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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Stunningly beautiful, the University of South Carolina offers the perfect blend of tradition and modern amenities. Students fall in love when they visit and experience this vibrant setting firsthand. You will, too!
LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Here are some examples of communities at USC:

- Business Community
- Capstone Scholars
- Carolina Men’s Community
- Carolina Women’s Community
- Engineering and Computing Community
- Green Learning Community
- Healthy Carolina Wellness Community
- Honors Residence
- International House at Maxcy College
- Journalism and Mass Communications Community
- Major and Career Exploration Community
- Music Community
- Pre-Law, Justice and Politics Community
- Pre-Medical, Pre-Dental and Pre-Health Community
- Preston Residential College
- Psychology and Service Learning Community
- Sport and Entertainment Management Community

THE GOOD LIFE

The award-winning Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center boasts:

- Indoor and Outdoor Pools
- Squash
- Volleyball and Racquetball Courts
- Indoor Track
- 6,000-Square-Foot Fitness Room
- Intramural Fields
- Whirlpool and Sauna
- 52-Foot Climbing Wall

25 on-campus dining locations

Bike-friendly campus
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & 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
European Studies
Film and Media Studies
French
Geography
Geological Sciences
Geophysics
German
History
International Studies
Latin American 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
Athletic Training
Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle Level Education
Physical Education

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTING
Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL & SPORT MANAGEMENT
Hospitality Management
Integrated Information Technology
Interdisciplinary Studies
Retailing with Specialization in Retail Management or Fashion Merchandising
Sport and Entertainment Management
Tourism Management

COLLEGE OF INFORMATI0N & COMMUNICATIONS
Advertising
Broadcast Journalism
Information Science
Journalism
Public Relations
Visual Communication

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

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)

Note: This listing is subject to change. It is intended as a guide and should not be interpreted as a comprehensive list of degree programs. Also available are numerous minors and cognates in a variety of disciplines. For specific information about undergraduate programs, refer to the Undergraduate Student Bulletin at bulletin.sc.edu. Revised May 2015.
FUTURE GAMECOCKS SAY "YES" TO MORE THAN 100 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
FALL 2014 FRESHMAN CLASS

Freshman admission to the University of South Carolina is primarily based on high school courses and grades, along with SAT and ACT scores.* Nearly 80 percent of admitted 2014 freshmen scored an 1150 or higher on the SAT (critical reading and math sections combined) or a 25 or higher on the ACT. Seventy-five percent earned a weighted core GPA of at least 3.69.

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*critical reading plus math  
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Note: Fall 2015 statistics will be posted online when available. Also, information about our future use of The College Board’s redesigned SAT will be posted at sc.edu/admissions.
**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

**FRESHMAN ADMISSION:**
For guaranteed consideration, students must apply no later than Dec. 1. We’ll send decisions the week of March 14. Students have until Feb. 1 to send us their academic credentials.* For peace of mind before winter break, students should apply by Oct. 15 with complete application and academic credentials. These students will receive an early answer from us the week of Dec. 14. Possible decisions at this time are acceptance, denial or delay until March. Students have until Feb. 1 to submit improved test scores and final grades on completed courses. Early answer decisions are nonbinding and do not obligate students to attend USC. Admitted students have until May 1 to weigh all their college options.

**SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE ADMISSION:**
The Honors College/Top Scholars application is part of the general university application, so students will submit these together at one time. The Honors College application and complete academic credentials* are due no later than Nov. 15. Students submitting the Honors College/Top Scholars application should not worry about the Oct. 15 Early Answer Deadline: they’ll receive the same consideration as early answer applicants and will receive a decision for their university admission the week of Dec. 14. Honors College admission decisions are sent separately from regular university admission decision on a rolling basis from Dec. 14 through the end of February. Honors applicants are automatically reviewed for USC’s most prestigious scholarships: the Stamps Carolina, Carolina, McNair, Hamilton and Horseshoe Scholar awards.

**ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENTS TO APPLY ONLINE!**
SC.EDU/ADMISSIONS/APPLY/FIRST_YEAR_STUDENTS

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**Honors College / Top Scholars Application and Credentials Deadline**

**NOV 15, 2015**
SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION:

All freshman applicants who meet our Early Answer, Honors College or Regular application and credentials deadlines will be considered for university merit scholarships. We’ll look at their highest official SAT or ACT scores that we receive by Feb. 1. Students don’t have to fill out a separate scholarship application unless they wish to compete for the Stamps Carolina, Carolina, Hamilton, McNair, Horseshoe or Alumni Scholar awards (these require completion of the Honors College/Top Scholars application).

SELF-REPORTED HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:

Students will be asked to self-report a limited portion of their academic record within the online application. They will also be required to upload an unofficial copy of their high school transcript (JPG, PDF, or Word formats are acceptable), so we strongly encourage students to obtain a copy of their transcript before beginning the application. The official high school transcript is not a required credential. In fact, the Admissions office prefers that you do not send one unless we notify the applicant that an official transcript is needed. Please note that official transcripts will be required for students who are admitted and intend to enroll at the university. For more information on how to complete the online application, please see www.sc.edu/admissions/apply/guide.

*COMPLETE APPLICATION AND CREDENTIALS INCLUDE:

- Application (plus Honors College/Top Scholars application if your student applies to the South Carolina Honors College)
- $65 application fee (or fee waiver for students who qualify for College Board or ACT fee waiver)
- Official scores for all instances of ACT or SAT tests taken (sent to us directly from the testing service)
- Two letters of recommendation only if your student applies to the South Carolina Honors College
- Required submission of at least one writing score from either the ACT or the SAT.
REQUIRED COURSES FOR 2016-2017:

Students entering the university in summer or fall 2016 are expected to complete the following minimum high school core course 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

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**Note:**
When warranted, we will also take into consideration factors other than test scores and grades, such as extenuating personal circumstances, activities, leadership and service. Applicants must forward all test scores from all test attempts of the SAT and/or ACT, including at least one official writing score. We will use the best test score, regardless of test date, in the final admissions decision. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions must receive all scores, directly from the testing service, by the Feb. 1 credentials deadline.

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*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.

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HOW TO APPLY:

Students must apply online at sc.edu/admissions where they must first set up an account with a unique user ID and password. Once they’ve begun their application, they may save their work and return to it as many times as necessary before submitting it.

If students encounter a problem with their online application, please have them email help@applyweb.com with a clear description of their observations. Documenting the steps that led up to the event of concern is especially helpful for effective troubleshooting assistance.
STAFF DIRECTORY

ADMISSIONS OFFICE:
The Office of Undergraduate Admissions makes every effort to return your calls and e-mails as promptly as possible. We value your support in the admissions process and will happily answer any questions you have. You may reach us by calling 803-777-7700. Below is a partial listing of our staff that includes those you are most likely to contact.

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UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
sc.edu/admissions
sc.edu/admissions/audience/counselors.html
803-777-7700, 800-868-5872 (toll-free)
Facebook: USCAdmissions
Twitter: UofSCadmissions

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS
sc.edu/financialaid
803-777-8134
Facebook: USCFinaid

VISITOR CENTER
sc.edu/visitorcenter
803-777-0169, 800-922-9755 (toll-free)

SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENCY OFFICE
registrar.sc.edu/html/residency

UNIVERSITY HOUSING
housing.sc.edu
803-777-4283

AP/IB COURSE CREDIT CHART
sc.edu/admissions/apply/first_year_students/apandibcredit.html

USC COURSE CATALOG AND BULLETIN
sc.edu/bulletin

DISABILITY SERVICES
sa.sc.edu/sds
TDD/Voice 803-777-6744

FEDERAL STUDENT AID
fafs.ed.gov
800-433-3243

NCAA DIVISION I INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
eligibilitycenter.org
Visit eligibilitycenter.org for a comprehensive explanation of new high school core course and GPA requirements for your students who will start college in August 2016.
This chart is intended as a guide and is not a guarantee for future awards. Each entering class competes with itself, which influences how many students are offered merit awards and what academic credentials are necessary to qualify for these awards. Some USC merit scholarships are based upon additional or alternate criteria (e.g. valedictorian) and/or may have other eligibility requirements (e.g. citizenship).

+SAT = critical reading + math scores
ACT = composite score

Note: This chart has nothing to do with probability of admission, which is entirely separate from the scholarship award process.
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

STAMPS CAROLINA SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $10,000  •  Enrichment fund: $8,000
Four-year value: $48,000

CAROLINA SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $10,000  •  Four-year value: $40,000

HAMILTON SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $7,000  •  Four-year value: $28,000

LIEBER SCHOLARS AWARD
Annual value: up to $10,000  •  Four-year value: up to $40,000

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $2,000  •  Four-year value: $8,000

TRUSTEES’ ENDOWMENT SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $5,000  •  Four-year value: $20,000

LIEBER SCHOLARS AWARD
Annual value: up to $10,000  •  Four-year value: up to $40,000

The university annually awards scholarships to National Merit Finalists, National Achievement Finalists and National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. The competition for these awards begins when students take the PSAT/NMSQT in the junior year of high school. To be eligible, National Merit Finalists must list the University of South Carolina as their first choice through the National Merit Corporation. National Achievement Finalists must send a copy of the National Achievement Finalist certificate to the admissions office. The National Hispanic Recognition Program will send USC the names of scholars selected for its program.

No scholarship application is required. The Lieber Scholars Award is one of only two USC scholarships that can be combined with another university-issued scholarship (the other is the USC STEM Supplement).

ALUMNI SCHOLARS AWARD*
Annual value: $5,000  •  Four-year value: $20,000

USC STEM SUPPLEMENT
Annual value: $3,300 freshman year only

To support students pursuing degrees in science, math, technology and engineering fields (STEM fields), USC offers this one-time, freshman-year-only award scholarship to all admitted freshmen who are named Palmetto Fellows and who enroll in a STEM-eligible major. Visit sc.edu/financialaid/scholarships/palmetto fellows scholarship guidelines for a list of STEM-eligible majors. The USC STEM Supplement may be added to any other general university award.

*May not be combined with any other general university scholarship, except for the Lieber Scholars Award and/or USC STEM Supplement.
STATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP*
Annual value: up to $6,700 for the first year  •  Four-year value: up to $29,200
Students are eligible to apply for this state-awarded scholarship, worth up to $6,700 for the first year and up to $7,500 for the next three years, if they are S.C. high school students with exemplary academic credentials. For more information, contact the S.C. Commission on Higher Education. Palmetto Fellows recipients are not eligible for LIFE or S.C. HOPE scholarships.

LIFE SCHOLARSHIP
Annual value: up to $5,000  •  Four-year value: up to $20,000
The Legislative Incentives for Future Excellence Scholarship is a state-awarded scholarship valued at $5,000 per year. If students meet two of the following three requirements, they are eligible for this scholarship: 1) their final, cumulative grade point average is at least a “B” (3.00); 2) their SAT score is at least 1100 on critical reading and math sections combined (ACT composite score of at least 24); or 3) they graduate in the top 30 percent of their class.

PALMETTO FELLOWS AND LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENTS
Annual value: up to $2,500 beginning sophomore year  •  Three-year value: up to $7,500
Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarship recipients enrolled in certain math and science majors may be eligible for an enhancement award beginning their second year of enrollment. Eligible students must have completed 14 hours in mathematics or life or physical science, or any combination of both, during their first year. Complete information on the enhancement is available at sc.edu/financialaid.

SOUTH CAROLINA HOPE SCHOLARSHIP
Annual value: $2,800
The S.C. HOPE scholarship is state-awarded and valued at $2,800 for the freshman year only. If a student’s final, cumulative GPA is at least a “B” (3.00) and they do not qualify for a Palmetto Fellows or LIFE scholarship, they are eligible to receive this scholarship.

Please note: Recipients of these scholarships must enroll on a full-time basis and be in a degree-seeking program. Renewal information is available at sc.edu/financialaid.

*While the vast majority of incoming freshman Palmetto Fellows Scholarship recipients will receive $6,700, there is a cap on the total amount of funding that can be awarded to an individual student per year from the state of South Carolina. If the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, in combination with all other sources of gift aid (scholarships and grants), including federal, state, USC and private funds, exceeds the recipient’s cost of attendance cap, adjustment to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship will be made in order to prevent an overaward. The 2015 cap is $27,046.

GAMECOCK GUARANTEE PROGRAM
The Gamecock Guarantee is a need-based financial and academic support initiative to make attendance at the university more affordable for low-income S.C. residents who are first-time, full-time freshmen who are also the very first in their families to seek a bachelor’s degree.

All freshmen admitted into the university who meet the qualifying criteria can receive the Gamecock Guarantee, which covers the cost of undergraduate tuition and technology fees at USC Columbia. There is no separate application process. Eligible students must apply for admission by Dec. 1 and submit a FAFSA by March 1. For more information about the Gamecock Guarantee program benefits and eligibility criteria, visit sa.sc.edu/guarantee.

OTHER AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Some academic colleges and departments at the University of South Carolina award scholarships to outstanding new freshmen. Other scholarships are available only after the freshman year. Eligibility and actual award amounts vary. Some departments award scholarships based on information provided with the application for admission, and others require additional action on the student’s part. For a complete list of departmental scholarships, corresponding criteria and application requirements, visit sc.edu/financialaid, select “Types of Aid,” then “Scholarships” and then “Departmental Scholarships.” You’ll find a variety of scholarships listed.

ATHLETIC GRANTS-IN-AID
If you have a student who is interested in playing on a Division I NCAA team, ask them to talk to their high school coach in their junior year. These awards do not participate in the tuition reduction benefit provided to some nonresident scholarship recipients.
MCNAIR SCHOLARS AWARD*  
Annual value: $15,000 award + tuition reduction  
Four-year value: more than $133,000  

HORSESHOE SCHOLARS AWARD*  
Annual value: $11,000 award + tuition reduction  
Four-year value: more than $117,000  

The McNair and Horseshoe Scholars Awards are two of the most prestigious awards at the university. Forty out-of-state students with strong academic records who are leaders in their high schools and communities will be invited to participate in an interview weekend. Of these 40 candidates, half will be named McNair Scholars, and the other half will be named Horseshoe Scholars. Candidates must participate in the entire weekend (Feb. 27-29, 2016) in order to remain in consideration for these awards. Last year, McNair and Horseshoe Scholars had an average SAT score of 1513 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted high school GPA of 4.82. Recipients of these awards qualify for the in-state tuition rate.

Please note: To apply for these scholarships, both an application for general university admission and a Top Scholars application must be submitted to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The deadline is Nov. 15.

LIEBER SCHOLARS AWARD  
Annual value: up to $6,000 + tuition reduction  
Four-year value: up to $97,000  

The university annually awards scholarships to National Merit Finalists, National Achievement Finalists and National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars. The competition for these awards begins when students take the PSAT/NMSQT in their junior year of high school. To be eligible, National Merit Finalists must list the University of South Carolina as their first choice through the National Merit Corporation. National Achievement Finalists must send a copy of the National Achievement Finalist certificate to the admissions office. The National Hispanic Recognition Program will send us the names of the scholars selected for that program. The Lieber Scholars Award is the only general university award that can be combined with another admissions-issued scholarship. Recipients of this award qualify for the in-state tuition rate if this is their sole award. If they receive two university-issued awards, they will receive only one instance of tuition reduction.

ALUMNI SCHOLARS AWARD*  
Annual value: $5,000 + tuition reduction  
Four-year value: more than $93,000  

Sponsored by the Carolina Alumni Association, these awards signify outstanding achievement in academics, leadership, talent and service. In 2015, recipients of this award had an average SAT score of 1510 (ACT score of 34) and an average weighted high school GPA of 4.89. To apply for this award, students must submit both a USC application and a Top Scholars application supplement to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The deadline for the Top Scholars application is Nov. 15. Recipients of this award qualify for the in-state tuition rate.

*May not be combined with any other general university scholarship, except for the Lieber Scholars Award.
AFFORDABILITY
POPULAR QUESTIONS REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Q. SHOULD STUDENTS TAKE THE SAT OR THE ACT?
A. The university does not give any preference to either the SAT or the ACT. Students should take the test with which they feel most comfortable. If they submit both SAT and ACT scores, the university will use their highest score to make the scholarship determination. Their highest SAT score is calculated by taking their highest math and their highest critical reading score from all test administrations. For the ACT, their single highest composite score will be used. The university must receive official scores directly from the testing service no later than Feb. 1 in order to use them in scholarship consideration, and must receive at least one writing score. Students should use school code 5818 for the SAT and 3880 for the ACT.

Q. SHOULD STUDENTS KEEP TAKING THE TEST?
A. Students should use their own judgment of their abilities to determine whether or not their scores are likely to improve with additional testing. Be aware that members of each class compete among themselves for these awards. Actual award criteria are established annually based on the size and strength of the applicant pool and the availability of scholarships. This year’s scholarship recipients may present higher or lower standardized test scores and GPAs than the averages listed in this booklet. If students have experience with only one of the standardized tests, they may want to consider trying the other. Some students find that the format of the ACT is a better fit than the format of the SAT, and vice versa. The university does not give any preference to which test they take.

Q. WHEN WILL YOUR STUDENTS HEAR IF THEY’VE BEEN AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP?
A. General university scholarships are awarded in mid-March for the freshman class entering in the fall. Students will receive notification through the United States Postal Service. Departmental award notification varies; students should check directly with the department about their schedule.

Q. WILL YOUR STUDENTS HEAR IF THEY ARE NOT AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP?
A. The university only sends notification to award recipients. If after mid-March students are interested in their scholarship status, they should call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Q. HOW DO STUDENTS GET REDUCED TUITION?
A. Some scholarships come with a reduced tuition benefit. Please review the scholarship descriptions for more information.

Q. IF A STUDENT DOESN’T RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE FRESHMAN YEAR, CAN THEY GET ONE LATER?
A. General university awards are only offered to entering freshmen. However, departments may offer scholarships for upperclassmen. Students should check with their academic adviser about the opportunity for any awards.

Q. HOW WILL STUDENTS BE NOTIFIED ABOUT FINANCIAL AID?
A. The university’s Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships will notify students of any awards via their university email account. This email notification refers students to Self Service Carolina (SSC) for detailed information about their awards. Admitted students receive login information for SSC and can monitor their financial aid application status, as well as view and accept their awards, on SSC.

Q. WHERE ELSE CAN STUDENTS LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?
A. There are many resources students can use to find non-USC scholarships. Excellent resources include collegeboard.org and fastweb.com. These websites provide detailed information about a wide variety of scholarships and financial aid.

Q. CAN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS RECEIVE A USC SCHOLARSHIP?
A. To be eligible for general university awards, students must be legal permanent residents or citizens of the United States. Some departments offer merit aid to international students.
In Walter Liniger's Echoes in Blues class, one of many unique courses taught in the Honors College, students might find themselves onstage with their professor. Liniger is passionate about music and what it can teach us about our emotions and our history.

SC.EDU/STUDY/HONORS
WHAT MAKES THE SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE SO SPECIAL?

The Honors College is...

**INSPIRING**
1632 curious students

**DEGREE GRANTING**
400+ honors specific courses taught across a wide variety of disciplines each year

**INTIMATE**
average class size:
14 students

**HONORS STUDENTS CAN DESIGN THEIR OWN MAJOR**
Are your students passionate about a particular subject or discipline? Maybe they’d like to combine certain areas of study? In the Honors College, they can pursue any major offered by the university or a Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae degree, which allows them to design their own customized major with the support of faculty advisers.

**HONORS STUDENTS CAN EARN SPECIAL RECOGNITION**
When they complete all requirements, they’ll receive the “With Honors from South Carolina Honors College” designation on their diploma and transcript.

**HONORS STUDENTS CAN JUMP ON THE LEGAL OR MEDICAL FAST TRACK**
The Honors College offers a six-year joint B.A. (B.S.)/J.D. law degree with the USC School of Law, and a seven-year joint BARSC M.D. with the USC School of Medicine.

**HONORS STUDENTS CAN DISCOVER SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW**
That’s the principle behind our undergraduate research initiatives. Honors College students can apply for Undergraduate Research Fellowships worth up to $9,000. Fellowships are granted to third year students; many use their research as a source for their senior thesis. But as early as their freshman year in the Honors College, they can apply for Magellan Scholar awards to conduct research in any discipline. These opportunities allow them to explore interests at greater depths than they could in the classroom alone.

**HONORS STUDENTS CAN UNLEASH THEIR MUSE**
Many honors students use the senior thesis requirement to explore an area of interest outside their major; others spend their time researching topics that will enhance their competitiveness for graduate school or employment in their chosen field. Whether documenting a road trip across China, playing the sitar at the Koger Center for the Arts, or building an electronic biomedical device, Honors theses unfold in countless fascinating ways.

**TO APPLY**
Students whose self-reported scores are high enough on the online application are automatically invited to complete the Honors College/Top Scholars application. Students must submit the freshman application, Honors College/Top Scholars application and all required credentials by November 15.
The Capstone Scholars Program is a two-year academic enhancement program that operates on four programmatic pillars that encourage its students to “Dream Big! Impact the Community and Leave a Legacy.” Capstone Scholars must engage in one activity for each of the pillars:

**LEADERSHIP**
- complete a personal challenge

**SERVICE**
- participate in community service

**ACADEMICS**
- attend a Capstone Conversation, News and Views, Global Perspectives or other approved university event

**SOCIAL**
- attend a Capstone Scholars event

**CAPSTONE SCHOLARS CAN TAKE CAPSTONE CLASSES**
University 101; English 101; English 102 and University 290, an introduction to research and scholarly activities, offer Capstone-specific sections.

**CAPSTONE SCHOLARS CAN EARN DISTINCTION**
Scholars who meet all program requirements receive a designation on their official transcript and are eligible to live in the nicely-appointed Fellows House on campus.

**CAPSTONE SCHOLARS CAN FORM A COMMUNITY**
Scholars live in a supportive atmosphere at Capstone or Columbia residence halls with other Capstone Scholars. They are encouraged to eat meals with Capstone Scholars staff once a week in Gibbes Court Bistro in Capstone residence hall. They also enjoy interacting in regular “Capstone Conversations” with faculty, staff and community leaders.

**CAPSTONE SCHOLARS CAN IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITY**
Scholars contribute to the local community through numerous service learning opportunities.

**CAPSTONE SCHOLARS CAN EXPAND THEIR CULTURAL HORIZONS**
Scholars may attend touring Broadway productions free of charge at Koger Center for the Arts. They may also compete for $2000 passport travel grants for Maymester and summer study abroad trips.

**TO APPLY**
Students must submit the freshman application no later than December 1 and all required credentials no later than February 1. Students whose applications are competitive enough will be invited to join the Capstone Scholars Program by early March.
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