As the state’s flagship and most comprehensive university, we offer excellence in academics, state-of-the-art research, countless student organizations and opportunities to learn beyond the classroom through study abroad, internships and community service experiences.

But what really sets us apart is our spirit, warmth and Southern hospitality. There’s a strong connection among all our students — from freshmen through upperclassmen — faculty and the community. It’s a feeling that everyone understands once they step foot onto our campus.

From move-in day to their first job interview, we strive to nurture and grow our students to be successful. No matter what challenges they take on, they’ll always feel connected to their Gamecock family.
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KEEP IN TOUCH
Visit apply.sc.edu/register/ccinquiry to update your information, stay current on our mailing list and receive notifications of counselor-specific events in your area.
Your students might have already chosen their major. Or maybe they’re still searching. Either way, our hundreds of degree options give them the opportunity to discover their passion, create their path and own their future. At South Carolina, they’ll find a major that fits their strengths and, more importantly, what they’re meant to do.
**Majors**

**CHOOSE TWO**

You must select two majors on your application for admission. This ensures the highest consideration for admission. Placement into your first-choice major is based on the competitiveness of your application.

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**
- African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art Education
- Art History
- Art Studio
- 3D Studies
- Ceramics
- Drawing
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Cardiovascular Technology
- Chemistry
- Chinese Studies
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Dance
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Film and Media Studies
- French
- Geography
- Geological Sciences
- Geophysics
- German
- Global Studies
- History
- International Studies
- Marine Science
- Mathematics
- Media Arts
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology, Experimental
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Women's and Gender Studies

**DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**
- Accounting
- Business Economics
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain
- Real Estate
- Risk Management and Insurance

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Education
- Middle Level Education
- Physical Education

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING**
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Integrated Information Technology
- Mechanical Engineering

**COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL AND SPORT MANAGEMENT**
- Hospitality Management
- Retailing with Specialization in Retail Management or Fashion Merchandising
- Sport and Entertainment Management
- Tourism Management

**COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**
- Advertising
- Broadcast Journalism
- Information Science
- Journalism
- Mass Communications
- Public Relations
- Visual Communications

**SCHOOL OF MUSIC**
- Composition
- Jazz Studies
- Music Education
- Band
- Strings
- Vocal
- Performance
- Brass
- Guitar
- Organ
- Percussion
- Piano
- Strings
- Voice
- Woodwinds
- Theory

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**
- Nursing

**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- (BS includes two-year pre-pharmacy curriculum plus first two years of four-year Pharm.D. curriculum)

**ARNOLD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
- Exercise Science
- Public Health

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**
- Social Work

**SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE**
- Any major listed on this page
- Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae BA (BS)/JD (six-year pre-law/law degree program)
- BARSC MD program (seven-year pre-med/medical degree program)

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL**
- You can study any major and still pursue a law, medical or other professional health degree.
- Pre-Professional Advising will help guide you in the right direction.

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Note: This list is subject to change. It is intended as a guide and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive list of degree programs. Also available are numerous minors and cognates in a variety of disciplines. For specific information about undergraduate programs, refer to the Undergraduate Student Bulletin at bulletin.sc.edu. Revised April 2019
The Top Scholars program is distinguished by its highly selective, merit-based scholarships including the Stamps, Carolina, McNair, 1801 and Horseshoe Scholars awards. These five awards are the most prestigious scholarships offered to students in the freshman class. The program recognizes students across the nation who have outstanding academic talent, exemplary character, intellectual curiosity and proven leadership. In addition to substantial funding, the Top Scholars program offers specialized opportunities to ensure career, graduate and professional school preparation.

Top Scholars have access to a variety of services through the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs. Serving as the home base for scholars, this office provides thoughtful and personalized attention to encourage a close-knit community. Staff members communicate with Top Scholars weekly, sharing extracurricular opportunities, university announcements and special event invitations.
South Carolina Honors College

Our top-ranked Honors College is a “college within a college,” where professors fuel students’ imaginations. More than 600 creative, challenging and often unconventional courses require independent thinking, deep exploration and, in some cases, a sense of humor. Honors students have access to robust funding for research, study abroad, internships, service learning and senior thesis work. They can also compete for substantial universitywide funding opportunities, and the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs helps all students identify and compete for regional, national and international awards.

The Honors College also offers many innovative programs and opportunities, including the Washington Semester Program, the 3+3-year law school degree, the 3+4-year BARSC MD degree. Honors study abroad experiences and community-building activities.

**HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT AWARDS:**

- Boren Scholarships and Fellowships
- U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarships
- Fulbright Scholarships
- Goldwater Scholarships*
- Knowles Science and Math Teaching Fellowships
- Madison Fellowships
- Marshall Scholarships**
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships
- NOAA Hollings Scholarships
- Rhodes Scholarships
- Rotary Global Grants
- Truman Scholarships
- Udall Scholarships

*UofSC has produced Goldwater winners each year for 26 years in a row, and all have been Honors College students.
**UofSC is the only institution in the state that has produced Marshall Scholars, and both were Honors College students.

Capstone Scholars

Capstone Scholars is a two-year, invitation-only academic enrichment program. It fosters inquiry, personal discovery and a sense of community and is built upon four basic pillars of excellence: academics, leadership, fellowship and service. As scholars, students will complete activities related to all four pillars each semester, either locally or while traveling abroad, and make lasting friendships with others who dream big, impact the community and maximize their Gamecock experience!

**CAPSTONE SCHOLARS BENEFITS:**

- One-on-one Capstone Consultations
- Travel grants
- Magellan apprentice research grants
- Professional development grants
- Student leadership positions
- Capstone Scholars Leadership Program
- Local community service projects
- Completion of a personal challenge
Required Courses Checklist

Students entering the University of South Carolina in the summer or fall of 2020 are expected to complete the following minimum high school curriculum.

**ENGLISH — 4 UNITS**
4 units with strong reading, writing, communicating and research
Recommended that 2 of the 4 units are literature based, including American, British and World literature
College prep English I, II, III and IV meet requirement

**MATHEMATICS — 4 UNITS**
Algebra I*
Algebra II
Geometry
Fourth higher level unit selected among Algebra III, pre-calculus, calculus, probability and statistics, discrete mathematics or computer science**

**LABORATORY SCIENCE — 3 UNITS**
2 units from different fields: biology, chemistry, physics or earth science
1 additional unit from biology, chemistry, physics or earth science or any other laboratory science with biology, chemistry, physics and/or earth science as a prerequisite***

**SOCIAL STUDIES — 3 UNITS**
1 unit U.S. history
½ unit economics
½ unit government
1 unit world history or geography strongly recommended

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE — 2 UNITS**
Both units must be same language

**ACADEMIC ELECTIVES — 2 UNITS**
2 units of college-preparatory course work****
Computer science with significant programming content recommended

**FINE ARTS — 1 UNIT**
Art appreciation, art history or performance in one of the fine arts

*Foundations in algebra and intermediate algebra may count together as a substitute for Algebra I if a student successfully completes Algebra II.
**Computer science should involve significant programming content, not simply be keyboarding or using applications.
***Courses in general science or introductory science for which one of these four units is not a prerequisite will not meet this requirement.
****Alternative electives include college-preparatory courses in English, fine arts, foreign languages, social science, humanities, mathematics and laboratory science (for which biology, chemistry, physics or earth science is a prerequisite).
### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

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*May be combined with any other general university award

### A NOTE ABOUT COSTS
Estimated college expenses at the University of South Carolina for the 2019-2020 academic year are itemized on the chart to the left. Remember, this is the general “sticker price” of attending the university and does not take into account potential financial aid and scholarship awards. The university’s Board of Trustees sets tuition costs in July for the next academic year. Refer to sc.edu/admissions for the latest tuition figures.
SAT/ACT SCORE RANGE
1160-1250
1260-1320
1330-1410
1420-1480
1490-1600

GPA RANGE
2.50-2.99
3.00-3.49
3.50-3.99
4.00-4.49
4.50+
Additional Information Regarding Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION
All freshman applicants who meet our early action, Honors College or regular application and credentials deadlines will be considered for university merit scholarships. We’ll look at their highest official SAT or ACT scores that we receive by Feb. 1. Students don’t have to fill out a separate scholarship application unless they wish to compete for the Stamps, Carolina, 1801, McNair, Horseshoe or Alumni Scholar awards. (These require completion of the Honors College/Top Scholars application.)

FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATION
The university’s Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will notify students of any awards via their university email account. This email notification refers students to Self Service Carolina (SSC) for detailed information about their awards. Admitted students receive login information for SSC and can monitor their financial aid application status, as well as view and accept their awards, on SSC.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTIFICATION
Most university scholarships are awarded in mid-March for the freshman class entering in the fall. Students will receive notification via email to check their admissions portal. Departmental award notification varies; students should check directly with the department about the schedule. Due to the competitiveness of our awarding process and financial aid pool, the university is unable to negotiate aid or scholarships.

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Some academic colleges and departments at the University of South Carolina award scholarships to outstanding new freshmen. Other scholarships are available only after the freshman year. Eligibility and actual award amounts vary. Some departments award scholarships based on information provided with the application for admission, and others require additional action on the student’s part. For a complete list of departmental scholarships, corresponding criteria and application requirements, visit sc.edu/financialaid, select “Scholarships” then “Departmental Scholarships.” You’ll find a variety of scholarships listed.

POST-FRESHMAN YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS
The university awards listed in this booklet are only offered to entering freshmen. However, departments may offer scholarships for upperclassmen. Students should check with their academic advisor about the opportunity for any awards.

NON-UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Many students receive scholarships and other financial aid from sources outside the university. It is their responsibility to notify both the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships and the Bursar’s Office of any non-university scholarships. There is generally no limit to the amount of non-university scholarship awards students may receive.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID
Nearly all forms of financial aid — including grants, loans, scholarships and some student employment opportunities — start with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, at fafsa.gov. The FAFSA becomes available on Oct. 1 of every year.

ATHLETIC GRANTS-IN-AID
Students interested in playing on a Division I NCAA team should talk to their high school coach in their junior year. These awards do not participate in the tuition reduction benefit provided to some nonresident scholarship recipients.

Additional Information Regarding Admissions

SELF-REPORTED HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
Students will be asked to self-report a limited portion of their academic record within the online application. They will also be required to upload a clear, legible, unofficial copy of their high school transcript with their full name and the name of their high school. We strongly encourage students to obtain a copy of their transcript before beginning the application. The official high school transcript is not a required credential. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions prefers students not send an official transcript unless we notify them that one is needed. Please note that official transcripts will be required for students who are admitted and intend to enroll at the university.

SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE ADMISSION
The Honors College/Top Scholars application is separate and will be accessible to qualified students in their application portal checklists after submitting the general university application and paying the application fee. We strongly encourage all students to complete the general admission application by the Oct. 15 early action deadline.

All Honors College application materials must be received by Nov. 15, including any new self-reported test scores. In addition, two letters of recommendation are required. Recommenders are encouraged to submit letters by Nov. 15, but the latest we will accept them is Dec. 1. Honors College decisions are sent separately from regular university admissions decisions and are released by mid-February. Honors applicants are automatically reviewed for South Carolina’s most prestigious scholarships: the Stamps, Carolina, 1801, McNair and Horseshoe Scholar Awards.
## Additional Information Regarding Standardized Tests

### Self-Reported Test Scores
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions uses self-reported standardized test scores to make initial admission and scholarship decisions. This includes admission to our scholar programs such as the South Carolina Honors College, Top Scholars and Capstone Scholars.

### Test Score Verification
All admitted students who intend to enroll at South Carolina are required to submit official test scores for score verification. We must have the official scores on which students were admitted to finalize admission and enrollment. Students should use school code 5818 for the SAT and 3880 for the ACT. Official scores must be received directly from the testing agency no later than May 15. Otherwise, students’ admission and scholarships (if eligible) will be in jeopardy.

### Superscoring
South Carolina does not superscore the ACT. We consider the highest composite score from a single ACT test date. However, we do superscore the SAT and use the highest Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and highest Math score from the same or separate SAT dates, whichever is higher. We also do not superscore between official SAT and self-reported SAT scores. We will only superscore within official or self-reported scores.

### Multiple Test Attempts
Students are required to report all test attempts. Undergraduate Admissions will use the test scores that give students the greatest advantage in the admissions process, which is why it is necessary to self-report all test attempts. Failure to report all scores may impact admission or scholarship decisions.

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### Best Value in Public Colleges
Kiplinger’s and Forbes

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APPLY

OCTOBER 15
Early action application deadline

NOVEMBER 15
Honors College/Top Scholars application deadline (decisions issued by mid-February)

DECEMBER 1
Regular application deadline (decisions issued by mid-March)*

DECEMBER 9-13
Early action decisions released**
**Application Guidelines**

Students can start their application now. They can update it as many times as they need to and submit it when they're ready.

- **Common Application:** commonapp.org
- **Coalition Application:** mycoalition.org
- **University Application:** sc.edu/admissions

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**Join the Gamecock Family**

**COUNSELORS**

Whether you live in South Carolina and have an assigned in-state recruiter, or you live out-of-state and have an assigned regional recruiter, you also have another important contact in Admissions: Suzanne Cruea, Assistant Director for College Counselor Outreach. Suzanne manages our special events for counselors and works with the Visitor Center to make sure you get the most from your campus visit. No matter what type of visit you plan, we're here to ensure your experience is an exceptional one.

Contact Suzanne at smedlin@sc.edu or (803) 777-7700 to plan your visit.

**STUDENTS**

Students can keep in touch with us by completing our online form at sc.edu/admissions, then selecting “Connect With Us.” They’ll receive personalized messages and all of our latest print materials delivered to their door.

**VISIT CAMPUS**

Students are also invited to tour our campus and learn more about us from our student ambassadors.

803-777-0169
8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
sc.edu/visit

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**Application Checklist**

- Apply via the Common Application, Coalition Application or University of South Carolina application.
- $65 application fee or fee waiver for those who qualify for ACT, College Board or NACAC waivers
- Unofficial high school transcript uploaded with your admissions application
- SAT or ACT scores self-reported or sent to the university directly from the testing service (use “5818” for the SAT and “3880” for the ACT)
- Honors College/Top Scholars application (available to qualified students who submit the application prior to Nov. 15)

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**Additional Resources**

**FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

sc.edu/financialaid • 803-777-8134
Facebook: USCFinaid

**SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY OFFICE**

registrar.sc.edu • 803-777-5555

**UNIVERSITY HOUSING**

housing.sc.edu • 803-777-4283

**AP/IB COURSE CREDIT CHART**

sc.edu/admissions, select “Requirements,” then “For Freshmen,” then “AP/IB Credits”

**COURSE CATALOG AND BULLETIN**

sc.edu/bulletin

**STUDENT DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER**

sa.sc.edu/sds
Voice: 803-777-6142 • TDD: 803-777-6744

**FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

fasa.gov • 800-433-3243

**NCAA DIVISION I INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

eligibilitycenter.org

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**February 1**

Credentials deadline (All self-reported scores must be reported by this date for admission and scholarship consideration.)

**March 9-13**

Regular decisions released by this week

**May 1**

Enrollment deposit deadline

*Your application must be complete, and all academic credentials and test scores must be received by Feb. 1.

**Possible decisions at this time are acceptance, denial or delay until March. You have until Feb. 1 to submit improved test scores. Early action decisions do not obligate you to attend South Carolina.*
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

26,733 UNDERGRADUATES
34,795 TOTAL ENROLLMENT
17:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO
300K PROUD ALUMNI WORLDWIDE

FRESHMAN CLASS
30,778 applied
5,848 enrolled
1200-1350 SAT (midrange)
25-30 ACT (midrange)
3.78-4.50 WCGPA (midrange)*

HONORS
4,550 applied
567 enrolled
1460-1530 SAT (midrange)
32-34 ACT (midrange)
4.71 WCGPA (average)*

CAPSTONE
1,346 enrolled
1340-1410 SAT (midrange)
29-31 ACT (midrange)
4.39 WCGPA (average)*

DEMOGRAPHICS
53% female students
47% male students
20% minority students

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MAJOR
— U.S. News & World Report

1 Number 1

“OUTSTANDING LEARNING COMMUNITIES”
— U.S. News & World Report

324+ UNIQUE COMBINATIONS OF MAJORS, MINORS AND AREAS OF STUDY

IN SPORT SCIENCES
EXERCISE SCIENCE, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND SPORT AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT

TOP-RANKED PUBLIC HONORS COLLEGE SINCE 2012

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TOP 30 SMALL U.S. CITY

56% IN-STATE STUDENTS
44% OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

17:1 STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO
26,733 UNDERGRADUATES
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