GRADUATION WITH LEADERSHIP DISTINCTION (GLD)
GLD PATHWAYS

- Community Service (8%)
- Diversity and Social Advocacy (2%)
- Global Learning (16%)
- Professional and Civic Engagement (57%)
- Research (17%)
GLD OVER TIME

GLD pathways recognized based upon participant graduation year
At South Carolina, academics embody diverse learning engagements. Students have access to a universe of meaningful learning options that expand knowledge while cultivating professional and personal development. Here, you author your UofSC experience.

**Shape your college education.**

You’re at the helm. Not only do you choose your major and decide how much time and energy to invest in your coursework, you also determine your depth of involvement on campus in degree-related activities.

Even in your earliest days on campus, UofSC students have access to purposeful activities that further learning and personal growth. Those who leverage learning engagements throughout their time on campus — both inside and outside the classroom — supplement academic gains in life-changing ways.

**Take the next step.**

Start planning your co-curricular or experiential engagements so your My UofSC Experience record can be part of your academic transcript. Meet with your advisor to get started or find all the details in our [getting started videos](#). Search the database for qualified learning engagements that fit your plans and schedule.
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WHO IS IT FOR?

Short answer = EVERYONE!

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2. Grab a group and show up at a volunteer day or campus rec event!
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ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

CEC LEAD Academy

What to Expect
The College of Engineering and Computing’s LEAD program experience held at our college designed to work in 2 educational standards to provide high school student a particular area of engineering and computing. Current students may volunteer as facilitators. Reach out to the interested!

Term: Ongoing

Community Psychology Practicum - PSYC 489

What to Expect
Gain hands-on field experience in psychology while you earn course credit. In this advanced semester-long course, you will volunteer about 45 hours of service to a community agency, applying the principles, theory, and research you’ve learned on campus. Throughout the semester, you will write and reflect upon your experience and also participate in a small group advocacy project to address local homelessness.

This engagement qualifies for these special designations:
• GLD: Community Service
• Experiential Learning Opportunity
• Option to appear on UofSC Experience extended transcript

Term: Fall 2021

Requirements
Time Commitment: 45-59 hours
Who Can Participate: See Academic Bulletin for Course Prerequisites

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ENGAGEMENT DETAILS

Academic Coaching Appointment

What to Expect
Choices abound at UofSC, and sometimes you may feel overwhelmed finding the path that’s right for you. Talk one-on-one with an expert coach to identify your strengths, weigh your career and major options, learn about on-campus opportunities and connect with campus resources.

This engagement qualifies for these special designations:
- Option to appear on UofSC Experience extended transcript.
Term: Summer 2021

Requirements
Time Commitment: 1 - 2 hours
Who Can Participate: Open - any student can participate (no required credentials such as GPA, hours earned)
Minimum Credit Hours: No requirements for credit hours or years completed
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Other Requirements: No additional requirements
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**Affinity Group Dialogues**

Description: Affinity Groups are small groups designed to be spaces for similarly identified folks to come together as caucuses, and are facilitated by Affinity Group Leaders (AGLs). Group topics may range from social check-ins to discussions of relevant topics.

The current groups are:
- AAPI Graduate Students
- Greek and LGBTQ+
- LGBTQ+ Graduate Students
- Queer Trans People of Color

**Queer Connections**

Description: Adapting to campus life is an adjustment for all students. The connections we foster with this program are specialized to sustain our LGBTQ+ students throughout their first year at the university.

Upcoming Events:
- 9/20 - Housing, Out in Cola
- 9/27 - CAPS, Sexual Health Panel
- 10/4 - Money Mgmt & Tutoring
- 10/11 - Community Dinner

**Cuts & Conversations**

Description: Cuts and Conversations, part of B2B, is an opportunity for Black men to communicate freely about topics that are relevant to them. Moderators will provide wellness solutions and campus resource information. Haircuts will be provided by local barbers, but you do not need to get a haircut to participate.

Upcoming Events:
- 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, and 11/17

**Identity 365 Events**

Description: Identity365 is a year-long celebration of the cultural diversity at the University of South Carolina. Through collaborations with student organizations, faculty, and staff — Identity365 provides unique opportunities to learn about diverse identities. All Identity365 programs are open for all members of the UofSC community to attend.

Upcoming Events:
- Every month, check the website!
The Center for Integrative & Experiential Learning

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

1. Visit My UofSC Experience database to search engagements
2. Sign up by clicking "More Information" at the bottom

Tutoring with the Student Success Center
- Description
  - Choose from multiple Drop-in Tutoring sessions offered each day across campus!
  - Sign up for Peer Tutoring with an undergraduate who excelled in your course!
  - Join a Supplemental Instruction group to stay on top of course material and boost your grades!

Writing Center Services
- Description
  - Sign up for any of the following writing services at the center:
    - In-Person Appointments
    - Live Video Appointments (Teams)
    - Asynchronous Text-Based Appointments (a tutor reads your work and leaves comments electronically)

Academic Advising Services
- Description
  - Sign up for either of the following:
    - Academic Coaching Appointment
      - individualized guidance to choose a major, and/or support at-risk students
    - Changing Majors Appointment
      - exploratory advising to weigh options & investigate next steps

Success Consultations
- Description
  - Sign up for either of the following:
    - Transfer Student Success
      - one-stop-shop to support your transition and better navigate campus life at UofSC
    - Money Management Success
      - one-on-one support to better understand and plan your financial path as a student
Discover UofSC

Description
Students make oral, creative, and/or poster presentations of any beyond the classroom experience. These include research and scholarly projects, global study, professional work experiences, leadership, service-learning and community service, and national fellowship competitions.

Sustainability Showcase

Description
The Sustainability Showcase offers students and faculty the opportunity to present their discovery or research project at a mini research fair each fall. Presenters should apply through the Office of Sustainability.

Hear from a keynote speaker and learn about the research topics being explored by students, faculty, research labs, and other campus groups.

Undergraduate Research - Independent Study Credit

Description
Let your curiosity lead you. In an independent research study course for credit, you'll work with a mentor to explore a topic in-depth through a hands-on research project.

Along the way, you'll gain expertise in your area of study, connect with faculty and stretch your problem-solving skills.

Undergraduate Research - Student Grant Award

Description
Don't let finances stop you from pursuing a research project. With support from a faculty mentor, you can apply for grant funds that may be used for expenses such as project travel, materials and supplies or salary.

Research projects can help you gain expertise in your area of study, connect with faculty and stretch your problem-solving skills.
Gamecocks Get Hired Job Fair

Description
Gear up for entering the job market!

Meet face-to-face with prospective employers about current and future opportunities, including internships, co-ops, and full-time positions.

Added bonus: you can still attend as an alum!

Career Development Series

Description
Students listen to expert presentations on a variety of career development topics, engage in informal discussion with experts and peers, and have opportunities to ask questions.

Topics include job search skills, diversity in the workplace, professional skills, preparing for internships, career fair preparation, and networking skills.

Career Coaching - Career Studio

Description
In this learning lab, students receive guidance from a Career Center staff member on topics related to their career.

These include resumes, cover letters, personal statements, curriculum vitae, job search, interviewing, and occupational research.

Carolina Internship Program - Part Time

Description
Test out your career path with a paid part-time internship.

Throughout one academic semester, you'll spend about 20 hours per week working on real-world projects for a partner business or agency while you maintain your status as a student.

Your internship will also be noted on your transcript.
The Center for Integrative & Experiential Learning

**SERVICE**

### Service Saturday

**Description**
Roll up your sleeves and help your neighbors on campus or in the Columbia community. Sign up with your friends or get to know other Gamecocks as you work together to complete a service project.

Free lunch and transportation are provided. Program is offered once per month during the fall and spring semesters.

### Community Service Ambassador

**Description**
Be the change as a community service ambassador at a Midlands nonprofit organization. Campus staff will pair you with a partner in your interest area, and across one semester, you will dedicate 50 or more service hours to a meaningful project.

You’ll also meet and bond with other service-minded students at social issue discussions twice each month.

### Alternative Spring Break

**Description**
Take a break from the books to give back. Connect with new friends as you work together in a small group to help lift a community in need.

Recent destinations have included Asheville, North Carolina (food insecurity), and Panama City, Florida (shelter access and disaster relief).

### Gamecock Pantry Pals

**Description**
Volunteer your time and energy for those most in need in our community.

Play a hands-on role in reducing food insecurity on campus. You’ll organize donations, shovel inventory and share information about the Gamecock Pantry.
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**CAPSTONE PROJECT**

**Darla Moore School of Business**

**MGMT 474 - Developing & Launching New Ventures**

**Description**

Test your mettle as an entrepreneur.

Learn what it takes to start and sustain a new venture and overcome challenges, and gain real-world experience completing a team project for an entrepreneur.

**Engineering and Computing**

**ELCT 404 - Capstone Design Project II**

**Description**

Show employers you’re ready to be an electrical engineer with a year of real-world, team-based project experience.

Your team of three to four students will be paired with an industry customer to analyze their needs and then plan, design, build and test a prototype.

**Arnold School of Public Health**

**PUBH 498 - Public Health Capstone Seminar**

**Description**

Design and carry out your own public health project.

You'll apply prior course learning to a real-world public health challenge, demonstrating your problem-solving abilities through an ePortfolio and a presentation.

**Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning**

**U401 ePortfolio: Graduation w/ Leadership Distinction**

**Description**

Showcase your growth as an undergraduate with an ePortfolio, one of the university’s requirements to Graduate with Leadership Distinction.

You’ll build your own website to communicate your passions and the key insights you’ve realized as your education progressed.
The Center for Integrative & Experiential Learning

LEADERSHIP

**Sustainable Carolina Leadership Program**

*Description*

Undergraduate students in the Sustainable Carolina Leadership Program help solve real-world problems and impact change through hands-on experiences, leadership development, and campus-wide event planning.

Students work on one of six project teams to plan events and raise awareness of sustainability issues on campus and in the community.

**Alternative Break Leader**

*Description*

Find your leadership footing as you guide fellow students to complete a meaningful community service project during fall, winter or spring break.

As the alternative break leader, you will organize the service trip, communicate with the sponsoring service agency, oversee students each day and manage any problems that arise during the trip.

**Magellan Ambassador**

*Description*

Be the poster child for student research in campus presentations and events.

Share your experiences as an undergraduate researcher and make the case for why other students should join the research community.

**CIEL Student Advisory Council**

*Description*

Use your voice to shape the campus learning culture. As a council member, you’ll weigh in on the university’s experiential and integrative learning opportunities and the Graduation with Leadership Distinction program.

The council meets twice per semester, and applications open each spring.

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The Center for Integrative & Experiential Learning

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

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**The Lettuce Club**

**Description**

The purpose of The Lettuce Club is to promote memorable relationships amongst members who embrace an eccentric environment.

Members meet once a year to attempt to eat an entire head of lettuce and first member to finish their head of lettuce is named The Head of Lettuce, and decides when the next annual meeting will be.

**Association of Transfer Students**

**Description**

The Association of Transfer Students is a student organization for transfer students created by transfer students.

The purpose of the Association of Transfer Students is to assist transfer students as they transition to the University of South Carolina and foster a community that will support them academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Black Business Student Association**

**Description**

The Black Business Student Association is an organization dedicated to the growth of minority students.

We provide professional development, academic support, networking, alumni outreach, and programming. These efforts work toward our goals of creating a sense of unity and support amongst minority students.

**Net Impact**

**Description**

Net Impact is an organization oriented around better understanding sustainability. It is a leading national nonprofit that empowers a new generation to use their careers to drive transformational change in the workplace and the world. We strive to increase students’ awareness and understanding of the many facets of sustainability in global markets and how it can play a part in anyone’s career trajectory.
Faculty & Staff Grants

In order to promote student engagement beyond the classroom, we're offering four different grants for faculty and staff to enable the development of new and revised programs, as well as collaboration between departments, offices, and academic and student affairs.

Priority will be given to grants in all categories that target Pell-eligible, transfer, underrepresented minority, and male students, the target groups of Experience by Design, and that propel the goals of the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), including engaging more students beyond the classroom and encouraging reflection on those engagements.

Apply by visiting: go.sc.edu/CIELgrants

- $300 Rolling Beyond the Classroom Grants
- $2000 Supporting Undergrads through Integrative & Experiential Learning Grants
- $3000 Beyond the Classroom Departmental & Unit Grants
- $5000 Integrative & Experiential Learning Community of Practice Grants

2021-2022
Carolina Engage Grant

• Designed to help students engage beyond the classroom and relieve financial barriers

• Initial requests up to $500
  • Can request an additional $500 if needed
    *Students request must not exceed $1000 in total

• We encourage students to apply a month before their experience and they must turn in any receipts/additional documents within 30 days of completing their experience

go.sc.edu/CarolinaEngage
Carolina Engage Grant

Eligibility Requirements

• Be a full-time undergraduate student at UofSC Columbia or at the Palmetto College regional campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, Union)

• Have a 2.2 cumulative GPA or higher

• Be participating in a beyond the classroom experience

• Be willing to submit a reflection through Garnet Gate upon completion of the experience
DEAL Model
(Ash & Clayton, 2009)

Engage in experience
Describe experience objectively
Examine per category
Articulate Learning (find setting goals) in each category

Personal Growth
Civic Learning
Academic Enhancement

Engage in experience and test learning and/or implement goals

go.sc.edu/ReflectionResources
QUESTIONS?