

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

I. Vision Statement

The College of Arts and Sciences aspires to transform the lives of our students and improve the world they will inhabit by creating and sharing knowledge at the frontiers of inquiry.

II. Mission Statement

Since 1805, the College has been the intellectual core of the University, entrusted to provide superb teaching in the arts and sciences to all students. The College is a richly diverse community dedicated to the discovery, dissemination and application of knowledge about the natural and human world. The College is committed to enriching the academic experience of every student through a wide and innovative array of courses, programs, and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, and to excelling in research, scholarship, and creative activity. With its broad coverage of academic disciplines, the College is uniquely situated to promote opportunities for student research and interdisciplinary and international learning. As the heart of a major research university, the College is a catalyst for positive change in the local community, the state, the nation, and the world.

III. Major Goals and Priorities

Long-Term Goal 1: To enrich the educational experience for all undergraduate students in the University of South Carolina.

Long-Term Goal 2: To foster research, scholarship and creative activity by recruiting, retaining, and supporting faculty members who are or will become nationally and internationally known as leaders in their fields.

Long-Term Goal 3: To develop the next generation of intellectual leadership through its excellent graduate programs in the arts and humanities, and in the social, physical, biological, and mathematical sciences.

Long-Term Goal 4: To be a catalyst for ongoing positive change in the broader society.

Long Term Goal 5: To enhance College identity among members, supporters, affiliates, and the public.