



# South Carolina



2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

# WELCOME TO THE UofSC INTERNATIONAL ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

The University of South Carolina (UofSC) is a top research school with a vibrant community spirit. Located in the friendly Southern town of Columbia, South Carolina, UofSC is home to more than 34,000 students, including 2,000 international students, providing what the *U.S. News & World Report* names the **#1 First-Year Experience** among U.S. universities.

Explore more than 300 areas of study, including top programs in engineering, international business, economics, sport sciences, sports management, hospitality and more.

With the International Accelerator Program (IAP), you have a team dedicated to your academic, personal and professional success.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

### ABOUT OUR SIGNATURE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

For international students who are enrolling through the South Carolina's International Accelerator Program (IAP), access to exclusive support services will be available.

The IAP team gives you personal attention throughout your entire educational journey, from application to graduation. We set you up for success with:

#### APPLICATION SUPPORT

- Streamlined application process
- Assigned counselor
- Major/field-of-study guidance

#### PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDANCE

- Visa application and interview help
- Preparation webinars and checklists
- Help with required forms

#### CAMPUS TRANSITION

- Airport welcome
- Student and parent orientations
- Cultural group outings and events

#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Classes for your academic level
- English-language & ESL help
- Tutoring support

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- On-Campus and Virtual Programs
- Internship and job assistance
- Resume, interview prep and more

At no additional cost to you; this is all included in your tuition!

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## THE SUPPORT YOU NEED TO FIND YOUR PASSION

For international students, the move from high school in their home country to a university in the United States can be challenging—a new language, a new way of learning and a new home.

South Carolina's IAP is here to help. IAP offers several valuable benefits and support services designed to help you thrive in your new environment. You will receive application assistance from a dedicated counselor and, once you arrive on campus, student orientation sessions to help you transition to college life in the U.S. We are even here to help you find the best restaurants and activities in Columbia!

For graduate students, the Master's Accelerator Program (MAP) provides academic programming and a network of specialized services to help international postgraduate-level students thrive at UofSC. Choose from several distinct master's curriculum tracks, depending on your academic background and level of English-language proficiency.

### THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN THE UNIVERSITY

South Carolina's course "The International Student in the University" is offered exclusively to IAP students.

#### Students will learn how to:

- Acquire essential information for day-to-day life at UofSC
- Adjust to life in the United States by learning things, such as American classroom etiquette, how to use university resources and how to get around campus and Columbia
- Share their experiences; document their growth; and articulate their personal, academic and professional goals through a capstone video project

# SEE WHAT UofSC HAS TO OFFER

As a highly ranked university in the United States, the University of South Carolina offers world-class faculty resources and curriculums to help students achieve their goals and become global leaders. A dedication to rigorous programs, innovative labs and research centers, and collaborative relationships with global corporations are all parts of a UofSC education.

And then there is our Southern charm and school spirit—we offer a welcoming environment that encourages community, diversity and lifelong friendships.



**1,966**

international students

**#6**

Safest University Campus  
in the U.S.

ADT Security, 2018

**17:1**

undergraduate  
student-to-faculty ratio

**#1**

Undergraduate International  
Business Degree for 22  
consecutive years

U.S. News & World Report

**TOP-TIER  
RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITY**

Ranked R1—Very High  
Research Activity

Carnegie Classification

**324+**

majors, minors and fields  
of study

**500+**

student clubs and  
organizations on campus

**#3**

South Carolina is ranked  
the third friendliest state  
in the nation.

Big 7 Travel, 2019

**#1**

Sport Science Programs

Global Ranking of Sport Science  
Schools and Departments

**#1**

First-Year Student  
Experience Among the  
Nation's Public Universities

U.S. News & World Report, 2019

**#6**

Master's Program in the World  
for Sports and Entertainment  
Management

SportsBusiness International, 2018

**300,000+**

alumni worldwide

**#3** College Town in the U.S.  
— Livability.com, 2016

## CAMPUS LIFE

The University of South Carolina is bursting with school spirit. From sports, festivals, Homecoming week and First Night celebrations, you will immediately become a part of the Carolina family. Freshman students at UofSC are required to live on campus, so finding a sense of belonging is as easy as stepping out of your dorm room.

### Get involved, stay active

UofSC campus resources, facilities, and activities make it easy to meet friends and keep active.

- **Wellness and Fitness Center:** state-of-the-art sports and fitness facilities include a climbing wall, swimming pool, indoor track, workout gym, tennis courts and more.
- **Williams–Brice Stadium:** home to our NCAA football team, the Fighting Gamecocks.
- **500+ student clubs** include academic societies, recreational groups and intramural sports teams.
- **Weekly student events** feature concerts, trivia contests, STEM meetups, video game nights and more.

## DINING OPTIONS

Carolina Dining offers everything from an all-you-can-eat buffet, specialty cafes with vegan and international cuisine options, and late-night eateries.

# COLUMBIA, SC: HOME OF SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

The university is located in beautiful Columbia, the state capital of South Carolina. Rich in Southern culture and history, vibrant Columbia is full of historic sites, local eateries, musical talents and art.



## CITY HIGHLIGHTS

### Main Street

This is the heart of downtown Columbia where students can find artists, business people and politicians grabbing lunch together or visiting local art museums.

### Nature at your fingertips

Columbia is nestled between beautiful East Coast beaches and the Great Smoky Mountains, giving nature lovers many options within a distance of a short drive. If you want quick canoe ride without leaving town, visit the River District.

### Shopping

Columbia is filled with small boutiques and famous brand-name stores. Make sure to schedule a visit to The Vista if you are looking for shopping, dining and entertainment options.

## WEATHER



**SUMMER**  
29 °C



**WINTER**  
8 °C

# BEACHES, MOUNTAINS AND BIG CITIES AROUND THE CORNER

Ready to see what Columbia's neighboring cities have to offer? Charleston—only 90 minutes away by car—features fresh seafood and beautiful beaches, and has been named the top city in the United States by *Travel + Leisure*. Atlanta—three hours away by car—is a diverse international city with great food, an amazing aquarium and a number of professional sports teams.



### CHARLESTON CHARM

The city of Charleston is a living time capsule of cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages and beautiful Southern antebellum architecture. In addition to great restaurants, Charleston is known for its beaches, gardens and museums.

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# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

With more than 100 undergraduate degree programs to choose from, the University of South Carolina provides a rigorous education that prepares you for the global workforce. No matter what your passion is, South Carolina can help you turn your dreams into a reality.

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

## 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

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Early Childhood Education  
Elementary Education  
Middle Level Education  
Physical Education

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING

Aerospace Engineering  
Biomedical Engineering  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
**Computer Engineering**  
Computer Information  
Systems  
Computer Science  
Electrical Engineering  
Integrated Information  
Technology  
Mechanical Engineering

## COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL AND SPORT MANAGEMENT

**Hospitality Management**  
Retailing  
Fashion Merchandising  
Retail Management  
Sport and Entertainment  
Management  
Tourism Management

## COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

Advertising  
Broadcast Journalism  
Information Science  
Journalism  
Mass Communications  
Public Relations  
Visual Communications

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**  
Nursing

## DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Accounting  
Business Economics  
Finance  
**International Business**  
Management  
Operations and Supply Chain  
Marketing  
Real Estate  
Risk Management and Insurance

## SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Composition  
Jazz Studies  
Music Education  
Band  
Strings  
Vocal  
Music Theory  
Performance  
Brass  
Guitar  
Organ  
Percussion  
Piano  
Strings  
Voice  
Woodwinds

## SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Pharmaceutical Sciences  
(B.S. includes a two-year  
pre-pharmacy curriculum plus  
the first two years of a four-year  
Pharm.D. curriculum.)

**COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK**  
Social Work

## SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE



## INTERNSHIPS WITH INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES

In 2016, UofSC opened the Center for Applied Innovation. The center provides the university, IBM and private-sector researchers with the space and resources to pursue and develop technology for real-world applications.

Andrea, an international student from Nigeria, was hired as a field engineering intern for IBM and worked for the Fortune 500 company right on campus. Andrea's manager at IBM praised the collaboration, saying, "The ongoing project is a unique opportunity to engage with the kind of cutting-edge enterprise software she may one day be called upon to use in the workplace. For IBM, meanwhile, it's an opportunity to apply university research to a pernicious local issue with massive industry applications."



REYNARD, INDONESIA

"When I got to UofSC, I became a really active student. Over the summer, I received this huge opportunity to get an internship at Ernst & Young, Indonesia. The Career Accelerator Program motivated me to take the opportunity to grab that internship. It also gave me some 'pre-job training,' basically giving me a sense of how to deal with the professional environment. It made me more confident in myself about the possibilities I could reach."

## ALUMNI EXCELLENCE

At UofSC, you have the opportunity to network with more than 338,000 alumni who work at top global companies like:

- Amazon
- Bank of America
- Bosch
- CNN
- Disney
- Ernst & Young
- ExxonMobil
- Glamour
- Google
- HarperCollins
- IBM
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- NASCAR
- Palmetto Health
- Techtronic Industries



## UNDERGRADUATE COSTS AND DATES

### TYPICAL COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS

Tuition	\$36,414
Housing	\$11,818
Dining	\$3,650
Other	\$2,000

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2022	December 9, 2021
Summer 2022	April 16, 2022
Fall 2022	July 16, 2022

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# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

At UofSC, you can choose from 12 areas of study, including highly ranked programs in business, computing, criminology, engineering, public health and sport science.


**ARNOLD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**  
Environmental Health Sciences, M.S.\*  
Exercise Science, M.S.\*

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
Criminology and Criminal Justice, M.A.

**COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL AND SPORT MANAGEMENT**  
International Hospitality and Tourism Management, M.I.H.T.M.  
Sport and Entertainment Management, M.S.E.M.

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING**  
Aerospace Engineering (M.E./M.S.)\*  
Biomedical Engineering (M.E./M.S.)\*  
Chemical Engineering (M.E./M.S.)\*  
Civil Engineering (M.E./M.S.)\*  
Electrical Engineering (M.E./M.S.)\*  
Mechanical Engineering (M.E./M.S.)\*  
Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurial Engineering, M.S.

\* STEM designated

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# HOW TO APPLY

UofSC offers a simple, streamlined admissions process that includes a variety of outcomes designed to ensure your success inside and outside of the classroom. The admissions outcome that is best for you will depend on your academic qualifications, English-language proficiency level and personal preferences.

For those seeking additional English-language support, UofSC also offers an Academic English track to improve students' comprehension and ability to take rigorous academic courses in the English language.

As a student applying to UofSC, you will benefit from:

## STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a simple application and receive an offer of admission that's best for you, all within one week.

## ENROLLMENT SERVICES ADVISOR

With counseling from start to finish, we make the enrollment process easy to understand and finish quick.

## VISA INTERVIEW SUPPORT

For many students, navigating the U.S. visa process can be overwhelming, but we're here to help. Whether you have questions about which visa to apply for or what to expect during your visa interview, dedicated advisors will aid you in conquering your application with ease.

## PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT

From what to pack to booking your flight, we give you detailed information on how to best prepare for your campus arrival.

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## THE LATEST ON COVID-19

Student health and safety is our top priority. Stay informed with COVID-19 updates from our campus teams.

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