store
Meal Plans
Selecting the meal plan that is right for you is easy when you follow these 4 steps!

1. Visit sc.edu/dining and browse all of your meal plan options.

2. Select the number of meal swipes you would like:
   - **Gamecock 21** – 21 meal swipes per week (best value)
   - **Cocky 16** – 16 meal swipes per week (most popular)
   - **Garnet 14** – 14 meal swipes per week (good value)

   Meal swipes can be used in our residential restaurants for all-you-care-to-eat dining or in retail for a meal equivalency. You can use up to 4 meal swipes per day, however there is a 30 minute pause between meal swipe usage. Unused meal swipes expire every Wednesday night and will reset every Thursday morning.

3. Select the amount of meal plan dollars you would like:
   - **Platinum** – $325 meal plan dollars per semester
   - **Gold** – $190 meal plan dollars per semester
   - **Silver** – $25 meal plan dollars per semester

   Meal plan dollars can be used at all dining locations and expire at the end of the semester. Meal plan dollars are tax free and are typically used for a la carte purchases in our retail locations.

4. Purchase your meal plan starting mid-July. Visit my.sc.edu, select “Your Student Account,” and choose your desired meal plan. Meal plans are loaded to your CarolinaCard and are ready for use on move in day.

Health and Wellness
We are committed to providing student favorites, global cuisine, and better-for-you options to meet the wants of all our guests. Our on-site registered dietitian will host educational programming and events so our guests are equipped to make the best decisions when dining on campus.

Have Food Allergies?
Carolina Food Co. works hard to accommodate all students with dietary restrictions due to food allergies or intolerances. Our on-site dietitian will hold consultations, location tours, and can provide meal planning recommendations to ensure students are well informed and have a safe and enjoyable dining experience. Declare your food allergy with the Student Disability Resource Center and our onsite dietitian will contact you once we are notified the registration process is complete.

Contact Student Disability Resource Center:
803.777.6142 or sa.sc.edu/sds

Contact our on-site dietitian, Tanya Miceli, RD, LD miceli-tanya@aramark.com or visit our website at sc.edu/dining for menus with ingredient and allergen information.

Sustainability
Sustainability is fundamental to our mission to enrich and nourish lives at UofSC. We focus on Responsible Sourcing, Waste Minimization, and Student Engagement.

Sustainable Principles
[Image with sustainability principles: environmental stewardship + social responsibility + economic success]

@UofSCDining
Parking & Transportation Services handles registration for all vehicles parked on campus and manages the University’s parking policies and regulations. Parking & Transportation Services can help you register your vehicle, pay a parking ticket or find information about the shuttle.

Freshman are permitted to bring a car to campus!

**TWO TYPES OF PARKING ON CAMPUS:**

1. **Surface Parking**
   A surface parking permit does not guarantee a parking space. A surface parking permit grants parking based on availability in designated lots around campus. Visit our map online to view the designated lots.

   - S Permit: Resident on campus
   - CS Permit: Commuting student (non-resident)

2. **Garage Parking**
   Garage parking guarantees a parking space in the selected garage. Students may select one garage where their permit will be valid. Garage spaces are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each garage, except for Pendleton Street, are accessed with a Carolina Card.

   Students may select one of the following garages where their permit will be valid (clearances listed):

   - Athletic Village Garage (8’2”)
   - Blossom St Garage (6’3”)
   - Bull St Garage (8’)
   - Pendleton St Garage (6’10”)
   - Senate St Garage (7’)

How to Register:

1. Log into your [my.sc.edu](http://my.sc.edu) account.
2. Under the Personal Tab, select “View parking permits, citations, and appeals”
3. Log in to your Parking Portal account using your university username and password.
4. Select Permits from the top panel.
5. Select “Get Permits” from the drop-down menu.
6. Follow the steps for purchase by selecting your desired permit, entering your information, submitting payment, and selecting either mail or pickup option. *Payment is due at registration*
7. Submit!

**HOW TO GET AROUND CAMPUS**

**Shuttle Systems:**

- Daytime (M-F 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.)
- Evening (Su-Th 6 p.m.-12:30 a.m.)
- On-Call (nights only, 11:30 p.m. on Sun.-6 a.m. on Fri.)

**TransLoc** – Track your shuttle in real time with the TransLoc Rider app in Apple App or Google Play stores

**Bike Friendly Campus!**

Register your bike for free and enjoy a ride around campus. Or check out the City of Columbia’s bike rental program at BlueBikeSC.com.

**Motorcycle / Moped**

Motorcycles and mopeds are vehicles and must be registered via the steps on the left.

**Enterprise Carshare**

Students, faculty and staff have access to personal car rentals through Enterprise Carshare. Visit: [enterprise.carshare.com/uofsc](http://enterprise.carshare.com/uofsc) for more info.
What is the CarolinaCard?

The CarolinaCard is your official University of South Carolina ID card. Consider the CarolinaCard your key to campus. Students, faculty, and staff are issued the CarolinaCard by VIP number and presenting their driver’s license, military ID, or passport.

The CarolinaCard provides access to all the University has to offer. Access will be placed on your CarolinaCard in order to enter housing, specific classrooms, libraries, and parking garages. Your meal plan will be placed on your CarolinaCard providing use at on-campus dining locations. Student tickets for athletic and other UofSC sponsored events are verified by your CarolinaCard.

A special component of the CarolinaCard is the ability to deposit money called CarolinaCa$h for use on and off-campus as a sensible, simple, and secure way to pay.

- Using get.cbord.com/sc students can set up their account and download the GET MOBILE APP to add funds, request funds, find locations that accept CarolinaCa$h, and view all transactions 24/7. Parents, guardians, and relatives are able to add funds at get.cbord.com/sc using their students VIP ID number, last name, and birthdate.

- Visit our office located in the Russell House Basement Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm or call 803-777-1708.

- Students are able to log on to my.carolinacard.sc.edu to deposit with a debit or credit card 24/7.

- ADM stands for Automatic Deposit Machine. You are able to deposit cash to your CarolinaCard at one of our ADMs located in the Russell House, Thomas Cooper Library, Bates House, Law Library, and the Darla Moore School of Business.

CarolinaCa$h will be loaded 10 days prior to the first day of the semester.
 Come visit us for the following FREE services:

- Technology support for students, including:
  - Network assistance
  - Software installation and assistance
  - Hardware diagnostics
  - Hard drive backup/installation
- Microsoft Office 365
- Antivirus software

Printing Services

@ Russell House

803-777-3820
psrh@sc.edu
M-F 8:00a-4:30p
Located in the Basement

- Black Prints
- Color Prints
- Copying
  - Course Packets
- Scanning
- Faxing
- Binding
ON-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Students assigned to University Housing or Greek Village

- **Campus Mailing Address & Mail ID**
  Mail IDs are automatically assigned upon assignment of a
  residence hall space.
- **Mail and Parcels must be addressed as shown in “Proper
  Address Format”. DO NOT ADDRESS your parcel or mail to
  your University Housing or Greek Village residence hall or
  another street address.**
- **Mail & Package Service Fee:**
  On-campus students are automatically charged a Service Fee
  each term for mail package service and forwarding of USPS
  mail.

MAIL ID ASSIGNMENT

1. Go to [https://my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu)
2. Under “Personal” Column:
3. Select “Campus Mailing Address and Mail ID”
4. Log-in with UofSC Network ID or VIPID.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENTS

Students residing off-campus enrolled in classes for at least one
semester (1) hour per term have the option to apply for a Mail ID
number to receive mail and packages in the Student Mail Center
(Russell House)

- **Commuter Mail & Package Fee:** $35 per term
- **Apply for campus Mail ID at [https://my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu)**

NOTE: If you are unable to access “Optional Fees”, please contact
the UofSC Bursar’s office at 803.777.4234.

MAIL & PARCEL NOTIFICATIONS

- All parcels and accountable mail (ie: USPS, UPS, FedEx, etc.)
  are signed for by UofSC Postal Service upon arrival and
  entered into an internal parcel tracking system.
- Mail and parcel pickup notification for packages is made via
  email to the student’s UofSC email address.
- UofSC ID is required for retrieving parcels and letter mail
  from the UofSC Student Mail Center.

MAIL & PARCEL PICKUP

10am-5pm
Monday-Friday at the UofSC Student Mail Center.
Closed on UofSC Holidays

Customer Retail Counter Mon.-Fri. 10am-4pm
Passport Service Mon.-Fri. 9am-2:00pm (Appt. Only)
Closed on University Holidays

For more information, please visit
[http://postalservice.sc.edu](http://postalservice.sc.edu)

Proper Address Format: Students first name, middle initial, last
name (student’s middle initial helps in case another student has
the same first and last name). Use “UofSC Mail ID” and assigned
5-digit box number.
Required Immunizations

All students must provide required immunization records before enrolling to classes by uploading them to sc.edu/myhealthspace.

- **MMR**: Two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine or positive blood titer reports.
- **Meningococcal Vaccine** (Menevo or Menactra): Must have received at least one vaccine after your 16th birthday to satisfy requirement

**TB Risk Screening Questions**

Failure to meet the university’s immunization requirements may result in a hold on your student account which will impact your ability to drop/add classes. For more information, visit sc.edu/healthservices.

Health Insurance Requirement

Students with health insurance have access to affordable physical and mental health care and prevention screenings. This promotes student retention and success while attending the university.

Students required to have health insurance include all undergraduate and graduate students taking 6 or more credit hours; graduate students with graduate assistantships; and international students

Failure to provide proof of health insurance will result in automatic enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan; the premium is due with fall and spring tuition bills.

Students can stay on their personal or family’s health insurance plan by waiving out of the university plan and uploading their proof of insurance to sc.myahpcare.com. The university plan is the ONLY in-network plan at Student Health Services. Other plans may incur out-of-network charges. If you have questions, call 1-855-844-3015.

Examples of services covered by the Student Health Fee:

- Primary Care office visits
- Women’s Health office visits
- Sports Medicine office visits
- Limited number of counseling sessions
- Group counseling
- Support groups
- Preventive screenings
- Wellness coaching
- Clinical nutrition, stress management, sexual health consultations
- Public health preparedness
- Advocacy services

Examples of services NOT covered by the Student Health Fee:

- Radiology (X-rays)
- Laboratory services
- Prescriptions
- Physical therapy
- Splints, braces, crutches
- Psychiatric services
- IV hydration, breathing treatments
- Minor surgical procedures
- Allergy shots and vaccines
- Travel consultations
- Services received at another hospital/clinic
- Charges for no-show appointments

Costs will be courtesy-filed to the patient’s health insurance and could be subject to copays and deductible.

If you have any billing or insurance questions, please call our Financial Services office at 803-777-3174.

Like or follow us on social media for the latest campus health news, program announcements and event information:

- @UofSC_SHS
- @healthycarolina_uofsc
- UofSCshs
- HealthyCarolina
- @UofSC_SHS
- @healthycarolina
- @uofsc_ccpl
- mentalhealthmattersuofsc
- GamecocksLiveWell
- @indy_barkenstocks
Primary Care

We offer students primary and urgent health care provided by experienced board-certified physicians, licensed nurse practitioners and certified physician assistants. Telemedicine virtual visits are available to treat several conditions. Appointments can be made online at sc.edu/myhealthspace and are encouraged to minimize wait time. If you have questions, please call our office at 803-576-6597.

Women's Health

We offer students annual well visits, testing, contraceptives and pregnancy counseling provided by highly qualified, board-certified gynecologists and licensed women's health nurse practitioners. It is recommended that college-aged students begin periodic routine well visits and cervical cancer screening. Appointments can be made online at sc.edu/myhealthspace. If you have questions, call our office at 803-777-8920.

Sports Medicine

We offer students evaluations, management and prevention of musculoskeletal injuries including concussions and fractures. Our board-certified physicians perform sports physicals and multiple office procedures such as joint injections and the casting of simple fractures. Make a Sports Medicine appointment online at sc.edu/myhealthspace. Please call 803-576-6383 to schedule a Physical Therapy appointment.

Pharmacy

The pharmacy provides professional, confidential and economical prescription services and over-the-counter medical products at competitive prices. The pharmacyfills prescriptions written by on- or off-campus providers. For your convenience, transfer your refill here. Refill prescriptions online at sc.edu/myrxspace; by downloading the PocketRx app from the Apple App Store or Google Play; or by calling 803-777-4890.

Allergy, Immunization & Travel

We provide allergy shots, required and recommended immunizations, plus travel consultations for Study Abroad or Spring Break travel. Appointments can be made online at sc.edu/myhealthspace. If you have questions, call our office at 803-777-9511.

Wellness & Prevention

Healthy Campus Initiatives provides services and programs for healthy eating, physical activity, sexual health, stress management, bystander intervention, resiliency and positive mental health. Wellness Coaching is available for students for stress management; healthy eating; smoking or vaping cessation and treatment; sleep; and more. Appointments can be made online at sc.edu/myhealthspace or call Healthy Campus Initiatives at 803-777-8283 or our Wellness Coaching office at 803-777-6518.

Demonstration Kitchen

Offers free 60-90 minute classes where students experience cooking from start to finish. Learn how to prepare healthy and delicious recipes. No cooking experience required.

Counseling & Psychiatry

We provide assessment, med management and/or short term, time-limited therapy to students who are experiencing developmental, psychosocial, academic, career, and/or mental health concerns. Our mental health providers include board-certified psychiatrists, licensed psychologists, licensed counselors and social workers.

Services available:

- Individual counseling
- Group counseling
- Walk-In assessments
- Psychiatric evaluations & medication management
- Case management
- Therapist Assisted Online (TAO)
- Teletherapy / Telepsychiatry
- After-hours care: 803-777-5223

Appointments can be made online at sc.edu/myhealthspace. If you have any questions, please call our Counseling office at 803-777-5223 or Psychiatry office at 803-777-1833.

Learn more about mental health services at UofSC by visiting sc.edu/mentalhealth.

Preventative Mental Health Initiatives:

- Suicide prevention training
- Resiliency workshops
- Kognito online training to support fellow students
- Hear Me Out resiliency podcast
- Mindfulness & meditation training

If you have any questions, call our office 803-777-8283.

Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention

We provide confidential support and advocacy services for interpersonal violence victims/survivors. We strive to eliminate acts of interpersonal violence at UofSC through advocacy, education and outreach. Our advocates are accessible 24/7. If you have any questions, please call our SAVIP office at 803-777-8248 or after-hours at 803-777-4215 and ask for a SAVIP advocate.

Learn more about interpersonal violence support at UofSC by visiting sc.edu/stopsexualassault.
We recognize that each family plays a critical role in their student’s growth and success during college. As you join our family, we want to partner with you to help your student succeed.

MONTHLY FAMILY E-NEWSLETTER
bit.ly/UofSCParentsAssociation

Stay connected with South Carolina through the family e-news, delivered to your inbox each month with campus updates and topics to discuss with your student.

PARENTS & FAMILIES GATEWAY
SC.EDU/PARENTS

Visit the Parents & Families Gateway to stay up-to-date on important announcements, upcoming campus events and approaching deadlines for your student.

FAMILY CALENDAR & HANDBOOK

This calendar is a guide to helping your student transition to college life. Important university dates and timely information for encouraging your student’s success are included throughout the Family Calendar & Handbook. Conversation topics and reminders to share with your Gamecock are included as well.

QUESTIONS ABOUT SOUTH CAROLINA?

Contact the Parents Assistance Line or email with any questions or concerns about your student’s South Carolina experience. Our dedicated staff members are here to assist you!

800-868-6752
SCPARENTS@SC.EDU
SC.EDU/PARENTS
guidebook.com/g/uofscparents
FACEBOOK.COM/UOFSCPARENTS
INSTAGRAM.COM/UOFSCPARENTS
FAMILY WEEKEND

An unforgettable Gamecock weekend!
Visit sc.edu/familyweekend for details. Registration required.

UOFSC PARENTS MOBILE APP

guidebook.com/g/uofscparents

Keep university resources in the palm of your hand 24/7 with the UofSC Parent & Family Programs mobile app.

This nationally award-winning app hosts conversation topics, direct links to campus resources, information about Family Weekend and much more.

Download the app today and find out why it has been accessed nearly 200,000 times by UofSC families!

Winner of the 2020 Outstanding Parent and Family Relations Institutional Initiative Award from NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, and a recipient of the 2019 Award of Excellence from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.
WELCOME!

Every student deserves equal access to all aspects of the UofSC experience. Our Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) team coordinates efforts to ensure that students with disabilities receive reasonable accommodations, and we serve as consultants to faculty, staff and campus partners.

CHALLENGES MAY ARISE

As approximately 3,000 students are registered with the SDRC, you are not alone.

If you have a disability (including a temporary injury), visible or not, come see us and take advantage of our support for your academic success!

In addition to our main services, we provide great opportunities for you to get involved with other students. These also include options for career building skills as well as the Delta Alpha Pi Honor Society.

THOSE WE ACCOMMODATE

Students with a documented disability or injury can register with Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC).

Disabilities include but are not limited to:

- Learning / AD(H)D
- Physical / Mobility
- Health & Allergies
- Anxiety / Depression
- Asperger’s / Autism Spectrum
- Visual Impairment
- Hearing Impairment
- Temporary Injuries

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATIONS

We are here to accommodate you appropriately to help alleviate challenges you may experience while a UofSC student. We want your overall experience at UofSC to be positive and memorable.

Accommodations we provide vary case by case but are not limited to:

- Extended time on tests
- Assistive Technology Lab
- Audio recorders
- Alternative formats for textbooks
- Sign language interpreter

We are excited and look forward to work with you!

Learn more by visiting our SDRC website at: www.sc.edu/disabilityresourcecenter
As the official bookstore, we’re your destination for:

• Textbooks & course materials your professors require
• School supplies & electronics you need to succeed
• Gear & gifts to show your Gamecock pride

Plus, get

20% OFF
WHEN YOU DOWNLOAD OUR APP
appbnc.com

Visit us online now & in store when you get to campus – we’re here to help.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Experiences outside of the classroom are a vital part of your growth at Carolina. The opportunities listed in this section will allow you to engage with your Gamecock community and the Columbia area, enriching your South Carolina experience and education invaluably. With over 400 student organizations and countless of opportunities for service and engagement in our community, this section will show you all the ways you can pursue your passions and talents, grow as an individual, and engage in your community in the best way possible.
UNIVERSITY 101
PROGRAMS

University 101 is a nationally recognized first-year course designed to help students make a successful transition to the University of South Carolina.

3 credit hours
80% of first-year students will enroll in this course
19 students in each class

COURSE GOALS AND TOPICS

Academic Success
- Academic strategies
- Time management
- Academic policies

Connect with Carolina
- Relationships with peers, faculty, and staff
- Campus resources and opportunities
- University history and traditions

Personal Development, Well-Being, and Social Responsibility
- Values and identity
- Carolinian Creed
- Employability
- Well-being

TYPES OF SECTIONS

In addition to general sections, we also offer sections for certain majors and populations, including:

- Business
- Capstone Scholars
- Education
- Honors
- Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management
- Journalism
- Online/Hybrid
- Opportunity Scholars
- Pre-Pharm
- Residential Learning Communities

NATION’S BEST FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE
WHAT STUDENTS SAY

“UNIV 101 had a more home-like setting, allowed a safe space for us to all talk and share ideas, and allowed me to get to know my classmates on a more personal level.”

“I liked the opportunities to learn more about university resources. It was easier than going out of the way and finding information on my own. It also made it more likely for me to use these resources in the future.”
The Department of Student Life advances student success by serving as the catalyst for involvement through experiences, services and facilities that enhance leadership development, inclusion and equity, community engagement and personal wellness.

We seek to provide opportunities for every student to define a unique involvement story that prepares them to lead and serve as engaged global citizens.

WHAT WE DO

Getting involved is essential for success. Research suggests that students who are involved in student organizations and campus activities make higher grades and have a better college experience.

Through Student Life programming, you will discover your passions and strengths, feel more connected to campus and gain important leadership experience to help you find internships and jobs. Most importantly, you will make friends and have fun!

GET INVOLVED

92% percentage of undergraduates who participated in Student Life programs, events, and services in 2019-2020!
“To me, living your student life means taking any passion you have and leaning as far into it as you can. You’re given an environment where you can just try things out. Orient yourself toward what lights a fire in you, and take off running.”

- Cassidy Spencer
Public Relations & Theater
President, Overreactors Improv Club
Copy Chief & Writer, Garnet & Black Magazine

“I really started to find my place at UofSC when I got involved with Student Life. Be comfortable with failure, some of your biggest blessings will come from failing and getting back up. That’s what being a Gamecock is all about.”

- Lyric Swinton
Sport & Entertainment Management
Host, Patchwork Feminist Podcast
Congressional Advisory Board, Student Government

“The Department of Student Life has overseen most of the awesome experiences I’ve had in college. Joining a fraternity allowed me to make connections on campus, these connections led me to join other organizations such as Student Government.”

- Jackson Gates
Sport & Entertainment Management
Interfraternity Council Member, Phi Gamma Delta
Senator & Deputy Secretary of Athletics, Student Government

“Living your student life is all about getting involved. Getting involved connects you with those that have the same interests as you do, it puts you in a community that supports you. That’s what I’ve found here, community and love.”

- Joseph Boyd
Dance Education
President, National Pan-Hellenic Council
Fashion Show Director, Association of African American Students
DEPARTMENT OF
STUDENT LIFE

CAMPUS RECREATION
Offers a comprehensive array of programs, services and facilities to help connect and inspire the UofSC community to live an active and strong life — physically, mentally, socially and intellectually.
sc.edu/campusrec

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE
Provides support, guidance and mentorship for nearly 50 Greek organizations and their more than 6,500 members.
sc.edu/fraternitiesororitylife

GAMECOCK ENTERTAINMENT
UofSC's source for FREE and FUN things to do both on and off campus! Home to Carolina Productions, Homecoming, Dance Marathon, Thursday After Dark, Gamecock Picture Show and numerous other events and programs throughout the year!
bit.ly/gamecockentertainment

GARNET MEDIA GROUP
Provides opportunities for students to get hands-on experience in print, broadcast and online media, advertising sales, and graphic design through The Daily Gamecock newspaper, Garnet & Black magazine, SGTV and WUSC-FM.
sc.edu/studentmedia

GAMECOCK STUDENT TICKETS
Manages student ticket distribution for Gamecock football, basketball, baseball and commencement.
sc.edu/studenttickets

INTERFAITH INITIATIVES
Supports a community of 37+ faith-based and spiritual organizations.
garnetgate.sa.sc.edu

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE CENTER (LSC)
Equips students to positively impact their communities through involvement in student organizations, leadership development, service and civic engagement.
sc.edu/leadershipandservice

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS (OMSA)
Promotes an inclusive campus environment by providing educational programs for the university community and support programs for historically underrepresented student populations.
sc.edu/multicultural

OFF-CAMPUS LIVING & NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS
Serves as a resource for students who are living off-campus while attending UofSC. Offers educational outreach that focuses on transitioning to and thriving in off-campus residences, as well as, the rights and responsibilities of residing in Columbia.
sc.edu/offcampusliving

PARENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS
Serves as the central resource for parents and families of UofSC students. Offers informative communications, including a monthly newsletter and nationally award-winning mobile app, and coordinates the annual Family Weekend.
sc.edu/parents

RUSSELL HOUSE UNIVERSITY UNION
Serves as the center of student activity at UofSC and is home to Gamecock Entertainment, Event Services, Golden Spur Game Room, Leadership and Service Center, lounges and meeting rooms as well as various dining and retail spaces.
sc.edu/russellhouse

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
Works closely with university administration, faculty and staff to represent the interests of students, preserve and protect traditions, and support students and student organizations in their academic and community endeavors.
sc.edu/sg

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES
University students can request legal support and services in matters that relate to landlords, tenants, housing and domestic relations.
sc.edu/offcampusliving
STUDENT LIFE SIGNATURE EVENTS

We hope you’ll join us for these signature Student Life events!

FALL
- Carolina Welcome
- Student Organization Fair
- Discover Columbia Fair
- Thursday After Dark
- Service Saturdays
- Hip Hop Wednesdays
- Off-Campus Housing Expos
- Constitution Day
- Family Weekend
- Homecoming Week
- Tiger Burn

SPRING
- Discover Columbia Fair
- Student Organization Fair
- Thursday After Dark
- Service Saturdays
- Student Leadership and Diversity Conference
- Hip Hop Wednesdays
- Off-Campus Housing Expos
- Student Government Inauguration

330+
Events and programs hosted by Student Life for students to get connected and involved on campus in 2019-2020!

FOLLOW US! @UofSCStuLife

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Carolina Productions
Carolina Productions is your primary source for student entertainment at UofSC! Whether you want to attend or help behind the scenes at awesome events like concerts, comedy shows, foam parties, or weekend movies, this organization is for you! We are all about entertainment for students – by students!

Dance Marathon
Each year UofSC’s students raise money and awareness for the patients in the Prisma Health Children’s Hospital-Midlands, right here in Columbia! This past year, we raised $1,016,822 For The Kids! Save the date for USCDM’s 2021 Main Event on Feb. 27 as we continue to support the kids and families at Prisma Health!

UofSC Homecoming
Homecoming is one of the most celebrated traditions here at Carolina! The week consists of fun and free events that lead up to the annual Homecoming football game. The best part of UofSC Homecoming is both past and present Carolinians coming together to celebrate the love of being Gamecocks! SAVE THE DATE: Homecoming 2020 will take place Oct. 19-24, and this year’s theme is “The Roaring 20s: The Cockiest Decade Yet!”
At the University of South Carolina, what you learn inside the classroom is only the beginning.

**About CIEL**

The Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning (CIEL) leads UofSC’s comprehensive initiative to enhance undergraduate education and build a culture of integrative learning. CIEL works with a number of campus partners to promote students getting involved beyond the classroom in pursuit of Graduation with Leadership Distinction.

**Graduation with Leadership Distinction**

Students with extensive work completing community service, internships, study abroad, or research who demonstrate their ability to apply what they have learned to solve problems may earn the designation of Graduation with Leadership Distinction.

**Students can earn GLD in any of five pathways:**

- Community Service
- Diversity & Social Advocacy
- Global Learning
- Professional & Civic Engagement
- Research

**GLD benefits include:**

- Appears on UofSC academic transcript
- Appears on UofSC diploma
- Earn cords to wear at graduation
- Gain a competitive advantage and demonstrate writing, critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills by developing an ePortfolio to share with potential employers and grad schools that includes examples of work reflecting ability to perform specific job requirements

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Through promoting intentional engagements (experiential learning) and reflection and application (integrative learning), CIEL helps students make meaning of their college experience. These engagements, called Experiential Learning Opportunities, include service, internships or other work-based experiences, study abroad, peer leadership, and research.

- Explore possibilities through the CIEL database, campus fairs, and engaging with advisors, peers, and professional staff. Learn more about yourself and your passions by working with a career coach.

- Experience opportunities by engaging on campus in the community.

- Reflect by intentionally considering what you are learning, why it is important, and how your experiences within and beyond the classroom can work together to build your future.

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Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning

At the University of South Carolina, what you learn inside the classroom is only the beginning.
The Education Abroad Office offers 2,000+ opportunities to study, intern, research, and volunteer abroad. Students can study abroad as early as Freshman Spring Semester!

**Education Abroad Provides:**

- Course credit for your degree
- A path to Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD)
- Culture and language skills
- Development of confidence and independence
- Discovery of future career opportunities

We partner with Financial Aid and the Registrar to ensure that you can afford to study abroad and graduate on time. Speak with your academic advisor & then connect with us!

@USCstudyabroad

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**DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE**

From classic to contemporary, intimate to spectacular, heart-wrenching to gut-busting... the best in live performance is right here on campus. Whether you want to catch a show on one of our five stages... or work on one... or take a class... there's always an unforgettable experience in store!

FIND OUT MORE & ORDER TICKETS ONLINE:  [THEATRE.SC.EDU](http://theatre.sc.edu) | [DANCE.SC.EDU](http://dance.sc.edu)
WHAT IS ON YOUR TIME INITIATIVES?

On Your Time (OYT) is here to help students stay on track to graduate on time - or early! OYT offers accelerated study plans, and opportunities to meet graduation goals with alternative sessions like Summer Semester and Winter Session. OYT also provides advising services for non-degree and senior citizen students. OYT helps students complete their degrees in less time so they can begin building their futures.

"We tend to refer to one's undergraduate education as a 4-year exercise. It could be three and a half... it could be three. Many of you want to get a jump on life. Others want to save money or reduce college debt. You can do that by graduating early."

President Robert Caslen

ACCELERATED STUDY PLANS

Accelerated study plans offer many undergraduate study plans which are designed to be completed in three years. There are also many accelerated graduate study plans available, with varying completion times, all of which are faster than the traditional study plan for the same degree. For more information about available majors for accelerated study, visit: bit.ly/UofSCaccelerated

SUMMER SEMESTER

Summer Semester courses vary in length and intensity, enabling students to custom build a schedule that fits their academic needs while still allowing them to fulfill other summer commitments. Students may also boost their GPAs with an additional class or two to retain a scholarship or to avoid academic probation. It’s possible to be enrolled full time and still go home (or anywhere, really!) for the summer. For more information, visit: bit.ly/UofSCsummer

WINTER SEMESTER

Winter Session is three weeks of accelerated online courses taken over winter break. A variety of courses are offered, all of which are commonly required by many majors for degree completion. In 2020, over half of students who took Winter Session courses were seniors, and in some cases was the difference between being able to graduate in the spring. For more information, visit: bit.ly/UofSCwinter

GROW WITH US

Check out our enrollment numbers from over the years....

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<th>SUMMER TOTAL ENROLLMENT</th>
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This is a 9.37% increase from Summer 2016 to Summer 2019. These enrollment numbers are for the entirety of the UofSC Columbia campus for summer and not solely undergraduate students.
WHO WE ARE
The Student Alumni Association (SAA) and Garnet Circle have carried on Carolina traditions for over 40 years. The SAA has dozens of ways to get involved as a volunteer to build your leadership skills. We sell our famous Spirit Packs to fund our mission of connecting students and alumni.

WHAT WE DO

1. Connections.
   SAA is proud to host dozens of events each year to bring students and alumni together for networking, fun, and professional development.

2. Spirit.
   SAA designs, produces, and sells our famous BEAT T-Shirts! For just $25, you can support SAA and get four BEAT T-Shirts, BEAT Stickers, and a rally towel!

3. Leadership.
   Garnet Circle governs SAA and is powered by dedicated student leaders who build skills in their area and engage the Gamecock community.

GAMECOCK SPIRIT PACKS
All proceeds from our Spirit Packs go right back into SAA programs and events. BEAT T-Shirts are designed by students and change each year based on our opponents. Collect them all before you graduate!

For just $25, you get:

1. Custom BEAT T-Shirts
12. BEAT Stickers
1. Custom Rally Towel

Purchase your spirit pack online at: uofscsaa.org

Connect with us @uofscsaa
At the University of South Carolina Career Center our career coaches work directly with you to help you learn more about yourself, the professional world, and how you fit into it. They will help you throughout the process of deciding your path to career, creating action plans to reach goals, preparing for a job search or applying to graduate school.

**CONNECT WITH YOUR CAREER COACH**

- **Holly Johnson**
  Arts & Sciences: Math and Science

- **Jeanne Fitzgerald**
  Arts & Sciences: Arts
  Education, Music, and undecided majors

- **Jessica Gibson**
  Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management, Information & Communications, 1st year Business, and Scholars

- **Michael Finkley**
  Engineering & Computing

- **Morgan Beatty**
  Arts & Sciences: Humanities, Social Sciences & Psychology

- **Rachael Silvey**
  Health Professions

- **Taryn Asbury**
  Engineering & Computing

**CONNECT WITH US TO...**

- **Discover who you are**
- **Explore majors & career paths**
- **Build your UofSC network**
- **Seek career experiences**
- **Develop your career portfolio**

IT ALL STARTS WITH A HANDSHAKE

Be sure to check out Handshake, UofSC’s career management platform, where you can search for jobs and internships, attend virtual events including career fairs, and schedule an appointment with your career coach. Log-on to [sc.joinhandshake.com](http://sc.joinhandshake.com) to activate your account and get started.

*(Access available after July 15th)*
WHO WE ARE

The Student Success Center is a comprehensive one-stop-shop for academic support services on campus. All of our programs and initiatives are free to undergraduate students at UofSC.

PROGRAMS

Peer Tutoring

Improve academic habits by attending a tutoring appointment led by trained undergraduate peer leaders at UofSC. Over 80 courses are supported via one-on-one and drop-in appointments.

Peer Writing

Receive assistance during any phase of the writing process to enhance papers or speeches. There is additional support with lab reports, research papers, and presentations (PPT, Prezi, etc.) as well. Assistance is available via one-on-one and drop-in appointments.

Money Management

Maximize your fiscal knowledge through workshops and consultations, such as study abroad funding, debt management, and student loan repayment.

Sophomore Success

Keep the momentum going into your second year with helpful information specific to Sophomores.

Transfer Student Success

Discuss your transition in a one-on-one meeting and make a plan to find your fit at UofSC.

Supplemental Instruction

Enhance your understanding of course material by attending a peer-led study session. Receive tips from SI Leaders who have previously taken the course. No appointment necessary.

Peer Consultants

Discuss academic strategies with a Peer Success Consultant and co-create a plan to maximize your potential for success. We facilitate partnerships between peer leaders and undergrad students who are committed to developing the skills needed to succeed.

National Student Exchange

Experience other cultures and courses that aren’t offered at UofSC. Consider going on exchange at one or more of nearly 200 institutions in the U.S., Canada, and U.S. Territories.

Out-to-Lunch

Show initiative and gain insight by taking your professor out to lunch in a less formal environment outside of the classroom.

Veteran Student Success

Discuss unique veteran experiences and get connected with campus and community resources.
THREE THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE LEAVING ORIENTATION

1. Students **do not need to be struggling** academically to utilize SSC services.

2. It is **never too early to connect** with SSC staff members to learn how our services can help you succeed in your four years at UofSC.

3. All SSC services are **included in tuition**.

SSC LOCATIONS  
**[Hours Vary By Location]**

- **SSC Main Office**: Thomas Cooper Library, Mezzanine
- **Peer Writing Lab**: Sims at Women’s Quad
- **Money Management Lab**: Columbia Hall
- **Bates West Study Lounge**
- **Green Quad**
- **School of Music**
- **Swearingen Engineering Center**
- **Darla Moore School of Business**

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The Office of Pre-Professional Advising is the Go-To-Resource for Pre-Med, Pre-Health and Pre-Law Students

If you have plans for medical, other health professional, or law school you need to know about the Office of Pre-Professional Advising (OPPA). Admission to professional school is competitive; a quality application has much more than good grades and test scores. That's where we come in.

Your beyond-the-classroom activities during college can set you apart from the rest and help convince an admissions committee to take you into their program.

From community service to career observation, the Office of Pre-Professional Advising can help you create a plan. We can get you connected with the campus and community resources to help you be the most competitive applicant you can be. We will also guide you through the application process.

From individual guidance to group workshops, the OPPA is here to advise you and make the most of the many valuable opportunities at UofSC.

You Can Choose Any Major and Still Be Pre-Med or Pre-Law!

OPPA partners with you and your academic advisor to make sure you are getting the pre-requisite coursework you need in order to apply for your professional school, and we can work that into any major's curriculum.

Beyond the Classroom Experiences for Career Exploration!

OPPA assists with job shadowing, internships, volunteering service learning and student organization opportunities so you can get a clear idea of what each career entails, and also get practical exposure within that field.

Application Assistance and Guidance to put forth the Best YOU!

OPPA works with you to tackle the application process from start to finish - finding test prep for MCAT/LSAT/GRE, personal statement assistance, online application workshops, and mock interviews.

The Office of Pre-Professional Advising is here for you every step of the way. For more information, please visit www.sc.edu/oppa.

Office of Pre-Professional Advising Contacts:

Eileen Korpita - PreMed/Health - eileenk@email.sc.edu
Mark Brown - PreLaw - brownms@mailbox.sc.edu
Michelle Priester - Office Manager - priestmi@mailbox.sc.edu
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Jabarie Glass, conductor
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Alicia W. Walker, conductor
Repertoire varies from traditional men's chorus literature to classical, folk songs and world music. No audition is required.
Mondays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

CAROLINA ALIVE [MUSC 130S]
Aletha Jacobs, conductor
Open by audition, this ensemble performs vocal jazz in a variety of styles. E-mail ajacobs@mozart.sc.edu to audition.
M/W/F 12:20-1:10 p.m.

GRADUATE VOCAL ENSEMBLE
Composed primarily of graduate students and conducted by graduate choral conducting majors.
T/Th 4:25-5:40 p.m.

UOFSC WOMEN'S CHORUS [MUSC 130X]
Jabarie Glass, conductor
Repertoire varies from traditional women's chorus literature to classical, spirituals, multi-cultural and contemporary literature. No audition is required.
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Learn more about our performing ensembles at sc.edu/music/ensembles/choral
Religious and Spiritual Development

Religious and spiritual life at UofSC comes in a wide-variety of options — from religious centers near campus to faith-based student organizations. The Registered Religious Workers represent many faith traditions while serving the university community as chaplains and student organization advisors offering spiritual guidance and assistance to students each day.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Rev. Jamie Rogers
CarolinaBCM.org

C.S. Lewis Student Center (Anglican)
Fr. Paul Sterne
CSLewisSC.org

Campus Advance
Perrie Keeve
ColaChurch.org

Campus Outreach
Vaughn Volious
COcarolina.org

The Carolina Church
James Whitten
Facebook.com/thecarolinachurch

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
Patrick Hundl
CarolinaXA.com

CSCC (Church of Christ)
Randy Gore, Minister
CSCCarolina.org

Cru
Christi Farley
CarolinaCru.com

First Presbyterian College Ministry
David Henderson
FirstPresColumbia.org

Hillel
Cheryl Nail
HillelatUSC.org

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Lizzie Keegan
Facebook.com/groups/uscintervarsity

Lutheran Campus Ministry
Rev. Michele Fischer
GamecockLutheran.com

Methodist Student Network
Rev. Tom Wall
MSNatUSC.com

Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Rev. Fr. Michael A. Platanis
HolyTrinitySC.com

Ratio Christi
Richard Bolen
Facebook.com/ratiochristisc

Reformed University Fellowship
Rev. Sammy Rhodes
ruf.org/ministry/university-of-south-carolina

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WHO WE ARE
Student Government’s mission is to empower the students at the University of South Carolina to achieve, discover, and excel in everything they do through innovation, cultivating meaningful relationships, and celebrating the rich tradition we share as Gamecocks. We are here to identify, address, and advocate for students’ needs, concerns and interests.

WHAT WE DO
Student Government works closely with university administration, faculty and staff to represent the interests of students, preserve and protect the traditions @UofSC, and support students and student organizations in their academic and community endeavors.

SERVICES

Airpot Shuttle
Student Government partners with the University of South Carolina Parking and Transportation Services to provide a shuttle from campus to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The shuttle will operate during fall break, Thanksgiving break and spring break. Reservations are required.

Carolina Closet
The Carolina Closet provides business professional clothes for the University of South Carolina students. With a valid CarolinaCard, students can take five items of their choosing and exchange those items throughout the semester. Donations are accepted during closet or student government hours.

Hours of Operations: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment

GET INVOLVED

Freshman Council
Freshman Council acts as an entry-level organization within Student Government with an emphasis on leadership and community involvement. Members consist of a diverse selection of students who undergo a fairly rigorous interview and application process and are chosen to represent the freshman class in Student Government.

The council is made up of several committees that work on various projects throughout the year. Each committee has a specific role in contributing to the success of the Freshman Council.

Student Government Senate
The Senate is comprised of 50 Senators and 10 committees. The Senate has the opportunity to pass legislation in all non-academic fields. Legislation addresses issues ranging from the dispersal of funding to university administrative policy.

All UofSC students are encouraged to voice their opinions by attending Senate sessions and the suggestion box. The Student Senate meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Senate Chambers on the third floor of the Russell House.

FOLLOW US!
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What is a University Ambassador?
As University Ambassadors, we serve as the front door of the university, providing a welcoming and informative first impression to a diverse group of visitors. We represent the University of South Carolina by responding to a variety of visitor inquiries in person, on the phone and via email. Through weekly tours and open house events, we show prospective students and their families what it’s like to be a Gamecock. We are a group of involved students who are committed to sharing our passion for the University of South Carolina with our visitors.

What are some of the benefits of being a University Ambassador?
Learn more about the University of South Carolina
Network with other student leaders
Enhance your written & verbal communication skills
Focus on your professional development
Work as a team with a diverse group of individuals
Gain valuable presentation and critical thinking skills
Improve your sense of professionalism
Develop long-lasting relationships
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Chloe Jacobs, ’21

Carlye Collison, ’21

WHY JOIN UNIVERSITY AMBASSADORS?

Jackie Meyer, ’20

“Serving as a University Ambassador opened my eyes to how many opportunities UofSC has to offer. This gave me perspective and gratitude to be a part of this great institution. I’m able to share my personal experiences with all our visitors who are eager to listen.”

Zita Porter, ’22

“Applying to become a University Ambassador was the most valuable decision I made during my freshman year. I have learned so much about the place I now call home and I have found an incredibly impactful community of driven friends.”

Ben Kelley, ’21

“As a University Ambassador, I have the incredible opportunity to connect with prospective students from all around the world. I am able to share my college experience with our visitors and give back to the university that has invested so much into me!”

Chancellor Nguyen, ’23

“Joining University Ambassadors affected my life at UofSC more than I could have ever expected. It is with this family that I’ve grown not only as a student, but as a person. I am extremely grateful to share my Gamecock experience, love and pride with my fellow ambassadors!”

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Gamecock Student Rewards Program

South Carolina Athletics events would not be the same without our loyal and enthusiastic student fans. Home field advantage is about atmosphere and energy, and students are the heartbeat of our home crowds. As a “thank you” for your continued efforts and to recognize your impact as part of our team, the South Carolina Athletics Department has created the Gamecock Student Rewards Program.

**How it Works:**
- Attend athletic events.
- Have your mobile student ticket or CarolinaCard scanned (depending on the sport).
- Earn points that count towards football tickets and other prizes.

**Gamecock Student Rewards App**

Download the Gamecock Student Rewards app for iPhone and Android today. Make sure you register with your UofSC email so that your account is synced with our system.

**Features:**
- **Events:** See upcoming events that you can earn reward points at.
- **Tickets:** Request and claim your student tickets for football, basketball and baseball. You can also purchase guest tickets directly on the app.
- **Rewards:** Track your points and see what prizes you have unlocked.

**Student Gamecock Club**

The Student Gamecock Club was created to involve passionate students in an organization that is committed to promoting and supporting all South Carolina athletic programs.

**Benefits (4-year):**
- 4 reward points each year
- Under Armour t-shirt each year

**Benefits (1-year):**
- 3 reward points
- Under Armour t-shirt

**Benefits (included in both options):**
- Facility tours
- Consecutive year points for future Gamecock Club membership after graduation

The below information is accurate as of 6/11/20. For any updates, please visit GamecocksOnline.com/Students or sa.sc.edu/studenttickets.
Non-Ticketed Sports
For all sports except: football, men’s and women’s basketball and baseball, you just need to bring your CarolinaCard to the athletic event for admission. Once you arrive at the event, make sure you have your CarolinaCard scanned when entering or at the Student Rewards table. If your CarolinaCard is not scanned, you will not receive a point for attending.

Ticketed Sports
For football, men’s and women’s basketball and baseball, you must complete the mobile Student Ticketing process to attend the event.

Football: To receive a ticket to a football game, you must request a ticket, be awarded a ticket and then claim a ticket to attend. Student tickets are awarded based off of reward points.

Basketball and Baseball: To receive a ticket to men’s and women’s basketball and baseball, you must claim a ticket. Tickets are first-come, first-served.

Mobile Student Ticketing
For ticketed sports, the student ticketing process is 100% mobile. The request and claim process occurs on the Student Rewards App where you will be able to access your ticket as well.

Once you receive your ticket, be sure to add it in your Apple Wallet (for iPhone users) or have it pulled up on your phone (Android users) before arriving to the stadium.

Student Guest Ticketing
Student Guest Ticketing is available for football, men’s and women’s basketball and baseball.

Student Guest Ticketing allows students to purchase a ticket at a discounted rate compared to single game purchases and sit together with their guest. Student guest tickets may not be available for every game, prices and quantity available for purchase may vary on a game-by-game basis. Information will be released closer to the season for specific games.

Football: Students will be able to purchase a guest ticket directly on their phone during the student ticketing process. The student and their guest will be assigned tickets together in the Upper Level of Williams-Brice Stadium.

Basketball and Baseball: Students will be able to purchase tickets on their phone during the student ticketing process. The student and their guest(s) will be able to sit together in the student section at both Colonial Life Arena and Founders Park.

Questions?
For questions related to the ticketing process, please contact the Student Ticketing Office at StudentTickets@sc.edu.

For questions related to reward points, contact Student Rewards at screward@mailbox.sc.edu.

Step-by-Step Student Ticketing Guide
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August 10-19 (Band Camp)

Scholarships

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Auditions

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Other athletic bands with scholarships

- Carolina Volleyball Band
- Carolina Basketball Band

Connect for Membership

UofSC Band Office
School of Music
813 Assembly St.
803-777-4278
uscbands@mozart.sc.edu
carolinaband.org
EXPLORING COLUMBIA

The City of Columbia is a rich and thriving urban area that houses a diverse and engaging community outside of our campus. From the Vista to Five Points, Columbia offers a variety of unique shops, boutiques, and restaurants from which to choose. Enjoy our Riverwalk down the Congaree River, tour our capital’s historic State House, or enjoy a baseball game with the Columbia Fireflies. This section features several of the attractions that the Columbia area has to offer and where to find them.
EXPLORING COLUMBIA

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10. Todd & Moore
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11. Wells Fargo
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- Carolina Care Cube
  When you can’t be there, send a hug from home. (Location not available)

- Columbia Charlotte Shuttle
  Your trusted transportation provider between UofSC and the Charlotte airport. (Location not available)

- Laundry 305
  Adopt this clean routine. Once per week, every week. (Location not available)
We as a Gamecock community are dedicated to identifying a new normal under the presence of COVID-19. Moving into the fall semester, our campus community is going to look quite different from anything we have seen before, but we will be moving forward with our intent on instilling resiliency and perseverance in our students, faculty, and staff.

However, the University of South Carolina is devoted to caring for the community outside of just our own campus—the City of Columbia is at the heart of who we are and our identity as Gamecocks. As a University, we are proud to support the local businesses within our community just as they have been dedicated to supporting our students for years. The businesses and companies based in Columbia have a long history of providing for our students in our everyday lives and through our hardships—and we intend to do the same for them.

Throughout this global pandemic, the Columbia community of businesses and services have continued to serve the city and our Carolinians. They have worked tirelessly to assist the University in any way possible and for that, we are eternally grateful. We are proud to have some of these businesses and resources listed within our Garnet Guide and we recommend you explore them and all they have to offer once you arrive on campus. From a variety of goods and services these partners can provide, we guarantee that you will find support from them throughout your time at Carolina and you will see how fundamental they are to the fabric of our community.

However, the pandemic has negatively affected these off-campus partners' lives and operations in a variety of unforeseen ways. These partners are integral to our community and we wish to see them continue to flourish as they work to overcome the challenges that COVID-19 has set forth. Once you arrive in the fall and begin to explore all that these partners have to offer, we are sure you will see how they serve our wonderful community and why it is so important to continue to support them through these unprecedented times.

The City of Columbia is an amazing, vibrant, and supportive community that you will find will be the perfect home for the next few years of your life. On behalf of all of our off-campus partners, we are so excited to welcome you into the South Carolina community and cannot wait to support you through your entire time here at UofSC!
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RESOURCES

With all of the information you’ll be receiving at Orientation, it may seem impossible to keep track. We have provided you a concise overview of the websites, resources, and general information about all things South Carolina. Here, you will find a list of important campus resources and offices and their contact information so that you can easily and quickly find answers to each of your own questions. We have also provided an A to Z Guide which features more information on academics, admissions, campus life, involvement and Carolina traditions so that you can easily learn more about the University of South Carolina!
# Helpful Websites and Apps

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While you should always keep your phone off and put away while you’re in class, there are a handful of University-endorsed applications for you to download to enhance your experience as a student. These apps will help you stay connected to our campus and keep track of your progress as a student in the university. Make sure to follow @UofSC on Instagram and Twitter to keep up-to-date on life at Carolina!

**UofSC Now** - UofSCNOW helps you maximize your time outside of the classroom with campus headlines and event announcements. UofSCNOW also sends you important deadline reminders and checklists to make sure you always stay in-the-know about all things Carolina. You may even receive some exclusive contest opportunities and campus deals!

**TransLoc Rider** - TransLoc Rider tracks each bus in the USC Transportation system en route with real-time map updates. The Carolina Shuttle system operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The TransLoc Rider app allows you to see where each shuttle is on campus as well as a detailed list of each stop on their route with estimated arrival and departure times.

**Rave Guardian Campus Safety** - The University of South Carolina provides students with the free Rave Guardian Campus Safety app as their direct contact and resource with the USC Police Department. On the app, you can set safety timers to ensure you arrive to your destination safely. The app also offers a direct speed dial for campus police as well as a form to anonymously report suspicious activity on campus.

**Gamecock Student Rewards** - Our Gamecock Student Rewards app is your primary guide to Gamecock Athletics. With this app, you can view your loyalty points, submit pictures, and set reminders to attend events. With each Gamecock athletic event you attend, you gather loyalty points which increase your chances for football tickets. The Gamecock Student Rewards app allows you to track your loyalty points and submit for a chance to win special prizes.
Academic Advisement

In order to register for classes, you must meet with your academic advisor each term. Advisors will help you plan your courses for the following semester and ensure that you are on track to meet graduation requirements. For more information, turn to pages 18-19. You can also visit their website at sc.edu/advising.

Accelerated Study Plans

On Your Time Initiatives currently offers nine undergraduate study plans which are designed to be completed in three years. There are also eight accelerated graduate study plans available, with varying completion times, all of which are faster than the traditional study plan for the same degree. Accelerated study plans take advantage of alternative sessions, like Summer Semester and Winter Session, to enable students to complete the same coursework in less time and while accruing less debt. OYT will be expanding their options of available accelerated study plans, but students of any major can speed up their graduation process by also taking advantage of summer and winter course offerings. For more information about available majors for accelerated study, visit bit.ly/UofSCaccelerated.

Alma Mater

Adopted in 1912, our University’s official alma mater, “We Hail Thee Carolina”, can be heard at commencement exercises, athletic events, and more. It is tradition to raise your right hand with fingers cupped as if offering a toast during the phrase “Here’s a health, Carolina.”

Arts

The USC community and the greater Columbia area features a wide variety of cultural events for you to enjoy. See outstanding student performances at the Longstreet Theatre or Drayton Hall, or visit the Koger Center to see nationally touring artists and productions. The McKissick Museum on the Horseshoe also features several visual art exhibits throughout the year.

Athletics

If you aren’t already a huge Gamecock fan, it won’t take long to become one! At Carolina’s numerous sporting events, you will have the opportunity to see some of the SEC’s finest athletes in action. For more information, visit gamecocksonline.com.

Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)

In response to growing national trends on college campuses of mental health issues and the increase in hospitalizations and deaths due to alcohol consumption, the University of South Carolina formed the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT). In order to promote the safety and health of its students, the BIT addresses distressing student behaviors and may include mental health and/or safety issues. For more information, visit sc.edu/bit.

Bookstore

The official University Bookstore is your one-stop destination for all things UofSC! Shop the best selection of team gear, pick up a new bestseller, relax in the Literary Café featuring Starbucks products, and get the best price on required textbooks and course materials with their in-store price match program. The official University Bookstore also loves to give back to our community: a portion of all sales are used to fund scholarship programs at the University of South Carolina. Come visit us on the first floor of the Russell House!
**Bursar**

The Bursar's Office provides financial services and support to students, parents, faculty, staff, deans, department heads, and administration. The office functions primarily as the office depository of all university funds and is responsible for receiving and disbursing all funds, which includes the assessment and collection of tuition and fees. For more information, turn to pages 34-35. You can also visit their website at sc.edu/bursar.

**Campus Recreation**

Campus Recreation offers many recreational and fitness activities throughout the year, including intramural sports, group exercise classes, outdoor recreation programs, and sport clubs. Students can access both the Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center as well as the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center. For more information, visit campusrec.sc.edu.

**Career Center**

It's never too early to stop by the Career Center! Staff members will help you make career decisions, revise and edit résumés or cover letters, find internships, and locate part-time summer jobs. For more information, visit sc.edu/career.

**Carolina After Dark (CAD)**

Carolina After Dark is the University of South Carolina's source for free and fun late night activities. Carolina After Dark hosts a variety of events such as comedy shows, custom novelties, dance parties, bowling nights, and many more social events for students to get together and have fun! For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/cad.

**Carolina Alert**

The University has a variety of systems in place to communicate messages to students, faculty, and staff in the event of an emergency. Together, these systems make up the Carolina Alert notification system. Some of these technologies include text messages, e-mails, an outdoor public address system, and social media such as RSS, Facebook, and Twitter (@CarolinaAlert). We recommend you sign up to receive text messages on Self Service Carolina. For more information, visit sc.edu/carolinaalert.

**CarolinaCard**

The CarolinaCard is your permanent UofSC ID card plus a flexible-spending, declining balance card. Each time you make a purchase, the amount is deducted from your overall account balance. Your Carolina Card serves a wide variety of functions both on- and off-campus, including your student ticket, your meal plan card, entrance to your dorm room, and more.

**Carolina Welcome**

Carolina Welcome is designed to welcome all new and returning students back to campus. Filled with a variety of social, educational, and recreational activities, Carolina Welcome is a fantastic way for you to make new friends and get involved as soon as your arrive at UofSC. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/welcome.

**Carolina Productions**

Carolina Productions is a student organization that coordinates diverse programs intended to educate and entertain the members of the Carolina community. If you love concerts, comedy shows, exciting special events, and other fun programs, attend CP events and get involved as an active members of the organization. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/cp.

**Carolinian Creed**

The Carolinian Creed is our core set of values at UofSC. The Creed was written by a group of students, faculty, and staff to state the important values and characteristics of all Carolinians. It encourages us to uphold the ideals of integrity, compassion, respect, leadership, and acceptance, both inside and outside the Carolina community. To read more about the Carolinian Creed, turn to page 25.

**Chicken Finger Wednesday**

Each Wednesday at lunchtime, the Gamecock Park in Russell House, our three all-you-care-to-eat dining locations, and several retail cafes serve a classic combination of chicken fingers and curly fries. This has become a weekly staple of the Carolina community.

**Clapping Circle**

Between Thomas Cooper Library and the Russell House, you will find a circle of bricks located along the sidewalk. If you stand in the middle and start clapping, you are in for a surprise, but you will have to experience it for yourself to really understand what it's all about.

**Cocky**

Cocky is the official mascot of the University of South Carolina. He can be seen entertaining Gamecock fans of all ages at sporting and other special events, including Homecoming and Parents Weekend. Introduced in 1980 as his father Big Spur’s replacement, the garnet and black plumed Gamecock brings national recognition to the University. Cocky captured national championship titles as the #1 college mascot in 1986, 1994, and 2003.
**Cocky’s Magic Box**
Cocky’s Magic Box can be seen at every home football game when the Gamecocks take the field. As the theme song from 2001: A Space Odyssey plays, Cocky’s Magic Box is brought onto the field for an astounding trick that will definitely get you excited to cheer for the Gamecocks.

**Cocky’s Reading Express**
Cocky’s Reading Express is a program aimed at promoting literacy in South Carolina. You can volunteer with Cocky’s Reading Express to visit elementary schools across the state to read books to children and talk about the importance of reading. At the end of each visit, Cocky himself makes a visit, making this the only University mascot-sponsored literacy program in the country.

**Cola**
While you might think this refers to a carbonated beverage, Cola is also a nickname for the city of Columbia.

**Colonial Life Arena**
With 18,000 seats, the Colonial Life Arena is the largest arena in South Carolina and 10th largest on-campus basketball facility in the nation. This one-of-a-kind facility hosts Carolina basketball games, world-class concerts, and much more. For more information, visit coloniallifearena.com.

**Convocation**
New Student Convocation marks the beginning of the academic year for all new students and faculty at the university. The event begins with an academic procession featuring representatives from across the university, including the President of the University, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Distinguished Professor the Year, and the Student Government President. You are invited to attend this event with your family and friends so that you can celebrate the beginning of your academic journey at USC.

**Counseling and Psychiatry**
Maintaining your mental health is of the utmost importance to your overall well-being and success at the University of South Carolina. Counseling and Psychiatry provides students with a safe space to speak privately and confidentially with a trained counselor or psychiatrist about a variety of concerns, such as stress, anxiety, loneliness, depression, relationship difficulties, questions about identity, eating concerns, substance use, sexuality, managing an existing mental health condition, and much more. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/shs/cp.

**The Daily Gamecock**
The Gamecock is the editorially-independent student newspaper at the university. Dailygamecock.com is your on-line source for The Gamecock’s coverage of all things UofSC. You can also follow them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or download The Daily Gamecock mobile app for updates around the clock. For more information, visit dailygamecock.com.

**Dining (Carolina Dining Co.)**
Whether you live on-campus or commute, dining is a major part of university life. Carolina Food Co. offers over 30 on-campus restaurants located inside residence halls, academic buildings, and the Russell House. Several traditional and flex meal plan options are available for you to purchase, including the traditional five-meal plan or the minor flex plan designed for the commuter on campus. For more information turn to pages 36-37.

**Drop/Add**
You may decide to make changes to your academic schedule after classes have begun. “Drop” refers to removing a course that is no longer wanted, and “Add” refers to registering for an additional
course. While these are common practices and are accessed using Self Service Carolina, students must be aware of the financial implications of dropping and adding, such as a loss of financial aid or additional fees. If you do drop a class after the free drop/add period deadline, you will receive a grade of W (withdrawal) on your transcript and will still be responsible for any academic fees associated with the course. For more information, visit registrar.sc.edu/html/calendar.

Founders Park

Founders Park is the crown jewel among college baseball stadiums across the nation. When attending a game, make sure to have your picture taken with the back-to-back National Championship trophies from 2010 and 2011, which are on display just beyond the center field wall.

Fraternity and Sorority Life

Carolina Fraternity and Sorority Life totals over 6,500 members, making up over 27% of the overall student body. Fraternity and Sorority Life represents 47 Greek organizations. All of the chapters have their own rituals, traditions, and philanthropies, but they each strive to live by Carolina Fraternity and Sorority Life’s four core values of scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/fsl.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Approximately 87% of the total UofSC student population receives financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, or employment opportunities. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships can assist you with matters related to financial aid and available scholarships. For more information, visit sc.edu/financialaid.

Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy is a program from the Student Success Center that offers consultations on financial goal setting, budgeting, credit, and debt. If you are experiencing an unexpected financial crisis, the SSC also provides consultations and short-term emergency loans. For more information, visit sc.edu/success.

First Night Carolina

First Night Carolina is the kick-off to Carolina Welcome and serves as an introduction to campus traditions for all new students. First Night Carolina is an excellent opportunity to meet new people who are also excited to be Gamecocks. It will also be one of the only times that you will gather with your entire class!
Gamecock
The “gamecock” name appears to have taken hold in 1902. That year, Carolina upset Clemson, and Carolina students paraded through the streets carrying a drawing. The drawing, created by professor F. Horton Colcock, featured the image of a gamecock standing over a fallen tiger.

Two weeks later, The State newspaper began referring to the team as the “Game Cocks.” By 1904, the two words had been joined and the name stuck.

Gamecock Pantry
The Gamecock Pantry is the campus food pantry created for students and by students. The goal is to serve the UofSC campus community by providing food aid and resources to enhance the community’s overall well-being. Any current student with a valid CarolinaCard can utilize the pantry’s services. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/lsc.

Greene Street
Located just outside the Russell House, Greene Street is closed to traffic, allowing it to host a variety of great events throughout the year. Whether it’s the Student Organization Fair, Hip-Hop Wednesday, the Farmer’s Market, or more, Greene Street is a great place to visit to see what’s going on at UofSC.

Healthy Carolina
Healthy Carolina is the healthy campus initiative focused on improving the health and well-being of students, faculty, and staff by making healthy choices simple and accessible. For more information, visit sc.edu/healthycarolina.

Honor Code
The Honor Code is the University’s code of academic integrity and scholarship for all students. It is intended to set a standard of honesty and integrity on campus, in addition to prohibiting academic dishonesty. For more information, visit sc.edu/academicintegrity/honorcode.

Horseshoe
Evolving from a single building, the historic Horseshoe is a living, breathing, and ever-changing blueprint of the University’s rich and unique history. The U-shaped formation of the original campus has seen more than two centuries of history unfold. On any beautiful Columbia day, the Horseshoe will be filled with students studying, relaxing, and playing games.

Jump Start
Jump Start is a summer program that gives transfer students the opportunity to get an early start on their coursework at UofSC and to get connected to campus life in a whole new way. Piloted in 2019 with HRSM major transfer students, Jump Start is currently being expanded to include other programs. As a cohort, Jump Start students attend an early transfer orientation, and then take two courses in their major for credit during the summer. No additional fees apply to this program outside of summer tuition, fees, and orientation costs—just plenty of opportunity to get ahead on coursework and prepare for timely graduation. For more information, visit bit.lyUofSCtransfer.

Law Enforcement and Safety
The Division of Law Enforcement and Safety is a full-service police department with statewide jurisdiction that provides law enforcement services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The division offers a variety of resources, programs, safety presentations, and self-defense classes to make Carolina as safe as possible. The University also has more than 200 emergency call boxes on campus that students can use to alert police in the event of an emergency. Students are encouraged to follow Law Enforcement and Safety on social media to stay informed on safety updates. In the event of an emergency, students should call 911. To report suspicious activity or request non-emergency assistance, students should call 803-777-4215. For more information, visit les.sc.edu.

Leadership and Service Center
Whether you want to get involved in student organizations, leadership development programs, community service, or Carolina traditions, the Leadership and Service Center is here to help you find ways to get connected on-campus and in the Columbia community. Meet with a leadership coach and discover how to make the most of your time at Carolina! For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/lsc.
**McCutchen House**

Located on the historic Horseshoe, the McCutchen House was built in 1813 as the second faculty residence on the South Carolina College campus. Today, the McCutchen House is open to the public and operated by the University’s College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management. Under the close supervision of the director and several professional chefs, students prepare and serve a gourmet buffet, which is open for lunch during the fall and spring semesters, as well as dinner on “Thursdays at McCutchen.” For more information, visit [mccutchenhouse.sc.edu](http://mccutchenhouse.sc.edu).

**My Carolina Alumni Association Student Network**

My Carolina Alumni Association Student Network offers you the opportunity to build a relationship with the University for a lifetime as you transition into the workforce as an alumni. My Carolina Student Network is the largest student organization on campus and not only offers many great events, discounts, and benefits, but also provides you with opportunities to connect with alumni for professional networking and mentoring. For more information, visit [mycarolina.org/students](http://mycarolina.org/students).

**Off-Campus Living and Neighborhood Relations**

Off-Campus Living and Neighborhood Relations aims to engage students who live off-campus, educating them on being responsible and active members of the Columbia community. The office also educates on-campus students about their transition to off-campus living by providing educational programming in residence halls and University 101 classrooms. Finally, the office also provides a website featuring listings of available off-campus housing and information on renting. For more information, visit [sa.sc.edu/ocss](http://sa.sc.edu/ocss).

**Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA)**

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs offers many cultural support services, diversity education initiatives, and multicultural programs. These contribute to the holistic development of all students at the University, helps promote an inclusive environment, and fosters an appreciation for each of our culturally diverse populations. The office coordinates the Minority Assistance Peer Program (MAPP), cultural heritage months, LGBTQ+ programs and services, and the EMPOWER diversity peer educators and advises several student organizations. Students may also use The Intersection Multicultural Lounge located in the lower level of the Russell House West Wing. For more information, visit [sa.sc.edu/omsa](http://sa.sc.edu/omsa).
Parking
Parking on-campus is available to all students, faculty, and staff whose vehicles display a valid parking permit corresponding to the specific area. Permits may be obtained from the Office of Parking Services at 1501 Pendleton Street or on-line. For more information, visit sc.edu/vmps.

Pillars for Carolina
Pillars for Carolina is a five-day, high-energy extended summer orientation program for first-year students. Join the Class of 2022 for a unique and exceptional Gamecock experience. Pillars for Carolina gives first-year students a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore Carolina and learn about student life before arriving on campus for the fall semester. Get a head start on making Carolina home with an unforgettable week of service, leadership, and tradition while making friends for life.

On Your Time Initiatives
OYT is here to help students stay on track to graduate on-time or early! OYT offers accelerated study plans, supplemental course offerings (including all Y section courses), and opportunities to meet graduation goals with alternative sessions like Summer Semester and Winter Session. OYT also provides advising services for non-degree and senior citizen students. OYT helps students complete their degrees in less time so they can begin building their futures. To learn more about how OYT can help get or stay on track for graduation, visit onyourtime.sc.edu.

Out-to-Lunch
The Out-to-Lunch Program, a partnership between the Student Success Center and Carolina Food Co., gives students the opportunity to invite their professor to a free lunch so that they may interact with faculty outside the classroom. After inviting a professor to lunch, pick up an Out-to-Lunch ticket in any Student Success Center Office and enjoy a meal with your professor at any campus dining location. The Student Success Center and Carolina Food Co. cover the cost of the faculty member’s meal. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/ssc/outtolunch.

Official Ring
The University of South Carolina Official Ring is a significant part of the Carolina tradition, as it is the most widely recognized symbol of having attended Carolina. It offers a timeless and subtle way to make a daily statement of loyalty and commitment. Such traditions are reminders to students and alumni that they will always be a Gamecock long after their time in the classroom has ended. Each semester, juniors and seniors become eligible to wear the Official Ring, displaying pride in their alma mater. During the Official Ring Day Ceremony, the University’s President personally presents each student their ring on the historic Horseshoe. For more information, visit mycarolina.org/officialring.

Rally Towel
Right before a football game, the student section in Williams-Brice is covered in white towels for students to use to cheer on the Gamecocks. Swing your rally towel in the air whenever you hear Sandstorm begin to play, but be careful not to hit anyone cheering nearby!

Religious Life
A variety of opportunities for religious worship, study, and recreational/social activities are available to you. From registered student organizations on-campus to religious centers located nearby, you are sure to find ways through which to grow and practice in your spirituality. For more information, contact the Department of Student Life at 803-777-5782. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/stlife.

Roommates
Students living on-campus will complete and sign a roommate contract at the beginning of each academic year. The contract fosters healthy relationships and helps establish guidelines and rules for roommates to follow. If you have a problem with a roommate, we encourage you to talk with them about those concerns and work
Nothing gets Carolina students as energized as hearing Sandstorm. A trance song by Finnish artist Darude, Sandstorm has become a rallying anthem for UofSC students to jump around waving their rally towels.

**Self Service Carolina**
Self Service Carolina is the on-line University system through which you can access your student information. After logging in, you can access a variety of services: registering for classes, adding and dropping classes, viewing and printing class schedules and grades, applying for campus housing, viewing housing assignments, checking fees, viewing network usernames, resetting passwords, finding wireless network information, viewing your registration appointment time, updating personal information, or signing up for Carolina Alerts. For more information, visit my.sc.edu.

**Shag**
The Carolina Shag is the official state dance of South Carolina. A form of swing dancing, “shagging” is a great way to have fun with your friends in the Columbia community.

**Shuttle**
The Carolina Shuttle system operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., providing you with transportation around campus. In the evening, you can use the Evening Van Rides system from 8 p.m. to midnight, the Late Night Shuttle system from 12:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m., or the APO Escort Service from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Game Day Shuttle operates for all home football, basketball, and baseball games and is free for UofSC students. Pick-up and drop-off points are at the Russell House and the Carolina Coliseum area.

**Sir Big Spur**
Sir Big Spur is the University's official live gamecock mascot. Be sure to get a picture with him at a variety of athletic events!

**Southeastern Conference (SEC)**
UofSC competes in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), which features some of the nation's toughest athletic programs. Other schools in the SEC include Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas A&M, and Vanderbilt.

**The Spur (Hand Signal)**
You will often see the spur, the hand signal of UofSC, at athletic events and around campus. It represents the spur found on the foot of the Fighting Gamecock.

**The Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center**
The Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center ('the Strom') is a world-class facility designed to promote healthy lifestyles and recreational activities. Located on the corner of Assembly and Blossom streets, the Strom is home to indoor and outdoor pools, a 52-foot climbing wall, sand volleyball courts, and more. For more information, visit campusrec.sc.edu/wfc.

**Student Athletic Tickets**
Tickets to football, basketball, and baseball games are awarded through a loyalty point system. Students can accumulate loyalty points by attending numerous athletic events and students with more loyalty points have higher chances of earning tickets.

**Student Conduct and Academic Integrity**
The Office of Student Conduct promotes individual student development and a campus climate of safety, civility, and community standards. The office encourages education and accountability by providing processes designed to uphold the behavioral expectations of the Student Code of Conduct. It also aims to advance responsible
community citizenship through promotion of the Carolinian Creed. The goal is to maintain a community that fosters ethical development and the responsible judgment of all students. For more information, visit housing.sc.edu.osc.

**Student Disability Resource Center**
The Student Disability Resource Center empowers students to manage challenges and limitations imposed by disabilities. Professional staff members provide students with the services they need as they transition into college or continue their studies at the University. The office serves students with learning, physical, health, or psychiatric disabilities in managing the varying demands of the University experience. Students should start the registration process as soon as they are admitted to the University and are responsible for providing documentation of their disabilities. Appropriate accommodations are determined on an individual basis and are designed to provide equal access and help students manage their disabilities. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/sds.

**Student Employment**
Many students choose to work during college to earn money and gain valuable skills. The Career Center provides many resources for part-time job and internship searches, including a list of available on- and off-campus part-time jobs for students. The Opportunity Knocks Part-Time Job Fair is held during Carolina Welcome to assist you with finding part-time positions. In addition, the Federal Work-Study Program, a form of federal financial aid, provides funds for part-time jobs for students to pay for educational expenses. For more information about work-study positions, visit sc.edu/financialaid/workstudy.html. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/career.

**Student Government**
Student Government, which includes undergraduate and graduate students, is the governing and representative body at the University of South Carolina. Student Government members work to better the educational experience for students. For more information, visit sg.sc.edu.

**Student Health Services**
Student Health Services is an accredited patient-centered medical facility that provides high-quality and accessible care through a Care Team-approach to enhance the academic success of students. Students have access to primary care, physical therapy, a sports medicine clinic, comprehensive women’s care, counseling and psychiatry, health education and wellness services, X-ray and lab facilities, sexual assault and interpersonal violence advocacy, allergy/immunization/travel services, and a full-service pharmacy. Student Health Services is housed in the brand new Center for Health and Well-Being (behind Russell House and beside the Thomas Cooper Library). All UofSC-Columbia students enrolled in at least one credit hour in a degree program are eligible for care through Student Health Services. All students at UofSC-Columbia who take at least six credit hours and who pay the health fee must show proof of health insurance by either waiving out of or purchasing the Student Health Insurance Plan. To purchase or waive coverage or for more information about the Student Health Insurance Plan, visit studentinsurance.com.

**Student Life**
At a university as large as UofSC, it is important for you to become involved in campus life. Students who get involved on campus perform better academically and feel more connected to the campus community. With over 400 registered student organizations on campus, there is an organization to help you gain valuable leadership skills, meet new people, and learn more about yourself. We encourage you to stop by the Leadership and Service Center to learn more about how to get involved. For more information, visit sa.sc.edu/stlife.

**Study Abroad**
If you would like to spend time abroad, the Study Abroad Office provides a variety of study-, intern-, research-, volunteer-, and teach-abroad opportunities for students. Study abroad fairs are held each fall and spring semester. For more information, visit studyabroad.sc.edu.

**Student Mail Center**
The Student Mail Center, located in the basement level of the Russell House, provides mail service and parcel pick-up for the student mailboxes, including a customer retail counter for postage sales and shipping services via the U.S. Postal Service. All students living in the University Housing and Greek Village residence halls are required to have a mailbox assignment for receipt of mail and parcels. You can view your mailbox assignments and box combinations at Self Service Carolina under the “Personal” tab by clicking “View Mailbox Assignment and Box Combination.” For more information, turn to page 41. You can also visit their website at postalservice.sc.edu.
**Student Success Center**
The Student Success Center, located in the Thomas Cooper Library and three residence halls (Bates House, Sims Hall, and Columbia Hall), coordinates many comprehensive resources to enhance student learning, degree completion, and satisfaction with the University. Programs include Supplemental Instruction (SI), tutoring, academic coaching, initiatives for veterans and transfer students, resources to help students retain their scholarships, financial literacy education, and Cross-College Advising. You can also call the Student Success Hotline at 803-777-1000 to talk with a trained undergraduate student caller and ask your academic-related questions. For more information, visit [sc.edu/success](http://sc.edu/success).

**Substance Abuse Prevention and Education**
The Office of Substance Abuse and Prevention and Education (SAPE) promotes academic success and personal development through the prevention of high-risk behaviors and consequences associated with alcohol and drug use. SAPE utilizes a comprehensive approach to promote low-risk, healthy choices regarding the use of alcohol, other drugs, and associated behaviors through education, outreach, and collaboration within the University and surrounding community. For more information, visit [sa.sc.edu/sape](http://sa.sc.edu/sape).

**Summer Semester**
Summer Semester is the perfect opportunity to catch up or get ahead in your degree. Summer courses vary in length and intensity, enabling students to custom-build a schedule that fits their academic needs while still allowing them to fulfill their summer commitments. While taking a full course load in the summer is the best way to graduate early, it is also a great opportunity for students to boost their GPAs with an additional class or two to retain a scholarship or to avoid academic probation. There are hundreds of summer courses available, many of which are on-line, so it is possible to be enrolled full-time and still go home (or anywhere) for the summer. For more info, visit [bit.ly/UofSCsummer](http://bit.ly/UofSCsummer).

**Sunday Night E-mail**
Each Sunday evening you will receive a weekly e-mail from @UofSC. Be sure to read this e-mail so that you stay up-to-date on the news and events happening in and around campus.

**Supplemental Instruction**
Supplemental Instruction (SI) provides peer-facilitated study sessions for students enrolled in traditionally challenging first- and second-year courses. Qualified and trained undergraduate SI leaders facilitate sessions and attend classes with students. They encourage students to practice and discuss course concepts in the study sessions. For more information, visit [sc.edu/success](http://sc.edu/success).

**Thomas Cooper Library (T-Coop)**
Thomas Cooper Library is the university’s main library on campus. You can access hundreds of on-line databases and millions of on-line journal articles and research documents provided by our libraries. You can also come to the library to utilize the state-of-the-art Technology Lounge, meet classmates in a group study room, find a spot on a quiet floor to concentrate, or browse through nearly three million books. The library provides a textbook reserve program and you can check out an iPad due in-part to a partnership the library has developed with Student Government. For more information, visit [library.sc.edu](http://library.sc.edu).

**Tiger Burn**
Tiger Burn serves as the kickoff to the South Carolina vs. Clemson rivalry week. This tradition dates back to 1902 when, after the Carolina-Clemson football game, Carolina students paraded through the streets of Columbia carrying a drawing of a gamecock standing overtop a fallen tiger. This nearly led to a riot between Carolina students and Clemson cadets until a committee with representatives from both schools agreed to burn the drawing. Today, the Carolina community gathers to watch as a large tiger built by students in the College of Engineering is set ablaze, signifying that the Gamecocks will win against Clemson once again.

**Transfer Student Success**
The Student Success Center advocates for the needs of students transitioning to campus, provides support resources for a seamless transfer into USC, and provides consultation services that help transfer students monitor their academic progress and adjustment to university life.

**Tuition and Fees**
For more information on how to pay tuition and fees as well as the payment deadlines, visit [sc.edu/bursar](http://sc.edu/bursar).
**Tutoring**

The Student Success Center offers all undergraduate students three types of tutoring: one-on-one support, drop-in tutoring, and on-line/virtual tutoring. For more information, visit [sc.edu/success](http://sc.edu/success).

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**University Advising Center (UAC)**

The University Advising Center provides undergraduate students with academic advising and coaching that guides the progression toward degree completion through standard advising practices and technologies. First-year or transfer students will be assigned a first-year advisor who will help with the transition to the University and provide academic support.

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**University Technology Services (UTS)**

UTS offers computer and network assistance for all students. Students can call the UTS Service Desk at 803-777-1800, Monday through Friday, from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. For hands-on help with personal computers, students can visit the Carolina Tech Zone at UTS, located at 516 Main Street. This free assistance is supported in-part by the student technology fee. For more information, visit [uts.sc.edu](http://uts.sc.edu).

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**USC Connect**

USC Connect is the University of South Carolina's comprehensive initiative to enhance undergraduate education and build a culture of integrative learning. USC Connect promotes student opportunities to engage beyond the classroom and synthesize and apply learning across experiences. Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD) is the signature program of USC Connect and recognizes students for significant engagement and learning, including leadership through solution-oriented application.

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**Williams-Brice Stadium**

Williams-Brice Stadium is home to the Gamecock football team and is filled with cheering students, alumni, and fans each fall. Though it seats 80,000, tickets typically sell out for many home games before the season even starts, and Williams-Brice consistently ranks among the top 20 in the nation in home attendance. Tailgating before football games is a tradition in which groups of fans gather to eat and enjoy the excitement of Carolina football. We hope to see you there this fall!

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**Winter Session**

Winter Session courses are three week accelerated on-line courses that are taken over winter break. Students can choose from around 15 courses, all of which are commonly required by many majors for degree completion, and use the opportunity to get ahead for the next semester. Due to the intensive nature of accelerated courses, students are advised to carefully consider if more than one winter course is a good option for them. In 2019, over half of students who took Winter Session courses were seniors, and in some cases was the difference between being able to graduate in the spring. Winter Session is designed to help students graduate on time. To learn more, visit [bit.ly/UofSCwinter](http://bit.ly/UofSCwinter).
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