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About the Campus Resource

The Campus Resource Guide, updated annually, highlights new and important information about University programs and services that are relevant to first-year students. The guide was developed to ensure that University 101 instructors have access to, and share with their students, the most accurate and relevant information.

The guide is broken into different sections of information. On this page you will find a brief description of the information included in each section. Additionally, the contact information and social media links are included for each office or department listed within the guide.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR

This section is where instructors will find information about the particular office or department that has changed within the last year and that instructors or students might not already know. This is designed to help ensure that instructors are aware of an office’s most recent changes or programmatic developments.

What Instructors Should Know

This section provides an overview of the office, department, or service. This section might also include a brief overview of various office or departmental initiatives that are particularly relevant to University 101 instructors, peer leaders, and graduate leaders.

Tell Your Students

This is information written by the office or department specifically for instructors to communicate to first-year students. This might include an overview of programs within their department that are particularly relevant as well as information about how students can, or should, utilize services and opportunities within University offices/departments.
What Instructors Should Know

Campus Recreation provides students many options for exercise at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center and the Solomon Blatt Physical Education Center. These facilities feature open recreation areas for basketball, volleyball, badminton, racquetball, handball, squash and much more. “The Strom” is equipped with an indoor climbing wall, two pools, and state-of-the-art exercise equipment. Campus Recreation also offers outdoor recreation activities, group exercise classes, intramural & club sports teams, personal training and a bike shop. Come visit us for more information on how to participate in any of these programs.

Campus Recreation offers tours of the Strom to University 101 classes. Please contact the assistant director of campus recreation for facilities at 803-576-9376 to schedule a tour of the center. Additionally, if you are interested in reserving any of our spaces for class, reservation requests are available at sc.edu/campusrec.

Tell Your Students

Campus Recreation is where you can get involved with intramural sports, group exercise, sports clubs, aquatics, and outdoor recreation. From playing intramural sports to reaching the summit of the climbing wall with your peers, Campus Recreation is a great way to relieve stress, connect with friends, and make lasting memories while at Carolina.

No extra fees are required to use the Wellness and Fitness Center or the PE. Center. However, there may be additional fees for group exercise classes, intramural sports teams, sports clubs dues, outdoor recreation rentals and trips, and personal training sessions.

Campus Recreation employs more than 300 students each year. Positions range from greeting students at the welcome desk to serving as an instructor for group exercise classes to officiating games as an intramural referee. For more information, visit sc.edu/campusrec.
What Instructors Should Know

The Career Center’s mission is to educate and empower students in their development of lifelong career management skills. Students can visit the Career Center in Thomas Cooper Library and Engineering & Computing students may also visit the Career Center location in Swearingen Engineering Center. We hold drop-in hours from 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday for students to have (10-minute) sessions where they can receive help with resumes and cover letters. Students can also schedule a more in-depth appointment with a Career Development Coach.

We welcome the opportunity to assist first-year students in creating a plan for success, and believe students should start early and visit us often. Our Career Development Coaches can assist you with ideas for designing class assignments that would assist in this process.

We encourage instructors to review the Faculty Resource Manual for ideas about Career Development assignments.

Tell Your Students

During your visits to the Career Center, you will learn about yourself and explore what next steps you should take on your career journey. We can help you at any part of your career path including: helping you determine a major, identifying what you are interested in doing for a career, finding an internship, developing a network, and supporting your job search.

The Career Center’s Employability Model will show you the steps to CREATE an employable college graduate: Career development; Relationships; Experience; Academic subject knowledge; Transferrable skills; and Emotional intelligence. By engaging in activities related to these six concepts, and with Reflection, Integration, and Evaluation, you can build your self-confidence, self-esteem, and self-efficacy, which makes you more Employable.

Students who obtain an internship or co-op during the academic year can “Report A Hire” to have it recorded on their transcript and protect their full-time enrollment status.

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Need to build your professional wardrobe for an internship or job? SUIT UP, hosted by the Career Center and JCPenney in the Columbiana Mall, will provide students with an opportunity to purchase professional attire at a 40% discount. The store will open exclusively for USC students (and their families!) on Sunday, September 16 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. This will be the kick-off for Career Fair Prep Week activities.

Students can activate their Handshake accounts, download the Handshake app, and complete their profiles to schedule appointments with a Career Coach, search for internships and jobs, learn about employers, and sign up for events.
CAMPUS PROGRAMMING

Contact Information
Russell House 318
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Carolina Productions: (803) 777-3950
All other inquiries: (803) 576-7377

What Instructors Should Know
The Campus Programming area of Student Life houses the main student programming bodies at the University of South Carolina within the Russell House. Students can participate in events or help plan programs. There are a variety of ways for students to get involved and explore Carolina history and traditions.

Tell Your Students
There are many ways to find your place and community here at the University of South Carolina. Campus Programming provides opportunities for any student at Carolina to find something to do throughout the year. With events happening every week and student organizations to join, you can find your home and niche within the Carolinian community everywhere you look!

Carolina Productions
Carolina Productions (CP) is a student organization that provides an array of entertaining and educational programs for students, faculty, and staff at the University of South Carolina. These programs encompass the ideas, issues, and interests of the student body, as well as the Carolinian Creed and University mission. From the large-scale concerts and comedy shows, to Dogs on Davis Field and tie dye on Greene Street, CP offers something for every Carolinian! CP prides itself on providing social, cultural, intellectual, and leadership development for all USC students. Every week, at least one event is hosted in the Russell House (including Davis Field and Greene Street) or the Koger Center. Every Friday-Sunday, Carolina Productions offers movies (ranging from new releases to series marathons and throwbacks) in the Russell House Theater.
Carolina After Dark is USC’s late night, alternative programming initiative. Programs are held every couple of weeks in the Russell House University Union as well as at several off-campus venues. Past events have included comedy shows, create-your-own novelty nights, bowling at AMF Parklanes and more. Events are typically held on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night and start at 10:00 p.m. All of the programs offered by Carolina After Dark are free to USC students, faculty, and staff, and free food and drinks are provided!

Dance Marathon at the University of South Carolina (USCDM) is the largest student-run philanthropy organization on campus. Each year USCDM hosts a variety of events aimed at engaging the community in raising funds and support for the children and families treated at Palmetto Health Children’s Hospital, located right here in Columbia. Each spring semester, USCDM hosts its largest event of the year, The Main Event, where participants come together for a 14-hour dance marathon. The event is highlighted with a variety of high energy games and activities, a late night rave, and stories from Miracle Families, whose children have been treated at the Children’s Hospital. In 2018, Dance Marathon celebrated its 20th year at USC by raising over $1,000,000 and registering over 2,300 participants, making it the largest fundraiser in the city of Columbia.

Homecoming Week is a campus-wide celebration complete with nightly events, service projects and more, and it is planned and executed by USC students. Annual events include Cocky’s Canned Creations, Spurs & Struts, Step Show/Stroll Off, and the Cockstock concert. The week of events concludes with the Homecoming Football game at the Williams-Brice Stadium. Students can join in on the action by volunteering for the Homecoming Commission to learn the planning and execution of how the week of events comes together. Homecoming 2018 will take place October 22-27 with the theme “Sweet Home Carolina!”

Tiger Burn is an annual pep rally held in November during the week of the USC-Clemson football game where both students and alumni gather to watch a student-designed tiger set ablaze. A small committee of students play a role in both the design and execution of the longstanding USC tradition. Tiger Burn 2018 will take place on Monday, November 19, at the Greene Street Fields. For a history of Tiger Burn, read page 196 in Transitions.
The Division of Information Technology is responsible for the university email systems, the wired and wireless networks, the telephone infrastructure on campus, and much more. Wireless is available in all buildings and most outside areas of the Columbia campus including the Horseshoe and the Russell House. For technology assistance, students should call the Service Desk at (803) 777-1800, submit a service ticket at sc.edu/ithelp, or visit the Carolina Tech Zone for walk-in tech support.

Your Network Username is a 5-8 character combination of your first and last names. It is available in my.sc.edu and provides access to your student email accounts, the wired and wireless networks, and Blackboard.

When connecting mobile devices and computers to the wireless network, you should always connect to the uscstudent network. This network is secure and has more available connections than the uscguest network. While it is tempting to connect to uscguest, where it is not necessary to authenticate identity, this network is not secure and has fewer available connections, increasing the likelihood that you will lose network connectivity. The uscstudent network is designed to maximize connectivity.

Illegal or unauthorized sharing and downloading of media such as pirated music, movies, or software is a violation of university policy and a federal crime. If you are found in violation of illegal downloading you can face criminal charges.

Microsoft 365 is available and free to all to all students. Office365 includes email, Word, Excel, Powerpoint and more.
Tell Your Students

Theft is the most prevalent crime in our community. Valuable items left unattended in vehicles or residence halls are prime targets. Make sure to lock residence hall rooms and remove valuables from vehicles. Textbooks and laptops are desirable because they are easily sold. We have implemented a number of free programs like property registration, designed to deter criminals from stealing property and facilitate the recovery of stolen goods.

The Victim/Witness Assistance Program helps crime victims through police investigations, court processes, and other areas affected because of crime. This program works closely with University services across campus to offer care, concern, and a quick response to persons who have been victims and/or witnesses of a crime. Along with the Community Outreach programs, proactive measures are provided to help those in the community avoid becoming victims of crime.

Rave Guardian is a FREE mobile app that aims to make you safer by connecting you with USCPD during an emergency. It offers features including personalized profiles where you can securely store information such as a photo of yourself, medical information, vehicle information, and emergency contacts. Additionally, RAVE Guardian has a panic button that can be activated in an emergency to summon assistance to your GPS location. The app also allows you to anonymously text tips or report crimes.
Tell Your Students

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the only application that the university uses to award financial aid. The FAFSA becomes available October 1 and it must be submitted each year. The priority application deadline is April 1, so it is essential that you watch for communications from the financial aid office. Plan carefully, satisfy all requirements, and meet all deadlines.

It is a good idea to make sure that you estimate and understand your college-related costs each year. Recognize that any loan that you accept will require repayment. It is good practice to only borrow what you need.

If you are submitting documentation to our office, any Personally Identifiable Information (PII) must first be redacted prior to submission. View our Form and Document Submission Guidelines for more information.

If you are a scholarship recipient, be sure to review the terms and conditions of the scholarship to meet renewal requirements.

If you are receiving financial aid, you must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to maintain eligibility for financial aid. Visit our website for more information regarding SAP.

If you need additional assistance or you want to discuss financial aid options, you are welcome to contact the OSFAS staff through e-mail, telephone, or office visits.
Since 1852, when the first fraternity was established at the University of South Carolina, fraternities and sororities have been an integral part of campus traditions and values. Roughly 6,500 students are affiliated with 47 currently recognized fraternities and sororities that range in size from 5 to over 400 people. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life works with fraternities and sororities on campus to promote the values of scholarship, leadership, service, and friendship through one-on-one meetings with student leaders, leadership development programs and retreats, risk management programming, management of the Greek Village, and more.

Combating acts of hazing is a community effort and we ask that you let us know as soon as you believe there is a problem. If you notice a student is exhibiting uncharacteristic behavior that you believe could be associated with his or her membership in a fraternity or sorority, please contact our office immediately. Uncharacteristic behavior can range from a drastic change in appearance to a decrease in academic performance. If you have a question about something you observe or want to discuss with us, please contact our office staff. We handle each case or call confidentially, but recognize that we have a responsibility to report abusive and violent behavior to USCPD.

There are opportunities to join a fraternity or sorority beyond your first semester! Panhellenic (CPA) Sorority Recruitment occurs each fall prior to first-year move-in, while IFC Fraternity Recruitment occurs roughly three weeks into the fall and spring semesters. Intake for the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) organizations occurs at various times of the year depending on the organization. More information is available on our website (www.sa.sc.edu/fsl/).
The International Student Services (ISS) office provides support to over 1,800 international students from almost 100 countries on matters of immigration compliance, cross-cultural adjustment, academic concerns, and personal development.

What Instructors Should Know

- Invite a Thinking Globally Ambassador to your classroom to share cultural presentations and facilitate discussions that will broaden your students’ global perspective. This year we are adding many new Thinking Globally ambassadors, and will have more than 50 international student volunteers representing 30 countries who are available to come speak to your University 101 students. You can sign up for these presentations through ScheduleCenter.
- Walk-in advising appointments are offered daily (1-4 p.m.). ISS advisors are available to discuss employment, immigration, and personal concerns.
- Learn more about how to communicate and connect more effectively with people of different cultures through the Carolina Intercultural Training.
- Participate in International Education Week (IEW), a full week of events during November 12-16, 2018 for exchange and cross-cultural awareness.
- Practical resources for your classes on internationalization are available in the IEW Faculty Toolkit.

Tell Your Students

Volunteer with the Buddies Beyond Borders Program, a program that pairs Carolina students with incoming international students to help facilitate their transition to USC.

All ISS volunteer programs count towards the enhancement experiences of Graduation with Leadership Distinction in Global Learning.

Find ways to volunteer and connect with international students with more Global Carolina Programs.
The Leadership and Service Center equips students to positively impact their communities through involvement, leadership development, service, and civic engagement. Garnet Gate is the pathway to student engagement at Carolina, so encouraging students to log in and create a profile opens the door to student organizations, campus events, and tracking involvement over their time as a student. Through involvement in student organizations, leadership development, and community engagement initiatives, students will start to recognize what is important to them and how they want to contribute to campus and the community.

We recognize the amount of opportunities on campus can be overwhelming. To help students make sense of their experiences, the center offers one-on-one meetings through our leadership coaching initiative where our leadership coaches help students find purpose, discover their passions and interests, and get connected to the Carolina community. Encourage students to visit the Leadership and Service Center anytime!

Tell Your Students

We encourage you to jump in, participate, and try something new. Part of your success in your first semester is getting involved and finding your place in the Carolina Community. Check out Garnet Gate to explore the 500+ student organizations at Carolina, and attend one of many student organization fairs offered throughout the year. You can immediately immerse yourself in events offered through our office such as the Student Org Fair, Service Saturday, Carolina LEAD Close Family Emerging Leadership Program, an Alternative Break Trip, or the Women’s Mentor Network. Don’t forget to register to vote so you can participate in the upcoming South Carolina elections in November!

Take time to explore student organizations through Garnet Gate. You can also schedule a time to meet with a leadership coach and strategically plan your involvement, leadership, and service path. Engage with our office to start making connections at Carolina!
The McKissick Museum is located at the heart of the historic Horseshoe. It was established in 1976 to bring together the many object collections housed in various departments and colleges across campus. These collections date to 1801 and provide insight into the illustrious history of the University. The Museum serves the University community by partnering with faculty and staff to offer curriculum-based tours of exhibitions and collections. Instructors and students can propose exhibitions, programs, and projects based on their research interests. The Museum staff are eager to assist in developing beyond-the-classroom opportunities for your students.

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You may volunteer or intern at the Museum to gain practical experience and professional skills through experiential learning. The Museum is also a quiet place to relax or study. It’s a great place to bring campus visitors, especially parents!
OFF-CAMPUS LIVING 
AND NEIGHBORHOOD 
RELATIONS

What Instructors Should Know

Most students in your class will live off-campus next year. Off-Campus Living and Neighborhood Relations provides resources and support for students as they explore off-campus living options, learn leasing terminology, search for roommates, and transition off-campus. We help students in person, by phone, via email, through presentations and online resources. Students are encouraged to explore the resources on our website and to attend housing fairs and property showcases hosted throughout the year. Tips to help students avoid common pitfalls:

- Setting a budget for living off-campus is critical. Cost of living varies greatly between housing options.
- Don’t feel rushed to find housing for next year, there are plenty of options. Take your time to find the best fit.
- Signing a lease is legally binding. Wait to sign until you are 100% sure.
- Encourage students to look for roommates they will be compatible with.

Tell Your Students

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We encourage all first-year students to determine how much they can budget for housing and begin exploring places to live next year during the fall. When you select the best fit for you, the property manager will ask you to sign a legally binding lease. You should not feel pressured to sign one until you are sure it is the right fit for you.

Take advantage of Off-Campus Living and Neighborhood Relations resources: visit our website to access the Daily Gamecock housing listing service, USC message boards for finding roommates and subleases, come by our office to chat with us about off-campus living, check out our Off-Campus Living Guide, take the 15-minute off-campus living module at sc.edu/offcampusliving and visit an off-campus housing fair this fall.

Contact Information

Russell House West Wing Lower Level
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(803) 777-3366
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@USCOffCampus
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Discussing academic integrity should go beyond a syllabus statement. Research shows first-year students are more likely to engage in academic dishonesty. Therefore, it is critical to help students build strategies to avoid violations. Demonstrate academic integrity by including proper citations during lectures and require students to utilize the Student Success Center. Many students report they unintentionally violate our code. To help students avoid a violation, discuss:

- Time management
- How to develop relationships with instructors
- Proper citation and paraphrasing
- Appropriate collaboration

If a student violates the Honor Code, you are required to complete a report. The Office of Academic Integrity (OAI) will address the situation from an educational lens and you have the option to enact a grade penalty. Submitting the violation allows us to address academic dishonesty early and ensure proper habits are developed.

Tell Your Students

Transitioning to college means increased responsibilities, including upholding our Honor Code. If you are uncertain whether your conduct would violate the Honor Code, it is your responsibility to seek clarification from your instructor. The Honor Code helps develop a culture of integrity and establishes a fair environment. Make sure you:

- Understand the four Honor Code policies: plagiarism, cheating, falsification, and complicity
- Review your syllabi
- Ask clarifying questions regarding appropriate collaboration
- Use the Student Success Center and Writing Center to learn academic strategies

Think through your decisions. If you're worried about not completing an assignment, you could cheat or ask for an extension. Ask your instructor by 1) apologizing for poor time management 2) asking for an extension 3) recognizing you might receive a grade deduction. The worst your professor can say is “no,” which is better than potentially failing the course for an Honor Code violation.
What Instructors Should Know

The Office of Equal Opportunity Programs (EOP Office) was created to ensure that prospective and enrolled students, applicants for employment and employees of the University of South Carolina are protected against unlawful discrimination and harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, genetics, disability, sexual orientation, veteran status or any other protected status. Qualified individuals are provided with equal opportunity in academic instruction, other student-related activities and employment. No student, employee or applicant may be subjected to retaliation for filing a complaint, serving as a witness or seeking information about unlawful discrimination or harassment at the University of South Carolina.

Tell Your Students

USC does not discriminate in the administration of its admissions, financial aid or employment policies, educational programs or other student-related activities.

Students with disabilities who desire reasonable accommodations to attain their academic objectives should requests such accommodations through the Student Disability Resource Center: LeConte College, Room 112A; Phone: 803-777-6142; Email: sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu.

Any student who believes they have been subjected to unlawful discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, genetics, disability sexual orientation or veteran status may file a complaint with the EOP Office at www.sc.edu/eop, by clicking “Report an Incident” on the EOP home page, and by clicking “Report an Incident” again on the Report an Incident page.

A student may also file a complaint in person at the EOP Office, Suite 805, 1600 Hampton Street, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
OMSA programs are open to all students. In addition to our support programs, we have a number of programs and events in which you can be involved:

- **Multicultural Assistance Peer Program (MAPP)** - Provides peer mentors for new and transfer students.
- **Brother 2 Brother** - Engages participants in workshops, mentoring, and self-reflection around students who identify as men of color.
- **Quench (Queers + Lunch)** - LGBTQ and Ally students learn how to enhance their success and pride both on campus and in life after graduation.
- **Cultural and Heritage Month Events** - Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American History Month, LGBTQ History Month, and Social Justice Awareness Month.
- **Diversity Dialogue Series** - Educates the campus community on issues related to diversity, social justice and multiculturalism.
- **The Social Justice Program** - A certificate program that can enhance your co-curricular experiences through your involvement in initiatives focused on diversity, social justice, service and leadership.

**What Instructors Should Know**

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA) helps to build a community of support for diverse student populations, including minority and LGBTQ students. In our efforts to promote awareness and social understanding, OMSA offers several programs a year - cultural heritage events, dialogues, social justice and advocacy workshops, Safe Zone training, diversity retreats, and peer mentoring programs. The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs strives to educate all Carolinians, and our programs are centered on developing the personal and interpersonal skills necessary to be effective leaders in a diverse world.

OMSA welcomes ALL students, faculty, staff and community members to our events and creates a dialogue that leads to understanding and an inclusive community. We encourage you to join us at any of our programs, events, or stop by our offices at any time.

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The Office of Parent & Family Programs provides information to families throughout the year to help them become familiar with university resources. Families can stay informed by joining the dues-free Parents Association. Every parent or family member who attended orientation with their student received the Family Calendar & Handbook and was automatically signed up to receive monthly e-newsletters. Families are encouraged to contact the Parents Assistance Line at 1-800-868-6752 or e-mail scparents@sc.edu with questions and concerns.

Parent & Family Programs also manages Dinner Dialogues, a program where instructors host a dinner for their undergraduate course in their home to encourage interaction and discussion outside of the classroom. Funded by a grant from the Parents Annual Fund, instructors are reimbursed up to $10 per student for hosting in their home. In the fall 2017 survey, 96% of students who attended a Dinner Dialogues meal felt that it allowed them to get to know their instructor better. For more information and to apply, visit the Dinner Dialogues website.

Tell Your Students

In recognition of the critical role that families play in their students’ college success, the Office of Parent & Family Programs partners with your parents and families to educate them about the resources available to support you. Our largest event is Family Weekend, which is October 5-7, 2018. Your families are encouraged to visit campus for a fun weekend! Events include a variety of social and educational activities. Highlights of the weekend include the President’s Welcome Reception, Rock the Roost at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, 5K run/walk and a traditional pre-game tailgate party before the football game. Registration is required to participate and is available online until September 17 at 4 p.m. Space is limited, so we encourage families to register early!
Admission to professional school is competitive and a quality application includes much more than good grades and test scores. That’s where we come in. The Office of Pre-Professional Advising (OPPA) assists students interested in attending graduate school for a law, medical, or other health professional degree. From community service and career observation to internships, research, and study abroad, the OPPA can get your students connected with the campus and community resources to help them be the most competitive professional school applicants they can be. We take field trips to various professional schools and also bring physicians, lawyers, and admissions officers onto campus to meet with students. Participating in OPPA programs and events is also a great way for students to meet other people interested in pursuing pre-med and pre-law.

From individual guidance to group workshops, the OPPA is here to guide your students through their undergraduate experience, and prepare them for success as they approach specialized education programs.

Tell Your Students
Are you interested in pursuing law school, medical school, or other health professional schools? Come to the OPPA for resources that will help you prepare for these competitive programs. Visit us in our office in Sumwalt 208 for drop-in hours Tuesdays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. You can contact us by e-mail or phone to schedule an appointment.

You can sign up to receive emails from the OPPA listserv here. We send out valuable information to pre-med and pre-law students about events, trips we offer, application information, and other opportunities. For additional information, visit our website. We are here to help you prepare for, apply to, and gain admission to the med or law school of your choice.
What Instructors Should Know

Most first-year students who violate a policy do so when they hastily make a decision without considering the repercussions. Share and discuss with your students that the following factors contribute to students’ alcohol hospitalizations:

1. Drank more/faster than usual
2. Didn’t eat anything
3. In a hurry to “catch up” with friends

Additionally, if you see signs of distress including erratic or self-injurious behavior, complete a Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT) report online. A team member will reach out to assess the concern and connect your student to resources. Call OSC if you are unsure if you need to file a report.

Tell Your Students

About six of the 19 students in your U101 class will be involved in an incident that is reported to the OSC. If you have a conduct meeting, the best way to handle your alleged violation is to be honest. The most common violations include alcohol, drugs, and visitation.

The Carolinian Provision allows you to demonstrate “concern for others.” If you or a friend is in need of medical assistance due to alcohol or drugs, make the call for help to housing staff or 911. You and the other student will not have a permanent conduct record for violating University policy. Over 85% of students who were hospitalized last year, stated that they wanted someone to intervene on their behalf. If you or a friend have been sexually assaulted or are dealing with any type of sexual violence and have been drinking the same provision applies. Help create a culture of caring by being an active bystander.

If you are seeking ways to transform the campus culture, consider joining the Carolina Judicial Council (CJC). CJC is an opportunity to serve on conduct and academic integrity hearing panels and personify the principles embodied in the Carolinian Creed.
What Instructors Should Know

The Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) helps students learn more about any field of study through research, scholastic, or creative experiences. We assist students in three ways: matching students with faculty and research projects, providing money or grants for projects, and helping students showcase their accomplishments.

The OUR definition of research is “Asking questions and finding answers.” There is a perception that research is confined to a lab. While the sciences are a big part of research at USC, we encourage students from all disciplines to ask questions beyond the classroom.

The earlier students get started, the better! Research gives them the opportunity to develop relationships with faculty, test drive their career, and gain experience. Research is also a great way for students who are unsure of their majors to explore different fields of study.

Tell Your Students

We are here to help you find a mentor and project. It does not matter where you are in the process, we want to meet with you. Attend a Getting Started Workshop or make an appointment to talk with one of our advisors.

OUR wants to give you money! There are several grants that OUR provides for you. These funds may be used for materials and supplies, travel costs, and even salary. You can pay yourself to do research. And these grants are not as competitive as you might think! Make an appointment to talk with us about research funding opportunities.

We want you to tell people about your research! Present at Discover USC, submit your work to Caravel (U of SC’s online undergraduate research journal), or apply for the Magellan Voyager!
What Instructors Should Know

The Russell House (RHUU) is a one-stop shop for student activities and a place where students come to meet friends, dine, and participate in a variety of events. The RHUU is home to the Leadership and Service Center, Department of Student Life, New Student Orientation, Golden Spur Gameroom, USC Bookstore, Carolina Card office, Student Mail Center, Founders Federal Credit Union, Printing Services at Russell House, Carolina Styles (a full service hair salon), dining options, and meeting rooms. Annual events held in and around the Russell House include Carolina Welcome events, the Student Organization Fair, football watch parties, Parent and Family Weekend, Carolina Productions movies and events, Carolina After Dark events, Off-Campus Housing Fair, Homecoming events, Carolina/Clemson Blood Drive, and Russell House Study Union. It is important to teach students how to explore student organization events by utilizing the “upcoming events” calendar on the Russell House home page.

Tell Your Students

The Russell House serves as the figurative and geographic heart of campus. It’s a place to be yourself and find yourself with an array of options to help you do both. Many students use the RHUU to check-mail, use their meal plan, and participate in student organization activities. Additionally, whether you’re stopping in for lunch in the Grand Market Place, picking up a textbook in the USC Bookstore, or hanging with friends in one of our lounges, the RHUU helps fill in the gaps between your academics and extracurriculars. In between classes you can take a break in a study lounge, play video games in the Golden Spur Gameroom, watch a movie with friends, or stop by late at night to grab food. Think of the RHUU as your connection to all things Carolina. If we don’t have a service in the building, our Information Center will point you in the right direction.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR

Carolina Welcome spans Monday, August 20-Saturday, September 1. During this period, events and activities are held every day in and around the RHUU. Highlights include the annual Bustle at the Russell (first night of classes); a dive-in movie at the Strom; USC Night at the Fireflies ballpark, as well as themed fairs (athletics, local vendors, Healthy Carolina, community service opportunities, etc). You can also decorate your residence hall or apartment with prints from our poster sale on Davis Field. The crown jewel is the Student Organization Fair on Wednesday, August 29, where students can meet 500+ student organizations during two fairs, 11am-1pm and 4-7pm. Visit sa.sc.edu/rhuu/ for the Carolina Welcome schedule.
The Student Athletic Ticketing Office is under the Department of Student Life. This office serves as the hub for student tickets for football, basketball, and baseball. Athletic student tickets are NOT guaranteed. Students need to take ownership in understanding how the ticketing system and Gamecock Rewards program works. If there are questions, please email us at sastutix@mailbox.sc.edu or visit the office in the Russell House West Wing 115F.

Football tickets are allocated on a request and claim basis based on the number of reward points. Basketball and baseball tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Reward points are awarded to students who attend any home athletic event. Download the Gamecock Rewards app to see point opportunities and claim tickets for football, basketball, and baseball. For other Olympic sports, students can show their Carolina Card for admission.

**Contact Information**

Russell House, West Wing Suite 115F  
8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
(803) 777-6102  
sc.edu/studenttickets  
@uscstudenttix  
@USCStudentTIX  
@USCStudentTIX

**NEW FOR THIS YEAR**

Student ticketing has moved to an entirely new fully-mobile platform. Students’ phones are their ticket for football, basketball, and baseball. Download the Gamecock Rewards app on your iPhone or Android device. Log in with your university email and go to ticketing. This is where you will request, claim, and access your tickets. Tickets will no longer be loaded on to Carolina Cards. Students have until 5pm on Friday to cancel their ticket. If they do not cancel their ticket and the ticket is not scanned at the game, they will receive one strike for a no-show. If they accumulate two strikes, they will lose their ticketing for that sport for the remainder of the season.

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**Tell Your Students**

We assist you in making sure you know how to get a ticket, attend the game, and cheer on the Gamecocks! Ticketing information will be sent to all students through your USC email at the beginning of the semester. If you do not receive your information, contact the Student Ticketing Office. For specific ticketing information, such as the football distribution schedule, visit our website. You can request tickets at any point during the open request period. Once you have received notification that you have been awarded a ticket, you have until 4 p.m. on Thursday to claim the ticket. If you don’t claim during this period, you will lose your ticket to the game. If you claim but do not plan on attending, you must cancel your ticket by 5 p.m. on Friday or you may lose your ticketing privileges for the year. Visit our website for a guide on how to request, claim, or cancel a ticket.
What Instructors Should Know
Healthy Campus Initiatives offers a variety of preventive and wellness consultations that address stress management, nutrition, exercise, tobacco cessation and sexual health.

Tell Your Students
Healthy Campus Initiatives offers convenient and accessible programs and services that support and encourage striving for optimal health by incorporating healthy behaviors into daily living. Students can participate in individual health coaching on topics such as stress management, nutrition, exercise and sexual health. Our C.A.L.M. Oasis is a space in the Center for Health & Well-Being for mindfulness, including daily guided meditation, weekly yoga classes, and training programs. We offer programs in the campus community like our Healthy Carolina Farmers Market and Pet a Pup with PAALS.

For students pursuing medical or public health careers or students who are passionate about health and wellness, the Changing Carolina Peer Leaders organization is an opportunity for students to facilitate interactive, educational presentations and deliver campus-wide health and wellness programs, events, and initiatives.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR
Indy, an English Cream Golden Retriever puppy, joins Student Health Services this year as a facility dog. Short for Indigo, S.C.’s state color, Indy will have open puppy office hours for students to drop by and see her, and she will host pet a puppy events around campus. Petting or playing with dogs is known to reduce stress and anxiety, so encourage your students to get to know Indy.
Student Health Services’ Counseling & Psychiatry supports students’ mental health by providing expert mental health assessment and recommendations, as well as student-focused interventions and services. If you are concerned about a student, you may call counseling to get guidance on how to talk to a student who may be struggling and learn strategies for helping a student connect with support services. Counseling staff can also meet with you and/or the student of concern to provide support, problem solving, advocacy and guidance on the situation.

What Instructors Should Know

Tell Your Students

Counseling & Psychiatry’s services provide students a safe place to speak privately and confidentially with a trained counselor about a variety of concerns. These may include stress, anxiety, loneliness, depression, relationship difficulties, questions about identity, eating concerns, substance use, sexuality, managing an existing mental health condition or any other issue. Psychiatry includes board-certified psychiatrists and mental health nurse practitioners who provide emotional support through psychotherapy, medication management and referrals.

Contact Information

Counseling: Thomson Building, Second, Third and Fourth Floors
Psychiatry: Thomson Building, Third Floor

Fall and Spring
Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m
Sunday (Center for Health and Well-Being)
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Summer and Breaks
Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Counseling: (803) 777-5223
Psychiatry: (803) 777-1833
sc.edu/mentalhealth
@UofSCshs
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NEW FOR THIS YEAR

Counseling & Psychiatry will now have services available after hours. Students who need immediate help will call the same Counseling & Psychiatry number (803-777-5223) after hours that they would use to access help during the day. Counselors will provide support to students with the same seamless customer service. In the event of a serious mental health crisis, after-hours counselors would contact USC personnel to respond.
What Instructors Should Know

Students have access to primary care; physical therapy; a sports medicine clinic; comprehensive women’s health; counseling & psychiatry; health education and wellness services; X-ray and lab facilities; sexual assault and interpersonal violence advocacy; allergy, immunization and travel services; and a pharmacy. Students can make appointments (sc.edu/myhealthspace), fill prescriptions (sc.edu/myrxspace or download the PocketRx app) and contact a victim’s interpersonal violence advocate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Tell Your Students

Medical Services: The Primary Care, Women’s Health and Sports Medicine departments are staffed by board-certified physicians, physician assistants and licensed nurse practitioners who provide patient-centered, comprehensive and high-quality health care.

When visiting primary care, students will be assigned to a primary care provider who is part of a care team within the Patient Centered Medical Home. The care teams, identified as dogwood, magnolia, oak and pine, work as a single unit to implement and develop treatment plans. The goal of the care teams is to encourage patients to build relationships with their medical providers and receive holistic care.

Focusing on holistic health and wellness, Healthy Carolina is the vision for an overall healthy and sustainable campus environment in which students, faculty, staff and the campus community live, learn, work and play.

Ancillary Services: We also provide ancillary services, including a laboratory, X-rays, allergy, immunization and travel services and a pharmacy. Students can receive text message notifications when prescriptions are ready. Our pharmacy’s prices are cheaper than or the same as other retail pharmacies.

Preventive Mental Health: Students regularly participate in depression screenings at the health center. A behavioral health specialist is housed within the medical clinic to meet with students who score high on the screening and also with other students who present with mental health or emotional concerns. These students can then be informed of and referred to other campus resources as appropriate.
What Instructors Should Tell Your Students

Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention & Prevention (SAVIP) provides confidential support for students who have experienced interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking. To encourage prevention, SAVIP presents on and encourages discussion about interpersonal violence topics, healthy relationships, consent and being accountable bystanders. Schedule a presentation for your class about healthy relationships or the Stand Up Carolina bystander accountability initiative.

Resources and information are available at sc.edu/stopsexualassault. If a student comes forward to you about a sexual assault, stalking or any other type of interpersonal violence, you are required to report this as an employee. The website provides a conversation guide and other resources on how to help a student receive services.

Tell Your Students

The advocates in SAVIP accompany and refer students who have experienced sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking and/or harassment to resources for support. They can also help with academic assistance, hospital accompaniment and temporary alternative housing.

Resources and training opportunities are available at sc.edu/stopsexualassault for students, faculty and staff whether they’ve been sexually assaulted or if a friend/colleague comes to them about an assault.
What Instructors Should Know
Student Legal Services, which is a partnership between USC and South Carolina Legal Services (SCLS), provides opportunities for students to receive legal consultation on a variety of concerns. Consultations are available on topics ranging from landlord-tenant relations to consumer protection.

Tell Your Students
Our services are available to all currently enrolled, fee-paying students. Attorneys are available to assist you with issues relating to leases, housing, domestic relations and employment law. However, they will not discuss issues related to criminal defense, alcohol and substance abuse violations or malpractice claims. Visit our website for a full list of what can and cannot be covered in our consultations. If you have questions about legal issues that are outside of the scope of what we handle, we can refer you to the South Carolina Bar Lawyer Referral Service. To make an appointment with Student Legal Services, call 803-777-6611, where you will be prompted to complete the intake process. Requests for appointments can also be made through the Student Legal Services website. Be sure to bring your CarolinaCard to your visit.

Contact Information
2109 Bull Street
Parking Available
By Appointment
(803) 777-6611
bit.ly/uofscstudentlegal
Refer your students as soon as you suspect they are not academically engaged in any or all of their courses. They will receive a friendly email and phone call from a Success Consultant. Success Connect is a program that provides instructors the opportunity to inform the SSC of students who are not academically engaged, missing classes, or not performing well academically. Once a referral or progress report is submitted, an SSC staff member contacts the student to set up an appointment. The earlier students are referred to the SSC the more likely we will be able to assist them.

All of our Peer Leaders have taken the courses they support here at UofSC, earned an “A” in that course, are recommended by faculty, and required to have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. All Peer Leaders are trained on what and how to study and are prepared to help students with study skills, course content, and university navigation. They undergo an intensive training program of over 38 hours.

If you would like to give your students free Student Success Center (SSC) planners, please stop by the SSC’s main office, located on the Mezzanine level of the Thomas Cooper Library. All you have to do is provide the receptionist with a copy of your class roster (if you have multiple classes, please bring both rosters).

The Student Success Center (SSC) is a comprehensive one-stop-shop for academic support services on campus. All of the center’s programs and initiatives are included in tuition at the University of South Carolina. Our administrative office is located in the Thomas Cooper Library (Mezzanine Level), and satellite offices are located in Bates House, Columbia Hall, Sims at Women’s Quad, and Swearingen Engineering Center.

New for this Year

University 101 and the Student Success Center are partnering to administer progress reports for students in your UNIV 101 class. The SSC will be using the EAB/Pathfinder system to help streamline the referral process to allow for faster turn-around time and more effective interventions with your students. By completing a report, you will be assisting the university in identifying and intervening with students who might be facing academic difficulty.

Upon your progress report submissions, the SSC will conduct a multi-faceted outreach via their Call Center and partners with University Housing for class absence based referrals. Students will be encouraged to schedule a Success Consultation with an SSC representative to discuss academic success strategies and co-create a plan to maximize their potential for success.

More information will be provided in September.

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Tell Your Students

Our academic support programs are for all students; not just those who are struggling academically. It is never too early to connect with SSC staff members to learn how their services can help you succeed throughout your four years at UofSC. Remember: all SSC services are included with tuition!

USC cares about your academic performance and engagement so much that a staff member will personally follow-up with each Success Connect referral. If you receive a referral, you should take advantage of the opportunity to learn about the services available to you. The idea behind Success Connect is to connect you with resources before there are bigger problems.
Success Connect

Success Connect: is aimed to connect students with academic and financial resources, as well as skills and strategies designed to promote academic success. Success Connect offers 1:1 and group-based workshops.

Success Consultations: All UofSC students have access to a Peer Success Consultant. Students can meet 1:1 with a consultant if they wish to talk about academic performance, setting goals, exploring study and time management strategies, and connecting with campus resources. Students and Success Consultants co-design plans for academic success. Students leave with consultation notes, goals, and new academic strategies.

Workshops: The SSC offers over 10 different success workshops on topics including: developing study plans, time management and prioritization, active study skills, and financial literacy. In a small group setting facilitated by a Success Consultant, students develop personal action plans and leave with new strategies for success and financial wellness.

Financial Literacy & Education

The goal of the Financial Literacy & Education Program is to help UofSC undergraduate students improve their understanding of financial concepts and services so they are empowered to make informed choices and take action to improve their present and long-term financial well-being. Consultations and workshops focus on budgeting & financial goal setting, credit, and debt.

Transfer and Veteran Success

Offers an array of support resources for veterans and transfer students seeking an undergraduate degree. Through consultation services we help students monitor their academic progress and adjustment to university life.

National Student Exchange

Provides students an opportunity to study for an academic year, semester, or a summer at one or more of nearly 200 institutions in the United States, U.S. territories, and Canada while paying their UofSC tuition. Financial Aid usually applies.

Out-to-Lunch Program

Designed to promote faculty and undergraduate student interaction outside of the classroom. Undergraduate students can pick-up an Out-to-Lunch dining card to cover the cost of their professor’s meal on campus at the SSC’s main office in the Thomas Cooper Library-Mezzanine Level. Please note, students cannot take their Teaching Assistant (TA) or Graduate Assistant (GA) out.

Help With Courses

Supplemental Instruction: SI Leaders are undergraduate students who provide weekly, regularly-scheduled study sessions for students enrolled in traditionally challenging first and second year courses. SI Sessions integrate what and how to study in a collaborative, structured peer-facilitated environment.

Peer Tutoring: Provides quality, course-specific academic support to undergraduate students for over 80 courses. Tutoring sessions are tailored to meet individual questions and needs to foster independent learning. 1:1 appointments and drop-in hours are available in multiple locations across campus. Additionally, Online Tutoring offers course-specific academic support for students in a virtual environment.

Peer Writing and Communications: Peer Writing & Communications Tutors seek to help their peers develop fundamental analysis strategies that are essential for academic success by offering support for any composition assignment at any stage of the process. These assignments include written, spoken, or visual, such as traditional writing assignments, class presentations, lab reports, etc. Sessions are tailored to meet undergraduate student’s individual questions and needs. Drop-in hours and 1:1 sessions are available in the Peer Writing and Communications Lab in Sims at Women's Quad.

Course Assistant Request: If a course a student needs support for is not on the SSC supported course list, they are encouraged to make a request through the Course Assistant Request Process, which can be found on the SSC website.
What Instructors Should Know

There are countless overseas opportunities available to University of South Carolina students. Last year, 1,774 USC students participated in global education programs around the world. Programs include both traditional classroom-based study abroad, as well as international volunteer, service-learning, and internship programs.

International experiences can be instrumental to a student’s academic, personal, and professional development, and the Study Abroad Office (SAO) is here to help navigate the world of opportunities. We work with students to set realistic goals for global education and then help them identify programs, scholarships, and resources for planning their international experiences.

Tell Your Students

Anyone can do it. Global education programs are within reach of any USC student regardless of your degree. There are many choices of study abroad programs where you can take classes that count toward your major, minor, or Carolina Core requirements. Additionally, you can take advantage of overseas internships, service-learning, or volunteer opportunities. Programs go abroad during the semester, academic year, summer, Maymester, winter, and spring break.

It can be affordable. USC students who apply through the Study Abroad Office on an approved program can use federal, state and institutional financial aid and scholarships to help pay for overseas education. In addition, there are many additional scholarships just for study abroad. Last year, USC students received $295,000 in aid just from the SAO.

It’s never too early to start planning. The earlier you start, the better you can plan your budget and your class schedule to fit your education abroad goals. The first step is attending an information session in the Study Abroad Office. Information sessions are held twice a day so you can start planning now. Sessions cover basic information you need to know to get started, including types of programs and scholarships. Information sessions can be scheduled by contacting the Study Abroad Office.
What Instructors Should Know

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Education Office (SAPE) creates a safe, healthy learning environment that supports the personal development and academic success of students by promoting low-risk substance use behaviors through a comprehensive range of evidence-based prevention, environmental strategies, early intervention and recovery support services.

SAPE provides programs related to alcohol and other drug use, risk reduction strategies, and true campus norms. Our trained peer educators facilitate presentations for classes and groups and plan campus-wide educational programs designed to challenge students’ expectations about substance use while enabling them to make healthier decisions. We also offer STIR, a brief screening and intervention program for individual students.

Research indicates that alcohol use accounts for around 30% of college failures, so it is important to be aware of how partying can interfere with academics. According to AlcoholEdu data, 39% of freshmen have not had a drink in the last two weeks and 70% of all students have 0-5 drinks on a typical occasion. So, most Gamecocks Make Good Choices!

Tell Your Students

All new students, including transfer students, are required to complete the online AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates courses. The deadlines for finishing are August 23rd for Part 1 and October 23rd for Part 2. Failure to complete the courses will result in a registration hold.

SAPE sponsors the Tailgate on Greene Street for every home football game! Stop by the Greene Street shuttle stop in front of Russell House for free food, games, prizes, and fun!

SAPE Peer Educators are selected to provide education on alcohol, drugs, and addiction to the USC campus with the goal of encouraging healthy decisions, promoting low-risk use, and reducing stigma. Members facilitate presentations, develop and promote SAPE campaigns, and plan events and programs. More information and application at sc.edu/sape.
What Instructors Should Know

The faculty and staff of Thomas Cooper Library are here to help your students succeed! Librarians can help you create assignments that incorporate library resources that assist students in developing research and critical thinking skills. Contact Timothy Simmons at simmons2@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-6244 for help.

Are you looking for supplemental readings or videos for your class? Remember that the Circulation Department can put items (books, articles, videos, etc.) on reserve for your class in a hardcopy or electronic format. Copyright restrictions apply. Visit the link below for more information:

sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/university_libraries/find_services/faculty_services/course_materials/

Tell Your Students

Did you know that Thomas Cooper has textbooks for many of your classes? Check them out on the main level of the library at the Circulation Desk.

Can’t concentrate? Looking for a quiet place to study? On the perimeter of both levels 1 and 3 of the library, students will now find first-come, first served study carrels. Each carrel is equipped with a desk, a chair, an electric outlet, and an abundance of quiet. You don’t need a key or reservation, just make a right off of the elevators on levels 1 or 3 and you can’t miss them!

Are you having trouble finding what you need? Visit the Research, Instruction & Reference Desk located near the front entrance of the library on the main level. There you will find reference librarians who will provide information, instruction, and general reference services for you. Or, if you are not actually in the library, you can always use our “Ask a Librarian” service to chat online with a librarian at sc.edu/libraries.
The University Advising Center (UAC) provides undergraduate students with academic advising and coaching that guides progression toward degree through standard advising practices and technologies. The UAC establishes expectations and processes for student advising and supports a culture of student engagement and responsibility in advising. The student support services provided by the UAC are First-Year Academic Advising, Exploratory Advising, Academic Success Coaching, and Withdrawal Support.

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**Tell Your Students**

**Get to know your First-Year Advisor!** You have an assigned First-Year Academic Advisor in your College who will meet with you to review degree requirements, plan for course registration, connect with resources, and discuss your transition to USC. You are required to meet with your academic advisor at least one time for 30-minutes every semester in order to register for classes for the following semester. Be sure to read emails from your First-Year Advisor as communication will include important information about advisement and course registration.

**Prepare for Advisement and Registration.** Advising and registration can be some of the more complicated parts of your college career. Use the Pre-Advisement and Pre-Registration Checklists found online at sc.edu/advising to help make the advisement and course registration processes much easier.

**Thinking about changing your major?** First, talk with your First-Year Academic Advisor about your interest in changing majors. Your First-Year Academic Advisor may be able to help you with that process and can refer you to an Exploratory Advisor when needed. Exploratory Advisors will help you explore different majors, compare program requirements, and explain the major change process for different academic programs.
What Instructors Should Know

With over 6,500 Carolina students calling Carolina home each year, University Housing provides students with so much more than just a roof over their heads. University Housing provides an environment that motivates students to devote time and energy to educationally purposeful activities by providing experiences that facilitate students’ academic progress, awareness of self, and awareness of others. The experience of living on-campus starts with a supportive environment that is created with live-in post graduate professional staff, graduate assistants, and undergraduate resident mentors. This diverse and supportive atmosphere assists students with learning beyond the classroom and promotes an atmosphere where students will be successful today and in the future. Through developmentally sequenced programs, activities and experiences students have an opportunity to continue conversations from the classroom in an environment designed to encourage learning, personal and professional growth.

Tell Your Students

University Housing encourages you to get involved and play an active role within your learning community. Building strong communities with active students fosters social development as well as promoting academic collaboration that stimulates learning. In addition, University Housing wants to remind you that as soon as you move in it is time to start thinking about next academic year and where you will live.

Registration for University Housing for the 2019-2020 school year begins in the October timeframe and is highly competitive among returning students. Only a limited number of locations are available each year for upper classmen, and students that are active within their residential learning communities have the best opportunities to obtain these valuable on-campus accommodations.

Contact Information

Patterson Hall Garden Level
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(803) 777-4283
FIXX Line: (803) 777-3499
(Call the FIXX line with maintenance requests)

housing.sc.edu
@UofSCHousing
@UofSCHousing

UNIVERSITY HOUSING
What Instructors Should Know

At USC, what students learn in the classroom is only the beginning. USC Connect is a university-wide initiative to support all students in making the most of their education through experiential and integrative learning.

University 101 instructors set the stage for experiential and integrative learning by encouraging purposeful selection of beyond-the-classroom activities, providing guidance on reflection, and encouraging pursuit of Graduation with Leadership Distinction (GLD). USC Connect focuses on community service, global learning (including study abroad), professional and civic engagement (internships/work and peer leadership), diversity and social advocacy, and research.

USC Connect promotes ePortfolios as a tool to support reflection. Students are encouraged to work toward Graduation with Leadership Distinction throughout their undergraduate careers. Detailed information on GLD, including a brief video, is available on our website.

Tell Your Students

- Try activities that are a good fit for you. Find experiences through the USC Connect Opportunity Database and get more ideas from USC Connect Recommendations by Major.
- Think about activities you have participated in... What were the benefits? Are they worth continuing? Why?
- Think about what type of substantive (e.g., 45+ hours), experiential learning opportunity would be right for you: internship/work experience, peer leadership, research, service-learning, study abroad?
- Remember that students who engage in experiential learning tend to be more satisfied with their collegiate experience and more likely to succeed.
- Reflect on what you learned from each experience. How was it significant to you? Keep fliers, documents, reflections (e.g., journals), videos, papers related to your experiences on cloud-based services (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox) or an ePortfolio site for future reference.
- Complete the on-line orientation to learn more about GLD.

Graduation with Leadership Distinction is a recognition that appears on students’ diploma and transcripts. Students report that pursuing GLD helps them understand how their education and future fit together.