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2023 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 the #3 First-Year Experience among US universities (*U.S. News & World Report*).

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

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 there's a new language, a new way of learning, and a new home to navigate.

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 US. 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 American classroom etiquette, how to use university resources, and how to get around campus and Columbia
- Share experiences; document growth; and articulate 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 curriculum to help students achieve their goals and become global leaders. Rigorous academic programs, cutting-edge labs and resource centers, and collaborative relationships with global corporations are all part 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.

#115
National Universities

U.S. News & World Report, 2023

#6
Safest University Campus in the US

ADT Security, 2018

17:1
undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio

1,540
international students

TOP-TIER RESEARCH UNIVERSITY

Ranked R1—Very High Research Activity

Carnegie Classification

324+
majors, minors, and fields of study

#1
Undergraduate International Business Degree for 22 consecutive years

U.S. News & World Report

#3
Third-friendliest state in the nation (South Carolina)

Big 7 Travel, 2019

#1
Sport Science Programs

Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments

ShanghaiRanking, 2022

500+
student clubs and organizations on campus

#1
International MBA Program

U.S. News & World Report

300,000+
alumni worldwide

#3 College Town in the US
— Livability.com, 2016

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, live music, and art.

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

U.S. News & World Report, 2023

City Highlights

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

Nature just outside your door
Columbia is nestled between beautiful East Coast beaches and the Great Smoky Mountains, giving nature lovers many options. For water sports and recreation without leaving town, visit the River District.

Shopping
Columbia is filled with small boutiques and famous brand-name stores. Visit The Vista for shopping, dining, and entertainment options.

Weather

SUMMER 29 °C

WINTER 8°C

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. Freshmen 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.

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 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 IAP 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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Best Undergraduate Teaching

U.S. News & World Report, 2023

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
Cyber Intelligence
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
Neuroscience
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 Industry
Music Theory
Performance
   Brass
   Guitar
   Organ
   Percussion
   Piano
   Strings
   Voice
   Woodwinds

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
Pharmaceutical Sciences
   (BS includes a two-year
   pre-pharmacy curriculum plus
   the first two years of a four-year
   PharmD 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."

"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."

REYNARD, INDONESIA

Alumni Excellence

At UofSC, you have the opportunity to network with more than 338,000 alumni working 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	$35,414
Housing	$9,350
Dining	$4,400
Other	$2,400

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2023	December 2, 2022
Summer 2023	April 14, 2023
Fall 2023	July 10, 2023

Note: Costs are estimates and subject to change. For the most accurate information on tuition and deadlines, please visit **sc.edu/iap**

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Graduate Programs

With the UofSC MAP, 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, MS*
Exercise Science, MS*

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Criminology and Criminal Justice, MA

COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL AND SPORT MANAGEMENT
International Hospitality and Tourism Management, MIHTM
Sport and Entertainment Management, MSEM

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING
Aerospace Engineering (ME/MS)*
Biomedical Engineering (ME/MS)*
Chemical Engineering (ME/MS)*
Civil Engineering (ME/MS)*
Electrical Engineering (ME/MS)*
Mechanical Engineering (ME/MS)*
Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurial Engineering, MS

* 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.

VISA INTERVIEW SUPPORT
For many students, navigating the US 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
We give you detailed information on how to best prepare for your campus arrival, from what to pack to booking your flight.

BEGIN THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS AT
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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.

READ MORE
sc.edu/safety/coronavirus

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