

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA  S.C.



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# WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

At Carolina, our students travel the world, solve important research questions and lead organizations that make a difference. If you're looking for a place where you can discover *your* story, then add the University of South Carolina to your list, and plan your visit today.

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HOME FOOTBALL GAME.

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## ***BE A GAMECOCK!***



**#3** BEST COLLEGE  
TOWN RANKING BY  
LIVABILITY.COM

 **217** AVERAGE NUMBER  
OF SUNNY DAYS

**30+** FORTUNE 500  
COMPANIES



## COLUMBIA, S.C.

Columbia is located in the heart of the Palmetto State and offers a unique blend of warm Southern charm and up-tempo, big-city living. Here in the capital city, you'll find outdoor adventures, an array of dining options, a dynamic arts scene and ample professional opportunities. With plenty of sunshine and a central location between the beaches and the mountains, Columbia is an all-around great place to live.



**We have admissions representatives across the country, ready and willing to help you with your college search. Find your local rep at [sc.edu/admissions](http://sc.edu/admissions).**





# CONNECT WITH ...

## OTHER STUDENTS

Live in one of our **19 Living and Learning Communities** with students who share your academic and personal interests. Participate in one of our **400+ student organizations** and become a leader. Stay active in the **6,000-sq.-ft. Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center**. Join the Greek community, and make friends interested in philanthropy and service.



## YOUR PROFESSORS

Connect with our **accomplished faculty scholars** over lunch, on us, to discuss your career goals or our **Magellan Scholar award**, a competitive **\$3,000 grant** to work alongside a professor in any field. Conduct **high-tech research** with faculty mentors, or stretch your creativity working in a lab. Meet with a **pre-professional adviser** to prepare for a degree in law or medicine.

## YOUR FUTURE

As a student in the capital city, you won't have to travel to find an internship or employment. Columbia has more than **30 Fortune 500 companies** and most major industries represented. Our **on-campus Career Center** offers one-on-one résumé and cover letter review, job fairs and mock interviews. Even after you graduate, our **300,000+ Carolina alumni** will support you.



## THE WORLD

Every student at Carolina has the opportunity for a **global experience**. Attend our monthly global affairs luncheon, earn a bachelor's degree in international business or **global studies**, or **study abroad** in any major. Travel to Ireland to study health care alternatives, to China to do lab research with scientists or to Brazil to practice a second language. **The world is your classroom.**

# 47 NATIONALLY RANKED ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

African American Studies  
 Anthropology  
 Art Education  
 Art History  
 Art Studio  
 3-D 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  
 Management Science  
 Marketing  
 Real Estate  
 Risk Management and Insurance

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education  
 Elementary Education  
 Middle Level Education  
 Physical Education

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

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  
 Interdisciplinary Studies  
 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

## SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Pharmaceutical Sciences  
 (B.S. 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

*Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae*  
 B.A. (B.S.)/J.D. (six-year pre-law/law degree program)  
 BARSC M.D. program  
 (seven-year pre-med/medical degree program)



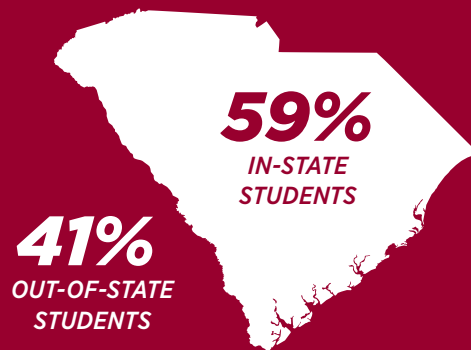
## PRE-PROFESSIONAL?

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.

# MEET THE GAMECOCK FAMILY

**25,556**  
 UNDERGRADUATES

**18:1** STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO



**41%**  
 OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

2016 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

**53%**  
 FEMALE UNDERGRADUATES

**47%**  
 MALE UNDERGRADUATES

**SAT**  
**1200-1340**

MIDRANGE OF TOTAL SCORES

**ACT**  
**25-30**

MIDRANGE OF COMPOSITE SCORES

**GPA**  
**3.61-4.39**

MIDRANGE WEIGHTED CORE





**PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF OUR 400+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**



**#1 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
TEAM IN THE NATION**







**ABOUT 1,700 STUDENTS  
STUDY ABROAD EACH YEAR**



**GREEK LIFE SUPPORTS CHARITIES ACROSS THE NATION**



**STUDENTS GATHER ON THE HORSESHOE AFTER CLASS**







**JESSICA FREED**  
Associate Director  
for Recruiting

Jessica Freed has worked in college admissions for more than a decade, and she's encountered all types of applicants. Jessica offers this advice to students and families applying to college:

### TEST SELECTION

The university will use your best scores on either the SAT or ACT. Jessica recommends taking the test with which you are most comfortable. You can also take both if you wish and see which one you prefer.

### YOUR ANSWERS COUNT

Don't gloss over any application questions, especially the personal statement. "This is the only chance you'll have to jump off the page and tell us something we can't determine from test scores and grades alone," she says.

### APPLY EARLY

Priority consideration for housing is given to students who apply early during their senior year. Applying early also allows our office to review your application and possibly give you an admission decision sooner.

### FIND THE RIGHT FIT

"I think this is one of the most important aspects of selecting a college," Jessica says. Each campus is different, and each student is different. She suggests visiting different types of colleges and universities — large and small, private and public, religious and nonaffiliated. "You'll know the right fit when you're there."

### DISCOVER YOUR PATH

Selecting a major isn't as vital as you believe. "Important, yes, but remember it could easily change," Jessica explains. There are many paths to achieving your career goals. Discover how others started their careers by talking to professionals and your high school counselor.

### START STRONG, FINISH STRONG

Admission is primarily based on achievements in grades nine through 11. "It's important to take the first three years of high school seriously," Jessica notes. "Start strong, and finish strong."

## REQUIRED COURSES FOR 2018-19

Students entering the University of South Carolina in the summer or fall of 2018 are expected to complete the following minimum high school curriculum.

### ENGLISH — 4 UNITS

- 2 units with strong grammar and composition components
- 1 unit English literature
- 1 unit American literature
- College prep English I, II, III and IV meet this requirement.

### MATHEMATICS — 4 UNITS

- Algebra I\*
- Algebra II
- Geometry
- Algebra III/trigonometry or pre-calculus, calculus, statistics, discrete mathematics or capstone math taken during the senior year

### LABORATORY SCIENCE — 3 UNITS

- 2 units from different fields: biology, chemistry or physics
- 1 additional unit from biology, chemistry or physics or any other laboratory science with a biology or chemistry prerequisite\*\*

### SOCIAL STUDIES — 3 UNITS

- 1 unit U.S. history
- ½ unit economics strongly recommended
- ½ unit government strongly recommended
- 1 unit of your choice

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE — 2 UNITS

- Both units must be in the same language.

### FINE ARTS — 1 UNIT

- Art appreciation, art history or performance in one of the fine arts

### ACADEMIC ELECTIVES — 1 UNIT

- College-preparatory course in computer science with significant programming content recommended\*\*\*

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION OR ROTC — 1 UNIT

\*Applied Mathematics I and II may substitute if a student completes Algebra II.

\*\*Courses in earth science, general physical science or introductory or general environmental science for which biology or chemistry is not a prerequisite will not meet this requirement. Also, it is strongly recommended that students desiring careers in science, math, engineering or technology take one course in each of the three fields.

\*\*\*Alternative electives include college-prep courses in English, fine arts, foreign languages, social science, the humanities, laboratory science (excluding those for which biology and/or chemistry is not a prerequisite) or math above the level of Algebra II.



## TUITION AND FEES ESTIMATE

	S.C. RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
TUITION, TECHNOLOGY	\$12,198	\$32,208
HOUSING	\$7,500	\$7,500
MEALS	\$3,700	\$3,700
BOOKS, SUPPLIES	\$1,000	\$1,000
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TOTAL	\$24,398	\$44,408

These figures are estimates for the 2017-2018 academic year. Tuition, housing and meal plan are subject to change by the Board of Trustees. Expenses will vary depending on course selection and miscellaneous personal expenses.

# 99%

OF IN-STATE FRESHMEN  
RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID IN 2016

# 93%

OF ALL FRESHMEN  
RECEIVED FINANCIAL  
AID IN 2016

## "BEST VALUE IN PUBLIC COLLEGES"

KIPLINGER'S NAMED CAROLINA A  
"BEST VALUE" AMONG PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN 2017,  
BASED ON OUR ABUNDANT FINANCIAL AID, LOW STICKER  
PRICE AND OVERALL GREAT VALUE.

## JUNIOR YEAR PLAN

### SEPT.-DEC.

- Discuss college plans with your high school counselor
- Take the PSAT, usually in October
- Attend a college fair at your high school
- Create an account at [mycoalition.org](http://mycoalition.org)

### MARCH-JUNE

- Take the SAT or ACT; see your high school counselor for details
- Visit the University of South Carolina now or later in the summer
- Schedule your visit at [sc.edu/visit](http://sc.edu/visit)
- Obtain unofficial copy of transcript

### JUNE-AUGUST

- Go to [sc.edu/admissions](http://sc.edu/admissions) and set up your account when the online application becomes available
- Applying to multiple selective colleges? Consider applying through [mycoalition.org](http://mycoalition.org)

## SENIOR YEAR PLAN

### SEPT.-OCT.

- Meet with your high school counselor
- Prepare your application for admission to USC, and decide which application deadline you will follow
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) (available Oct. 1)

### NOV.-DEC.

- Apply for admission, scholarships and/or the Honors College
- If needed, consider retaking the SAT or ACT

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MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE  
FRESHMAN CLASS TYPICALLY  
RECEIVES A MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



**34,099**  
total students

**25,556**  
undergraduates

**300K**  
proud alumni worldwide

**18:1**  
student-faculty ratio

2016 ACADEMIC PROFILE

**FRESHMAN CLASS**

25,441 applied  
5,104 enrolled  
1200-1340 SAT (midrange)  
25-30 ACT (midrange)  
3.61-4.39 WCGPA (midrange)

**HONORS**

3,157 applied  
500 enrolled  
1450-1520 SAT (midrange)  
31-33 ACT (midrange)  
4.53-4.83 WCGPA (midrange)

**CAPSTONE**

962 enrolled  
1340-1410 SAT (midrange)  
28-31 ACT (midrange)  
4.19-4.64 WCGPA (midrange)

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

53% female students  
47% male students  
20% minority students  
59% in-state students  
41% out-of-state students

**#1**

**UNDERGRADUATE  
INTERNATIONAL  
BUSINESS MAJOR**

— U.S. News & World Report



**“OUTSTANDING  
LEARNING  
COMMUNITIES”**

— U.S. News & World Report

**#1**

**IN SPORT  
SCIENCES**

EXERCISE SCIENCE,  
PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION,  
AND SPORT AND  
ENTERTAINMENT  
MANAGEMENT



**#1**

**WOMEN’S  
BASKETBALL  
TEAM IN THE  
NATION**

**324+** UNIQUE DEGREE  
OPPORTUNITIES



**“BEST VALUE”  
IN PUBLIC  
UNIVERSITIES**

— Kiplinger 2017



**30+**

ON-CAMPUS DINING  
LOCATIONS

**#1**

**NATION’S TOP-RANKED  
PUBLIC HONORS  
COLLEGE SINCE 2012**

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