

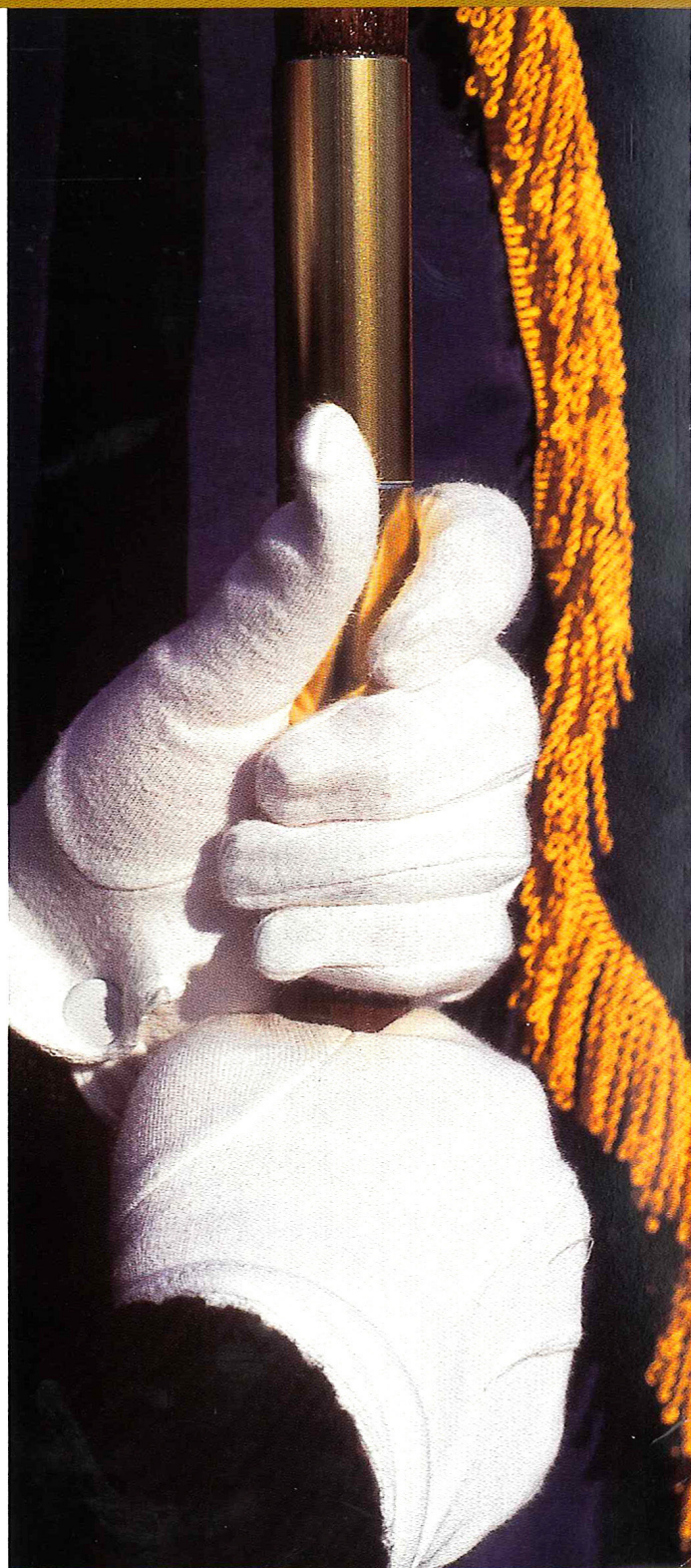
The Many Faces of Leadership.
Spartanburg, South Carolina

The South Carolina Institute of Leadership for Women (SCIL) was established by Converse College as a single-gender leadership program for women designed to prepare students for success in their chosen careers. Through its twelve-point curriculum, SCIL emphasizes academic excellence, growth and development of character, life-long dedication to physical fitness, proper nutrition, moral and spiritual enrichment, and leadership development.

SCIL provides a uniquely-structured leadership experience, which includes a military Corps Fourth Class System. The SCIL Cadet Corps does not make use of adversative methods to teach leadership development. Instead, the program advocates "supportive" leadership education in a helpful, caring, and encouraging learning environment and relies heavily on competent, successful role models and mentor programs.

The Cadet Corps uses a military rank structure, in which you may qualify to hold leadership positions based upon a wide range of performance standards. The first year is designed to help foster teamwork, citizenship, and respect for authority.

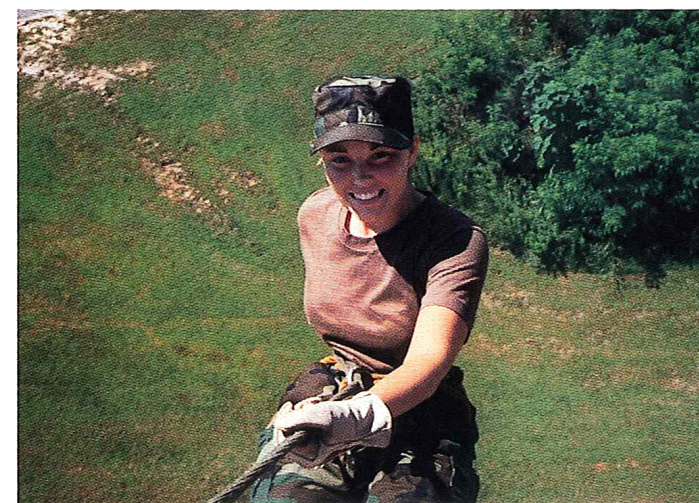
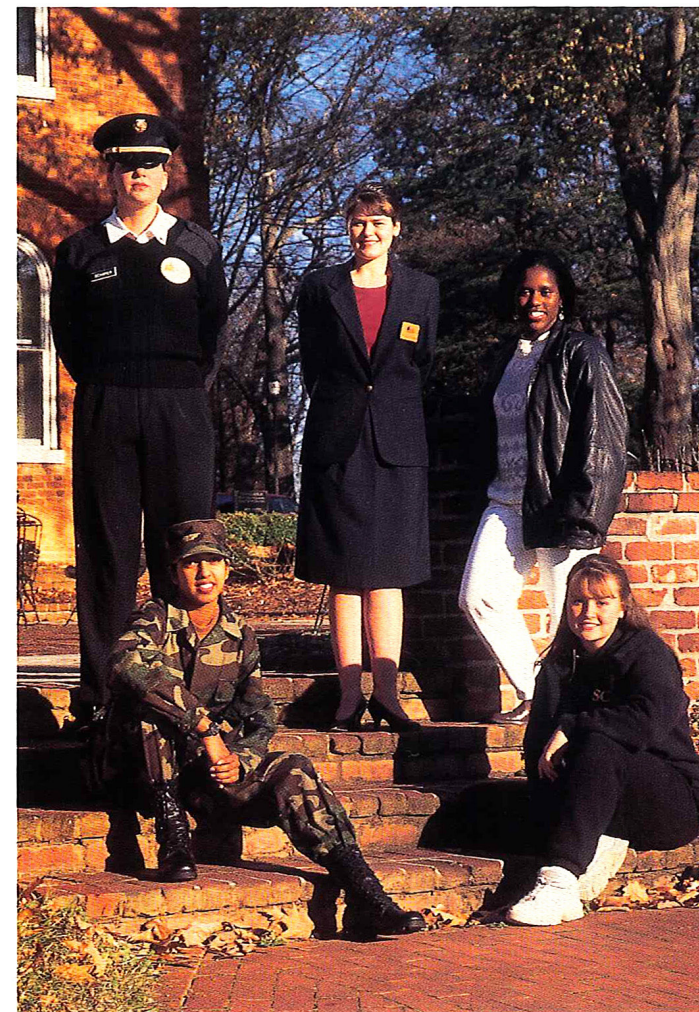
Through its ROTC component, SCIL provides the knowledge, experience, and field exercises to prepare you to pursue a professional military commission if you desire. However, you are not required to accept a commission in order to participate in the SCIL Program.



Each successive year, SCIL concentrates on building confidence, self-discipline, personal responsibility, and leader competence through additional leadership roles, service, instruction, and co-curricular activities.

The co-curricular component of SCIL exposes you to a variety of business, government, and volunteer organizations which prepare you for responsible leadership/citizenship after graduation. In the past, SCIL students have participated in Outward Bound experiences, traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with government leaders, attended success and leadership development seminars, hosted medal of honor recipients and other military representatives on the campus, and performed numerous ceremonial functions, including the visits to the Spartanburg community by General Norman Schwarzkopf and former Prime Minister of England, Margaret Thatcher.

Because SCIL is an integral part of Converse, you will also receive all the cultural and educational benefits that the College has to offer: individualized attention, an outstanding faculty, a broad and diverse curriculum of instruction, a double-major program, an eighty-year-old honor tradition, cultural and professional opportunities, and a friendly and supportive environment. In short, you'll receive the academic, professional, and personal preparation necessary to achieve success in any profession you choose.



Twelve Point Curriculum

Pre-Orientation Program

The 12-day Pre-Orientation Program focuses on physical fitness assessment, structure and organization, the development of personal and academic goals and mission statements, and the formation of a chain of command.

Academic Curriculum

SCIL students enroll in 12–15 credit hours per semester. The curriculum includes Converse's general education requirements, a major course of study, and a 21-credit Leadership Program which qualifies you for a diploma in leadership.

Converse Leadership Program

The Converse Leadership Program consists of a 21-credit curriculum. Courses focus on topics such as leadership styles and the history of women.

Physical Fitness Program

The SCIL Fitness Program consists of activities designed to develop personal excellence and group interdependence. The physical fitness requirements include:

- ❑ Standard U. S. Army women's physical fitness test every semester
- ❑ Mandatory testing each semester to determine proper standards
- ❑ Two semesters of physical education course work and eight semesters of group physical fitness activities

Leadership Enhancement Seminars

Featuring guest lecturers and leadership consultants, the Leadership Enhancement Seminars present information on a wide range of career options and volunteer opportunities.

Leadership Field Study Program

The Leadership Field Study Program enables students to travel, meet military, government, and corporate leaders, and receive additional leadership and confidence training through ropes courses, weapons familiarization, backpacking, leadership reaction courses, and self defense.

ROTC Program

The ROTC program is administered by the ROTC faculty and staff at nearby Wofford College. Instruction focuses on military discipline, teamwork, and drill & ceremony, and is taken for credit. ROTC participation leads to qualification for commission in the U.S. Army, although acceptance of a commission is not required in order to participate in SCIL.

Corps Fourth-Class Organization

The Corps Fourth-Class Organization of SCIL advocates competitive leadership in an encouraging and supportive learning environment. This leadership approach builds esprit de corps, develops a sense of self-presence, and cultivates values such as honor, integrity, and a desire for service.

Drill Team & Color Guard

The Drill Team and Color Guard are co-curricular activities requiring one hour of training per week. The program prepares SCIL students for performances at parades, formal ceremonies, and social activities.

Active Participation in On-Campus Organizations

Achievement and promotion in SCIL are based on active participation in on-campus organizations, including intramural athletics, student organizations, student government offices, field trips, cultural activities, and participation in confidence training.

Residential Life Program

A minimum of two years in SCIL residence halls and weekly inspection of rooms and uniforms are required of all SCIL students.

Community Service/Volunteerism Program

Intended to strengthen character, values, and decision-making skills, the Community Service/Volunteerism Program requires 10 hours of experiential learning in an organization or internship emphasizing service to school and community.



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growth, Converse seeks to prepare women of all ages and backgrounds for informed and responsible decision-making and significant, influential achievements. We want to develop strong, capable leaders, and over the past one hundred years, we've become very good at it.

The addition of the SCIL program to the Converse educational experience strengthens the already proven tradition of leadership development by making the leadership training more intentional and rigorous. The Cadet Corps, ROTC, physical training, and co-curricular leadership experiences instill discipline and the principles of teamwork in each SCIL cadet.

By combining the excellent liberal arts education of Converse and the comprehensive leadership program provided by SCIL, you will have access to all the resources, facilities, and opportunities needed to take your place among the successful and influential people of tomorrow.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the leadership development experience offered by Converse College and SCIL, please call or write the Office of Admissions. We will be happy to schedule a campus visit so that you can talk with professors and students and tour our beautiful campus. If you are looking for a place that cares about you and your future, look to Converse College. We've been providing excellence in women's education for more than a century.

