

# UofSC Geography Undergraduate Newsletter

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## Fall 2019 Dates to Know

### Graduation Application Deadline

(Sept. 16, Monday)

Last day for undergraduates to  
apply for December graduation

Oct. 10–11, Thursday–Friday

Fall Break (no classes)

Oct. 14, Monday

Midpoint in Semester

Nov. 6, Wednesday

Last day to drop a course or  
withdraw without a grade of "WF"  
being recorded (Part of Term 30)

Nov. 27–Dec. 1, Wednesday–

Sunday

Thanksgiving Recess (no classes)

Dec. 6, Friday

Last Day of Classes

Dec. 7, Saturday

Reading Day

Dec. 9–16, Monday–Monday

Final Examinations (includes exams  
on Saturday)

## — Maymester in Aruba! —



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Professors Jerry Mitchell and Conor Harrison are offering GEOG 343 (Environment and Society) during Maymester 2020 in **Aruba!**

The course will investigate environmental challenges on a small island state, including water, energy, and sustainability; environmental quality and pollution; sustaining biodiversity and cities; and environmental economics, politics, and ethics. The trip will include visits to farms, a desalinization plant, a refinery, a landfill, a gold mine, and a national park.

**For more information contact:** Dr. Jerry Mitchell, [mitchell@sc.edu](mailto:mitchell@sc.edu), 777-2986 or Dr. Conor Harrison, [cmharris@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:cmharris@mailbox.sc.edu), 576-6010.

## Graduate School

Thinking about graduate school? The University of South Carolina will host an event to inform and motivate students from underrepresented groups in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Students will learn how to successfully apply to graduate school and how to find funding. [Learn more here.](#)

## Scholarships/Fellowships

The **National Fellowships and Scholar Programs** reminds us of many [upcoming opportunities](#). This office has a great staff and many resources to help you compete for national and international scholarships. Visit their [website](#) when you have a chance.

### Magellan Scholar Undergraduate Research Grants

Magellan Scholars receive up to \$3,000 to help fund a faculty-mentored research project. Students compete for this award with the submission of a research, scholarship, or creative project proposal developed in collaboration with their mentor. Selection is based on the project's educational and intellectual merit, the potential impact of the project, and the mentoring plan. See the [Magellan Scholar website](#) for more information and REQUIRED workshop dates/times. **Proposals due: October 23, 2019, by 5 p.m.**



### American Meteorological Society Student Opportunities

If you are an AMS student member and would like to attend the [100th AMS Annual Meeting](#) (Boston, January 12–16, 2020), check out the help available through the AMS's [Student Assistant](#) and [Student Travel Grant](#) Programs.

## Conferences



The **Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers** (SEDAAG) is pleased to announce its 74th Annual Meeting, which will be hosted by the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in Wilmington, NC from November 24–25, 2019. The conference will feature papers, posters, awards, a photo contest, field trips, and the World Geography Bowl. We're also hoping for a visit by the AAG's new Executive Director, Gary Langham. The full Call for Abstracts and abstract submission guidelines, as well as contacts for registration and accommodations, are available at: [sedaag.org/2019-call-for-paper-poster-and-participation](http://sedaag.org/2019-call-for-paper-poster-and-participation). The deadline for submitting paper and poster abstracts is **Friday, September 20, 2019.**



**Sustainable Carolina** will be hosting its annual Sustainability Showcase: Research & Practice, Tuesday, October 1st, 4–6pm in the Russell House ballroom. At the Showcase, students and faculty from all majors and disciplines present their sustainability-related projects. Geography are encouraged to take advantage of this presentation opportunity to add to their CV or use towards Graduation with Leadership Distinction ([GLD](#)). Application is open until Sunday, September 15th at midnight. For more information, contact: Caroline Zerhusen (804.441.4625 | [sc.edu/sustainability](mailto:sc.edu/sustainability) | @SustainableCaro)

## Careers

**Optimal GEO** is a small business geospatial firm, headquartered in Athens, AL, with locations in Kiln, MS, and St. Louis, MO, that specializes in a wide variety of geospatial services including GIS, GEOINT, LiDAR, Orthoimagery, and Photogrammetric Mapping. Following expansion over the last several years, they are searching for additional talent and networks to support their array of services. They hope to identify recent or soon-to-be graduates who would be a good fit for Geospatial Analyst positions in St. Louis and Athens. If you are interested, fill out an application via the [careers page of their website](#).

## Career Fairs

Over 200 employers are seeking students like you for full-time, internship, and co-op positions. Attend the **Gamecocks Get Hired Career Fair** on September 24th and 25th from 12 p.m.– 4 p.m. and GET HIRED! Get event details and register at [sc.joinhandshake.com](http://sc.joinhandshake.com).

### Gamecocks Get Hired — STEM Majors

*Tuesday, September 24, 2019*

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Employers:** Bosch, Boeing Company, Capgemini, Cigna, Dominion Energy, FBI, Fluor Corporation, G3 Engineering, International Paper, NIWC, Vanguard & many more.

### Gamecocks Get Hired – All Majors

*Wednesday, September 25, 2019*

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center  
12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Employers:** AmeriCorps, Amica, BMW Manufacturing Co., Cigna, CoStar Group, China Jushi USA, Epic, Impact America, Phreesia, Prysmian Group, SC ETV, Thorne, TracyLocke, Vanguard & many more

[Download the FREE Career Fair Plus app \(https://cfplus.page.link/Y4LF\)](https://cfplus.page.link/Y4LF) to view a complete listing of employers!

The **American Meteorological Society (AMS)** will be hosting an [online Virtual Career Fair](#)! Chat directly with employers looking to hire weather, water and climate professionals. Register today for this online event which takes place on September 19, 2019.

