



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

2016 Undergraduate International Guidebook

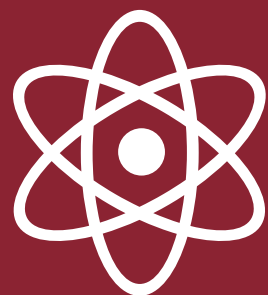
FOUNDED IN
1801

24,863
undergraduates

32,971
total students

270,000
proud alumni living
around the world

#108
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
RANKING
— U.S. News & World Report



national leader in undergraduate
research programs



217
average number
of sunny days
in Columbia,
South Carolina

usc is

STUDENTS FROM ALL
50 STATES & 100+ COUNTRIES

**#1 NATION'S BEST
HONORS COLLEGE**
— A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs

**#52 TOP
PUBLIC
UNIVERSITY**
— U.S. News & World Report

18:1
student-to-faculty ratio

47 nationally
ranked
programs



**LARGEST SPORT AND
ENTERTAINMENT MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM IN THE NATION**

400+
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

A “Best Value Public College”
according to Kiplinger’s

#92 in the world
for economics
and business
— U.S. News & World Report
Global Rankings, 2015



54%
female undergraduates



46%
male undergraduates

TOP TEN
hotel, restaurant
and tourism
management
program
— Journal of Hospitality and
Tourism Education

NATION'S #1
UNDERGRADUATE
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
PROGRAM
— U.S. News & World Report

#43
best undergraduate
business programs
— U.S. News & World Report

#74
BEST GRADUATE
BUSINESS SCHOOL
— U.S. News & World Report

WHEN YOU LIVE ON CAMPUS, NO TWO WEEKS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME.

Start your week with a morning workout at the Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center before grabbing breakfast on the way to calculus class. After Tuesday's classes, you're meeting friends in Carolina Productions to plan an upcoming concert. The rest of the week is filled with more classes (if it's a sunny day, you might even have a class outside on the Horseshoe — a beautiful garden area surrounded by historic buildings at the heart of campus) and a day dedicated to getting a head start on your research paper in the Thomas Cooper Library. Hopefully, you'll have time to see the free movie in the Russell House Student Union. At USC, your choices are limitless, so next week can be totally different.





6,750

undergraduates

participated in 287 different leadership opportunities last year.



The Canal and Riverfront Park are ideal places to walk, jog, bicycle or picnic. With plenty of scenic vistas and points of interest, the park is the perfect place to spend time with classmates and friends.



A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

International student organizations at USC:

- Association of Saudi Arabian Students
- Bangladesh Student Association
- Friendship Association of Chinese Students and Scholars
- Global China Connection
- Indian Student Organization
- International Business and Chinese Enterprise
- International Student Association
- Iranian Student Association at USC
- Iraqi Student Association
- Korean International Student Association
- Latin American Student Association
- Muslim Student Association
- Nihon Club
- Taiwanese Student Association
- Turkish Student Association
- Vietnamese Student Association



The award-winning Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center

boasts indoor and outdoor pools, a whirlpool and sauna, an indoor track, volleyball and racquetball courts, intramural sports fields and a 550-m² fitness area.



25
dining
locations on
campus

80,000+

football fans cheer the Gamecocks to victory on Saturdays in the fall.



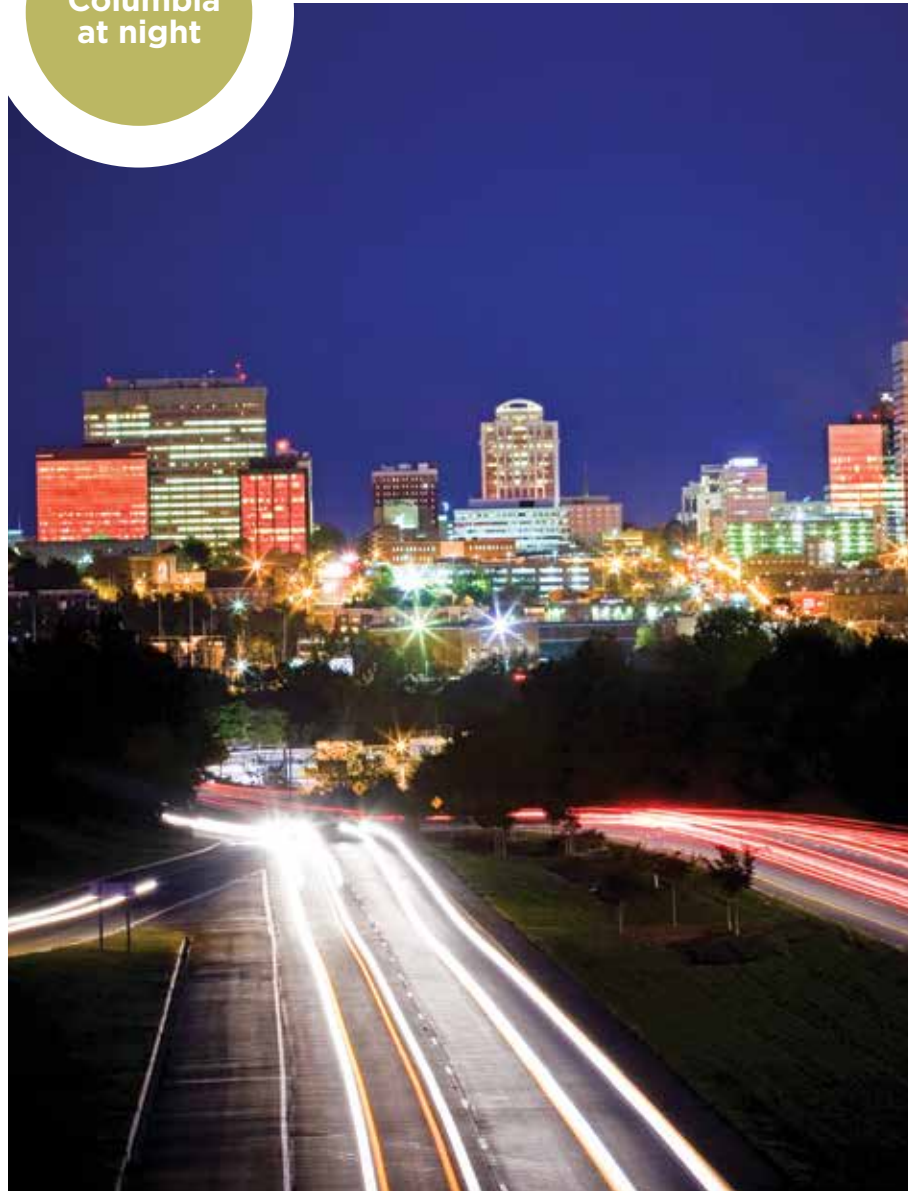
One of the 50 fittest colleges in America

– *The Active Times*

EXPLORE COLUMBIA

The perfect mix. Columbia, South Carolina, boasts a unique blend of small-town friendliness and big-city attractions that is ideal for students. And the warmth goes beyond the weather; Columbia is a welcoming place full of citywide, community and neighborhood festivals, and, as the seat of state government and home to the headquarters of numerous state and regional businesses, internships and employment opportunities are plentiful. Within walking distance of campus are Five Points, a city village of restaurants and shops, and the Congaree Vista, with high-end eateries, boutiques and galleries. The city's central location in the state makes quick trips to the mountains or coast very easy.

Columbia
at night



Columbia offers a dynamic arts and cultural scene. You'll be mesmerized by acts such as the Blue Man Group at the Colonial Life Arena, intrigued by the great masters at the Columbia Museum of Art or absorbed by an independent film at the Nickelodeon.



Columbia is situated at the center of the state of South Carolina.

MAJORS AT USC

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Humanities

African American Studies
Chinese Studies
Classics
Comparative Literature
English
European Studies
French
German
History
International Studies
Latin American Studies
Philosophy
Religious Studies
Russian
Spanish

Mathematical Sciences

Mathematics
Statistics

Natural Sciences

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Biological Sciences
Chemistry, BS or BSC
Cardiovascular Technology
Environmental Science
Geological Sciences
Geophysics
Marine Science
Physics

Social Sciences

Anthropology
Criminology and Criminal Justice
Economics
Environmental Studies
Geography
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Women's and Gender Studies

The Arts

Art Education
Art History
Dance (subject to audition)
Film and Media Studies
Media Arts
Studio Art
Theatre

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
Retailing
(with Retail Management or Fashion Merchandising specialization)
Sport and Entertainment Management
Tourism Management

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS

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

SCHOOL OF MUSIC*

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

*Entry into this school is subject to audition.

COLLEGE OF NURSING

Nursing

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Pharmaceutical Sciences
(BS includes two-year prepharmacy curriculum plus first two years of four-year Pharm.D. curriculum)

ARNOLD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Exercise Science
Public Health

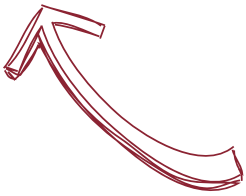
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Social Work

SOUTH CAROLINA HONORS COLLEGE

Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae
BA (BS)/JD (six-year pre-law/ law degree program)
BARSC MD (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 March 2015.)



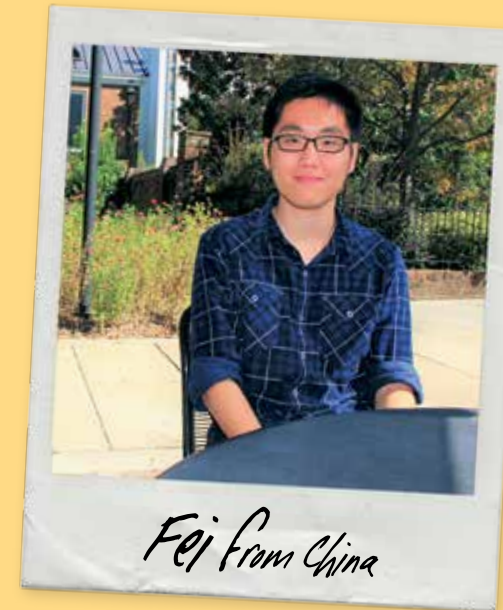
MORE THAN 100 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS



THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO WHERE YOU CAN GO

The University of South Carolina is where you'll prepare to be tomorrow's creative problem solver who will lead future generations to a healthier, smarter and more vibrant way of life. Just imagine where you'll go from here.

Do you want to conduct research with top professors? Maybe you want to gain real-world experience with a summer internship or start a nonprofit to help others. You can do it at the University of South Carolina, just like the many students who have come before you. Check out some of their stories.

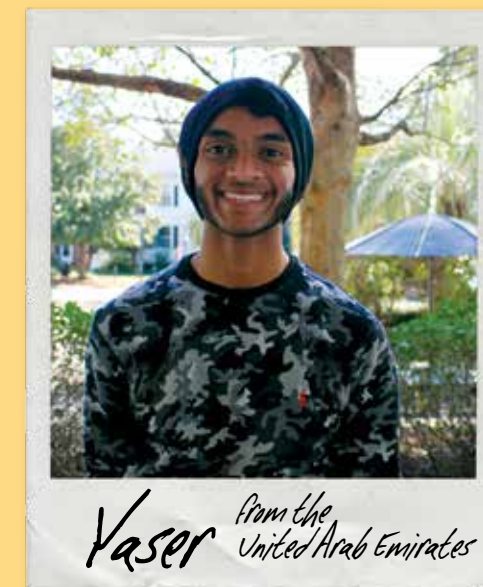


"Being in the Undergraduate Accelerator is a privilege — all international students should get this opportunity and level of support. The program has helped me successfully transition from high school in my home country to a top U.S. university. I'm adapting well culturally and getting the academic and language support I need to do well at the University of South Carolina."



"I have always dreamed of studying in America and now that dream has come true. I applied to the University of South Carolina because of the Undergraduate Accelerator. Thanks to the help, attention and comfort provided by the Undergraduate Accelerator staff, I have already integrated into campus life at USC. I know this was the right choice for me because I feel more empowered and I'm excited to be here!"

WHAT ARE STUDENTS SAYING ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA?



"The beauty of Columbia, South Carolina took my breath away. I loved how alive the place felt with green lands everywhere and perfect weather — I just love it. I couldn't be happier coming to the University of South Carolina. Since I arrived, I was able to make new friendships, do adventurous things and much more! The Undergraduate Accelerator staff take very good care of everyone and treat us very well. I am living my college dream!"



"Because of USC's Undergraduate Accelerator, I've joined the Career Accelerator Program (CAP) and am hoping to become a pharmacist. CAP will teach me how to present myself and teach me how to act in the professional world after college. Advisors also work with you to find an internship when you've completed the program — this is key to helping you get a competitive job in the future."



STANDARD APPLICATION TO USC

The University of South Carolina offers world-class academics in a friendly, welcoming environment that attracts students from around the globe. In fact, more than 1600 international students from more than 100 countries are currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina. If you are proficient in English, you may wish to apply for direct entry into your program of interest using the university's standard application.

No matter what area of study you choose, you may also be interested in additionally applying for admission into the South Carolina Honors College, ranked #1 among all honors colleges in the nation. Selection into this prestigious college is highly competitive and requires completion of the supplemental honors form in USC's standard application (www.sc.edu/admissions).

Deadlines and Application Requirements

For deadlines and application details, please **visit sc.edu/apply**.

1. Complete application form and \$100 (USD) application fee.
2. Official TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE academic test scores. Some countries' citizens are exempt from language requirement.
3. Official (or attested copy) transcript(s) from all high school records in your native language, and a certified transcript translated into English by a school official.
4. Professional credentials evaluation with a GPA reported on a U.S. grading scale.
5. Submit official SAT or ACT scores (with writing section) if you are applying for admission to the South Carolina Honors College or want to be considered for any departmental scholarships.
6. Submit financial certification if you are offered admission. You will need to demonstrate that you will have sufficient funding to attend the University of South Carolina for one academic year.

Program and Admissions

Program	First-year program length	2 semesters/9 months	Admissions	GPA requirement	3.0
	Program curriculum	Flexible		TOEFL/IELTS requirements	TOEFL 77/IELTS 6.5
	Total credits earned toward degree	Varies depending on course load		Projected tuition and fees*	\$31,128
	Progression requirements**	Varies greatly by major		Application turnaround time	Varies; typically 21 days
	Progression into	Year 2		Application deadline	Nine months prior to program start date recommended

Standard Application Costs

This is an estimate of expenses for the fall and spring semesters (August through May). Expenses may change without notice. For details, check sc.edu/apply.

TUITION AND FEES:	\$31,128 (estimated for 2015)
LIVING EXPENSES:	\$17,574
ESTIMATED TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$48,702
(Tuition and Fees Plus Living Expenses)	

The figures listed here are estimates. The exact amount of tuition and fees vary by the type of academic program you select and the number of credit-hours you take. The actual tuition and fee amounts will be determined in July.

Estimates for room, meal plan, books and other living expenses are variable depending upon the choices you make.

* Standard Application tuition listed is for 2015. Please visit sc.edu/apply for the most recent estimate.
 **Progression into specific majors may have additional requirements.

DISCOVER THE ULTIMATE AMERICAN COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

Achieve academic, personal and professional success at South Carolina.

For international students, the move from high school in your home country to a university in the United States can be challenging—a new language, new ways of learning and a new home. The Undergraduate Accelerator eases this transition by combining credit-bearing courses from the first year of your degree with additional academic support, instruction and cultural experiences. Together, these facets of the program combine to create a learning-centered environment that promotes academic success, active involvement in campus life and community engagement.

The Undergraduate Accelerator comprises three distinct programs:

- EXTENDED ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (EAP)
- ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (AAP)
- INTEGRATED ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (IAP)



The Undergraduate Accelerator

The Undergraduate Accelerator program that's right for you will depend on your academic background, level of English-language proficiency and personal preferences; however, all Undergraduate Accelerator programs offer the following:

Flexibility

With the U.S. academic model, you can change majors and explore what interests you, customize your educational experience and pursue your dreams.

24/7 Multilingual Support

As an Undergraduate Accelerator student, you and your family benefit from round-the-clock support for help with all matters, large or small.

Dedicated Support Services Team

New students will receive support on all issues—academic and personal—as well as help with practicalities such as airport pickup, opening a bank account and mobile phone registration. Your support team will include:

- Student Services Advisor
- Regular Tutoring Sessions
- Career Advisors
- Academic Advisors

Small Class Sizes

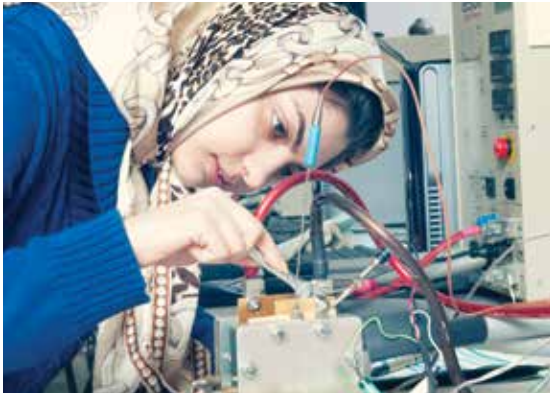
You're given greater individual attention and tailored support with our small class sizes.

American Cultural Experiences

The Live, Learn, Grow course gives you the social, professional and academic skills to succeed beyond the Undergraduate Accelerator. Best of all, it includes eight cultural experiences that connect you with your fellow students and your community.

Career Accelerator Program (CAP)

Through the two-year CAP, you'll enhance your employability, gain skills to advance your academic performance and access opportunities for real-world work placement, either while pursuing your degree or upon graduation.



THE CAROLINA CORE

The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience required for all Carolina undergraduate students. All USC freshmen begin taking foundational courses through the Carolina Core that span the liberal arts and sciences—classes that count toward the students' total credit-hour needs.



COURSE SPOTLIGHT:



LIVE, LEARN, GROW

Depending on your specific program track, you will take either one, two or three semesters of the Undergraduate Accelerator's signature course: Live, Learn, Grow. The course curriculum's skills-based and experiential approach is critical to your personal and professional growth and helps to ensure your success at USC and beyond.

- Acquire essential information for day-to-day life at USC as you navigate your immediate physical and emotional surroundings and immerse yourself deeper into the USC community.
- Become a well-rounded, autonomous learner by exploring the individual nature of learning and employing active-learning exercises to demonstrate effective learning strategies.
- Share your experiences, document your growth and articulate your personal, academic and professional goals through a capstone video project, while simultaneously building technical skills through the use of mixed-media tools and techniques.



PREPARE FOR SUCCESS.

Extended Accelerator Program (EAP)

The Extended Accelerator Program is a three-semester program for students seeking an immersive English-learning experience. The program gives students a firsthand practical and cultural understanding of the University of South Carolina campus and Columbia area through its contextual curriculum. Students may enter the program in the spring, summer or fall. Upon completion of the program, students progress into year two of their undergraduate education with a full year’s worth of academic credits.

- **An immersive educational experience** with a contextual curriculum bridging language, culture and academics.
- **USC and the World** is a unique course designed for international students that will deepen your working knowledge of life in the United States and give you a comprehensive understanding of the local community and region.
- **Bolster your academic achievement** with turbocharged English-language instruction, tutoring, academic advising and student support.
- **Benefit from personalized English-language** instruction that’s fully contextual—for example, lab-specific English-language instruction alongside your lab-science course.

Learning Track Elective Areas

Depending on their choice of major, students will follow an elective curriculum based on one of the following three tracks:

- Humanities and Social Science
- STEM and Computer Science
- Business and Finance

Sample Curriculum

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3
Live, Learn, Grow I EAP 1: English for Academic Purposes English Grammar in Context Technology for Academic Purposes (TAP) Carolina Core: Science course Carolina Core: Math course	Live, Learn, Grow II EAP 2: Critical Analysis, Composition and Presentation Carolina Core: Lab science course (including course supplement) Carolina Core: Math course (including course supplement) Carolina Core: Introduction to Language (including course supplement)	Live, Learn, Grow III EAP 3: Advanced Academic Writing and Communication Carolina Core: History course Carolina Core: Art course Academic track course

Total credits: 30+
Students only take 12-13 credit hours during the summer semester. The courses are selected based on the importance for their major and the availability of instructors. This is a sample curriculum and may be subject to change. Math course level determined through placement test taken pre-arrival.



BE EMPOWERED.

Academic Accelerator Program (AAP)

The Academic Accelerator Program is a two-semester program designed specifically for students who are ready to succeed in immersive English-speaking classrooms, but who also want the benefit of English-language and student support that will help them thrive. The program curriculum offers a balance of university-wide and AAP-exclusive courses, with English-language course supplements that equip students with the practical, subject-specific vocabulary and skills they need to excel in their course work. Students may enter the program in the spring, summer or fall. Upon completion of the program, students progress into year two of their undergraduate education with a full year’s worth of academic credits.

- **With just the right amount of support** when you need it, the Academic Accelerator Program features a curriculum designed to accommodate your academic and English-language needs.
- **Fully credit-bearing**, so you can earn a full freshman year’s worth of credits while taking courses tailored to your needs as an international student, helping you achieve your academic and career goals.
- **English-language instruction** designed around your social and academic needs; for example, you will be prepared specifically for the classes you will take, such as algebra and U.S. history.
- **Integrated with open and closed courses**, so you’ll be in some classes with U.S. students and others with your designated Undergraduate Accelerator cohort.

Learning Track Elective Areas

Depending on their choice of major, students will follow an elective curriculum based on one of the following three tracks:

- Humanities and Social Science
- STEM and Computer Science
- Business and Finance

Sample Curriculum

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
<p>Live, Learn, Grow II</p> <p>EAP 2: Critical Analysis, Composition and Presentation</p> <p>Carolina Core: Lab science course (including course supplement)</p> <p>Carolina Core: Math course (including course supplement)</p> <p>Carolina Core: Introduction to Language (including course supplement)</p>	<p>Live, Learn, Grow III</p> <p>EAP 3: Advanced Academic Writing and Communication</p> <p>Carolina Core: History course</p> <p>Carolina Core: Math course</p> <p>Carolina Core: Art course</p> <p>Academic track course</p>

Total credits: 30+
Students only take 12-13 credit hours during the summer semester. The courses are selected based on the importance for their major and the availability of instructors. This is a sample curriculum and may be subject to change. Math course level determined through placement test taken pre-arrival.



GET MORE THAN HIGH MARKS.

Integrated Accelerator Program (IAP)

The Integrated Accelerator Program is a two-semester program designed specifically for international students with an advanced level of English-language proficiency who also want the academic, cultural, professional and linguistic support they need to thrive at USC. The program features a robust advising and mentorship component, as well as priority access to the most exclusive, in-demand courses. Students may enter the program in the spring, summer or fall. Upon completion of the program, students progress into year two of their undergraduate education with a full year’s worth of academic credits.

- **For the high-achieving international student**, the Integrated Accelerator Program provides an exclusive and academically rigorous freshman-year experience.
- **Have priority access** to a selection of courses hand-picked by your academic adviser, which are tailored to your interests and career goals.
- **Find success with coaches and mentors** that help ensure you have access to the resources you need to get the most out of your education and your experience in the United States.
- **Expand your network** through career preparation and programming that deepens your connection to the university, your fellow students and potential employers.

Learning Track Elective Areas

Depending on their choice of major, students will follow an elective curriculum based on one of the following three tracks:

- Humanities and Social Science
- STEM and Computer Science
- Business and Finance

Sample Curriculum

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2
<p>Live, Learn, Grow II</p> <p>Carolina Core: Lab science course</p> <p>Carolina Core: Math course</p> <p>Carolina Core: Anthropology course</p> <p>Academic Track course</p>	<p>Live, Learn, Grow III</p> <p>Carolina Core: History course</p> <p>Carolina Core: Math course</p> <p>Carolina Core: Art course</p> <p>Carolina Core: English 101</p> <p>Academic track course</p>

Total credits: 24-30+
Students only take 12-13 credit hours during the summer semester. The courses are selected based on the importance for their major and the availability of instructors. This is a sample curriculum and may be subject to change. Math course level determined through placement test taken pre-arrival.



LEADERS AND ALUMNI

As a graduate of the University of South Carolina, you're equipped to change the world we face — a pioneer and cutting-edge thinker ready to tackle some of our most challenging problems.

USC alumni can be found across the globe in India, China, Brazil, Malaysia, Russia, the U.K. and many other countries. They work in engineering, project management, research, consulting and business development in some of the world's largest and most prestigious organizations.



- Accenture
- Crimson Investment
- Dell
- Deloitte
- Hewlett-Packard
- IBM
- J.P. Morgan
- Microsoft
- Oracle
- Petronas
- Pfizer
- PWC
- SAP
- Siemens
- Unilever

LinkedIn University Finder, 2015

YOUR CAREER STARTS TODAY

Career Accelerator Program

Develop your professional presence and get a head start on your future! Participate in the Career Accelerator Program alongside the Undergraduate Accelerator and your degree, and you'll be heading for career success from day one. Whether you will be looking for a new job when you graduate, planning on returning to a previous employer or thinking about starting your own business, you will enhance your professional skills. In addition, you will gain skills proven to advance your academic performance, and work with a dedicated career counselor who will help you access opportunities for real-work placement in line with your career goals. These opportunities will be available to you during your degree or after graduation.

The Career Accelerator Program takes two years to complete and is tailored to the unique experience of international students. It'll help you develop the skills to stand out in a crowded global job market: you'll explore career interests, practice interview skills, develop a powerful résumé or CV and connect with employers and executives and build an impressive network of contacts.

To be eligible for internship placement assistance, students must:

- Successfully complete all required elements of the Career Accelerator Program
- Have at least a 3.3 GPA
- Have maintained appropriate immigration status in the United States
- Be eligible for off-campus work authorization via the ISS office

Once you begin the program, you will have access to advisors who will help you to successfully navigate these requirements.

For more information, see sc.edu/iap.

South Carolina's most notable alumni are CEOs, business leaders, writers and philanthropists.



Marva Smalls
Executive Vice President
at Nickelodeon



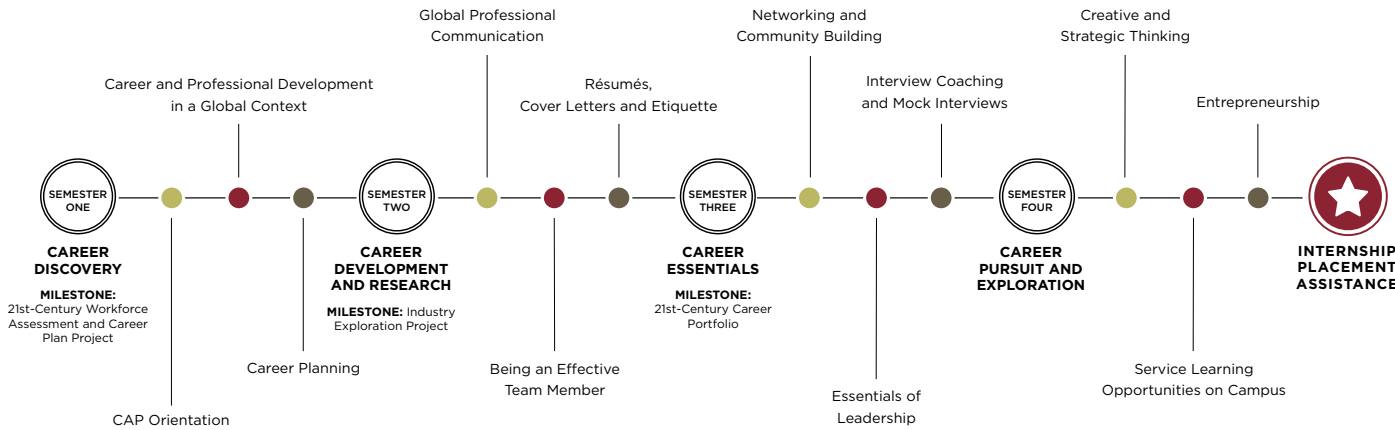
David A. King
Director of NASA's Marshall
Space Flight Center



Glenn Tilton
Former Chairman, President
and CEO of United Airlines



Robert C. McNair
Entrepreneur, philanthropist
and owner of the Houston Texans
NFL team



This is a sample CAP curriculum and may be subject to change. The above timeline outlines the main topics and activities delivered each semester. Additional career events, workshops and guest speakers that are arranged will be announced at the start of the program.

LIVE

Undergraduate Accelerator students live on campus during their first year in residence halls such as East Quad*. Offering the best of community living while maintaining individual privacy, East Quad is an apartment-style residence hall that is home to 443 students.

Featuring apartments with four private bedrooms, two bathrooms, a living room and a kitchen, you have the amenities of off-campus living, on campus. East Quad also has two classrooms, lounge space on the lower level and a laundry room. East Quad's complex is built around an attractive landscaped courtyard where you can enjoy the warm South Carolina weather.

Take a virtual tour of East Quad at housing.sc.edu/virtualtour.

YOUR ROOM

- Private room
- Shared bathroom
- Extra-long twin bed (single bed)
- Study desk and chair
- Dresser with drawers
- Closet
- Linen pack containing bedding, sheets, pillowcases and towels

Note that room type, floor plans, layouts, dimensions and features may vary.

COST*

\$8,500 USD (2 semesters)

\$13,500 USD (3 semesters)

**Prices are subject to increase. Visit sc.edu/iap for the most current price. Housing at East Quad is on a first-come, first-served basis and summer semester housing may be in a different residence with different amenities. Other on-campus and off-campus options may be available, which may vary in price and room type.*



DINE sc.edu/dining

Carolina Dining is here to make your college years tasty. We have everything from an all-you-care-to-eat buffet, to chains such as Starbucks, Pizza Hut and Taco Bell, to specialty cafes with vegan and international options and late-night eateries.

Your meal plan can be used at any of our 25+ on-campus dining locations. You are allotted 14 mealtime transactions per week and have an additional amount of **"CAROLINA CASH"** to spend on additional meals, snacks, coffee and special events.

COST*

\$4,000 USD (2 semesters)

\$5,500 USD (3 semesters)

**Prices are subject to increase. Visit sc.edu/iap for the most current price.*

CENTRAL CAMPUS

Cooper's Corner
Gamecock Park
Grand Market Place
Horseshoe Deli
Marble Slab/American Cookie
Market 101 & Grill 101
Naturally Woodstock
Pandini's
Preston's at Noon

WEST CAMPUS

Café Verde
Café à la Carte
Fast Break
HoneyComb Café
& The Buzz
Global Café



EAST CAMPUS

The Colloquium Café
Einstein Bros.
East Gibbes Court Bistro
Hampton Street Café
Top of Carolina

SOUTH CAMPUS

Bates Diner
Carolina Fast Track
The Dodie Café



INTERNATIONAL ACCELERATOR

GET STARTED

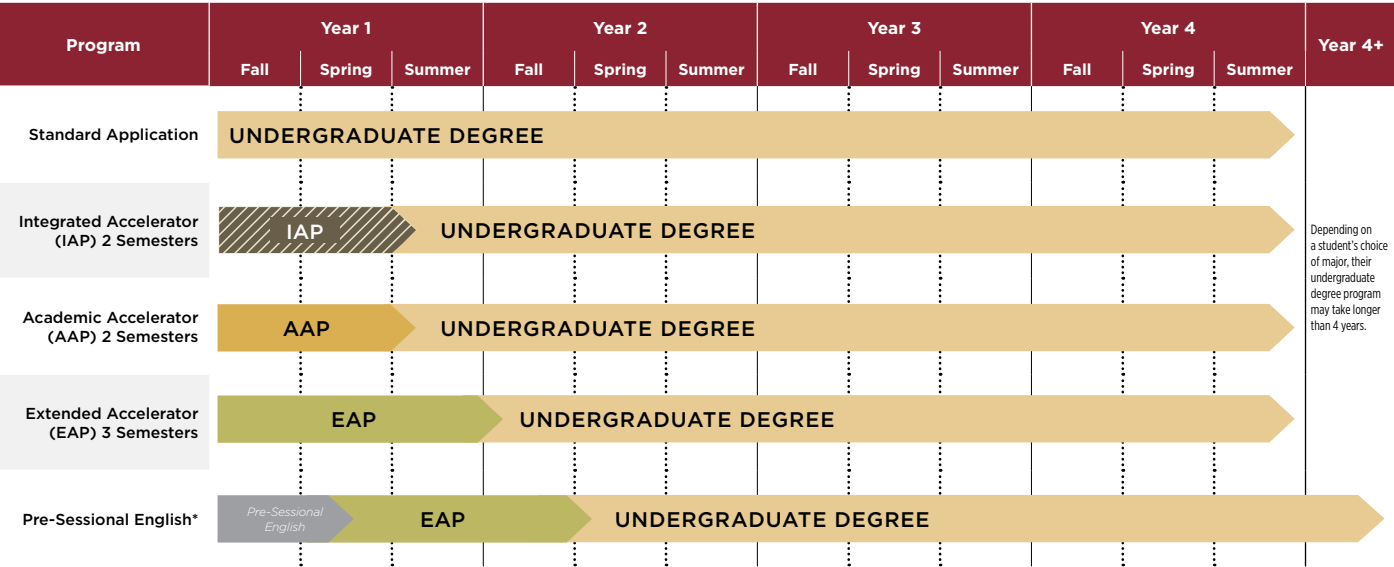
USC International Accelerator Program

The Undergraduate Accelerator program that is best for you will depend on your academic qualifications, English-language level and personal preferences.

		INTEGRATED ACCELERATOR (IAP)	ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR (AAP)	EXTENDED ACCELERATOR (EAP)	PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH
Program	First Year Program Length	2 semesters/9 months	2 semesters/9 months	3 semesters/12 months	17-week sessions <i>Duration based on English-language proficiency</i>
	Program Curriculum	Planned	Planned	Planned	Planned
	Total Credits Earned Toward Degree	24-30+	30+ credits	30+ credits	Not Applicable
	Progression Requirements*	GPA 2.25	GPA 2.25	GPA 2.25	Successful completion of EPI Level 3 or a score of 500 on the Institutional TOEFL and cumulative GPA 2.5
	Progesion Into	Year 2	Year 2	Year 2	Extended Accelerator
Admissions	GPA Requirement	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
	TOEFL/IELTS Requirement	TOEFL 77 IELTS 6.5	TOEFL 68 IELTS 5.5	TOEFL 60 IELTS 5.0	TOEFL < 60 IELTS < 5.0
	Projected Tuition & Fees**	\$32,800	\$32,800	\$36,800	\$5,150
	Additional Admissions Requirements***	Post-secondary credit requires additional review	Post-secondary credit requires additional review	Post-secondary credit requires additional review	Post-secondary credit requires additional review

*Progression into specific majors may have additional requirements.
**Tuition and fees are subject to change. See [sc.edu/iap](#) for current costs.
***Post-secondary credit has additional GPA requirements and review. See [sc.edu/iap](#) for details.

Progression varies based on a student’s English-language ability, degree choice and course load per semester.



*Varies based on English-language proficiency.

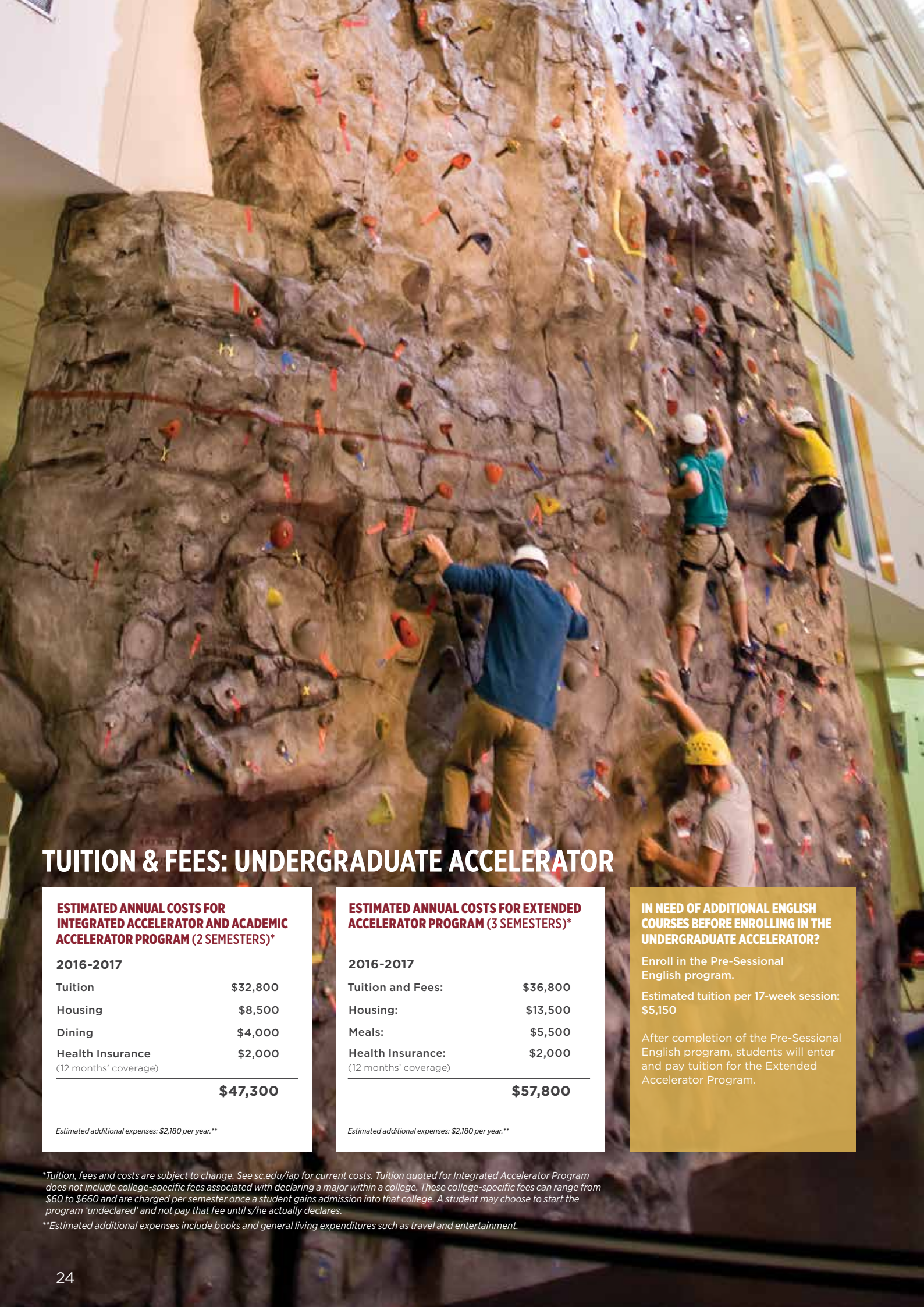


All dates and deadlines are subject to change. Check [sc.edu/iap](#) for the latest information.

SPRING 2016	UNDERGRADUATE ACCELERATOR (ALL ROUTES)	PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAM
Acceptance of offer deadline	1 December 2015	1 December 2015
Move-in date	6 January 2016	6 January 2016
Program start date	7 January 2016	7 January 2016

SUMMER 2016	UNDERGRADUATE ACCELERATOR (ALL ROUTES)	PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAM
Acceptance of offer deadline	1 April 2016	1 April 2016
Move-in date	8 May 2016	16 May 2016
Program start date	9 May 2016	17 May 2016

FALL 2016	UNDERGRADUATE ACCELERATOR (ALL ROUTES)	PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAM
Acceptance of offer deadline	7 July 2016	7 July 2016
Move-in date	10 August 2016	10 August 2016
Program start date	11 August 2016	11 August 2016



TUITION & FEES: UNDERGRADUATE ACCELERATOR

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS FOR INTEGRATED ACCELERATOR AND ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (2 SEMESTERS)*	
2016-2017	
Tuition	\$32,800
Housing	\$8,500
Dining	\$4,000
Health Insurance (12 months' coverage)	\$2,000
\$47,300	
<small>Estimated additional expenses: \$2,180 per year.**</small>	

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COSTS FOR EXTENDED ACCELERATOR PROGRAM (3 SEMESTERS)*	
2016-2017	
Tuition and Fees:	\$36,800
Housing:	\$13,500
Meals:	\$5,500
Health Insurance: (12 months' coverage)	\$2,000
\$57,800	
<small>Estimated additional expenses: \$2,180 per year.**</small>	

IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL ENGLISH COURSES BEFORE ENROLLING IN THE UNDERGRADUATE ACCELERATOR?

Enroll in the Pre-Sessional English program.

Estimated tuition per 17-week session: \$5,150

After completion of the Pre-Sessional English program, students will enter and pay tuition for the Extended Accelerator Program.

*Tuition, fees and costs are subject to change. See sc.edu/iap for current costs. Tuition quoted for Integrated Accelerator Program does not include college-specific fees associated with declaring a major within a college. These college-specific fees can range from \$60 to \$660 and are charged per semester once a student gains admission into that college. A student may choose to start the program 'undeclared' and not pay that fee until s/he actually declares.

**Estimated additional expenses include books and general living expenditures such as travel and entertainment.

APPLYING TO THE UNDERGRADUATE ACCELERATOR



Submit Your Official Transcripts

Mail them to:

USC International Accelerator Program
1705 College Street
7th Floor
Columbia, SC 29208
U.S.A.

OR submit official transcripts in person upon arrival on campus (see below).

If submitting originals upon arrival, the original transcripts must be viewed by an official USC recruiter, public notary or regional office and certified with a stamp on your application. Once certified, your transcripts can be scanned and emailed to iapadmissions@sc.edu.

Please note: Students cannot enroll until original transcripts have been received.

Provide Certification of Finances

After your conditional offer is received (congratulations!), you need to submit any additional documents requested in the offer. You must also provide a Certificate of Finances and accompanying documentation from your bank showing available funds sufficient to cover your program's tuition.

Finally, you must pay a deposit, as will be outlined in your acceptance packet. The deposit will be refunded if the requirements are not met. See Terms and Conditions on pages 36 and 37.

We have regional teams located across the world ready to assist you with your USC Undergraduate Accelerator application and to give you advice and guidance throughout the admissions process. Contact iapadmissions@sc.edu and we will direct your query to our team in your region.



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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name must appear exactly as shown in applicant’s passport.

Title:	Gender:
Family name:	
Given names:	
Preferred name:	
Date of birth (DD/MM/YY):	
Country of birth:	
Country of citizenship:	
City of birth:	
Passport number:	
Passport date of expiry (DD/MM/YY):	

CONTACT DETAILS

Permanent, non-U.S. home address (mandatory):		
Street (or physical address):		
City:		
Region:		
State:		
Province:		
Postal code:		
Country:		
Applicant’s mailing address in the U.S.A. (if applicable):		
City:	State:	Postal code:
Mobile telephone: + []		
Home telephone: + []		
Applicant’s email (mandatory):		

Recruiter or agent name (if applicable):
Recruiter’s email:
Recruiter’s address:
Street (or physical address):
City:
Region:
State:
Province:
Postal code:
Country:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:	Relationship:
Address:	
Mobile telephone: + []	
Home telephone: + []	
Email:	

SELECT YOUR ROUTE TO SOUTH CAROLINA

<input type="checkbox"/> Extended Accelerator Program — 3 semesters
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Accelerator Program — 2 semesters
<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Accelerator Program — 2 semesters

Do you require the Pre-Sessional English Program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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INTENDED MAJOR

Write in major: _____

INTENDED START DATE

Indicate year and semester you wish to start:

Year:	<input type="checkbox"/> August (Fall)	<input type="checkbox"/> January (Spring)	<input type="checkbox"/> May (Summer)
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EDUCATION DETAILS

English Proficiency	
IELTS band (total) score:	
Date taken or scheduled (DD/MM/YY):	
IELTS section scores:	
TOEFL total score:	
Date taken or scheduled (DD/MM/YY):	
TOEFL subtest scores:	
Native language:	Years of English study:
Have you taken another English-language exam? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If Yes, please provide copies of results with application.	

FORM I-20

Do you have a Form I-20 from another institution in the United States?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Expired
If “Yes” or “Expired”, please provide a copy with your application materials.

EDUCATION HISTORY (post-secondary and further education)

Name of secondary school attended:	
City of secondary school:	
Country of secondary school:	
From (DD/MM/YY):	To (DD/MM/YY):
Anticipated date of secondary-school graduation (DD/MM/YY):	
Have you attended additional secondary schools? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide transcripts with application.	
Language of instruction:	

Name of post-secondary school attended:
City of post-secondary school:
Country of post-secondary school:
From (DD/MM/YY) to (DD/MM/YY):
Anticipated date of graduation/transfer (DD/MM/YY):
Language of instruction:
Have you attended additional post-secondary institutions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide transcripts with application.

EDUCATION DETAILS (CONTINUED)

Advanced Tests (if applicable)

SAT total score:	SAT date (DD/MM/YY):
CR score:	Math score:
ACT scores:	ACT date (DD/MM/YY):
Composite:	Math: English:
Other test:	Other test date (DD/MM/YY):

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Required if transferring from another educational institution in the United States.

City/State/Country: _____

From (DD/MM/YY) to (DD/MM/YY): _____

Degree earned: _____

School transferring: _____

SEVIS #: _____

DEPENDENTS

Do you have dependents you would like to add to your I-20?

☐ Yes ☐ No

AIRPORT RECEPTION

Do you require airport pickup? If so, after you book your travel, please visit uofsc.org/flight and enter your arrival details and flight information.

☐ Yes ☐ No

MEDICAL INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

(This section must be completed.)

☐ I understand USC IAP will provide a required 12 months of medical coverage upon my arrival in the United States at a cost of \$2,000 USD. At the end of 12 months, I will be required to extend the initial coverage. This fee changes annually and is correct at the time of printing.

SPONSORED STUDENTS

Please indicate if any part of your education will be sponsored.

Type of sponsorship (for example: tuition, fees, living expenses, other):
Name of sponsoring organization:

OTHER INFORMATION

How did you first learn about the University of South Carolina?

- ☐ Exhibition or seminar
- ☐ Newspaper or magazine
- ☐ Recommendation from friend or colleague
- ☐ Recommendation from recruiter

Name: _____

- ☐ Internet search or advertisement
- ☐ Recommendation from family member

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED

- ☐ Copy of passport (if available)
- ☐ Copy of academic transcript
- ☐ Copy of official English assessment score report
- ☐ Copy of bank statements

Please note: Accepted students must bring original copies of all materials when arriving on campus.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action or do you currently have a disciplinary charge pending by any educational institution for academic misconduct, such as cheating? (You do not need to disclose any academic dismissal, suspension or probation that was due to poor grades.)
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action or do you currently have a disciplinary charge pending by any educational institution for behavior misconduct, such as fighting?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- Have you ever been convicted of, or charged with, a criminal offense or are you currently the subject of any criminal proceeding?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have answered “yes” to either of the above questions, please submit a separate sheet that gives the circumstances and approximate date of each incident.

DECLARATION

I declare that the information I have supplied on this form is complete and correct. I understand that giving false or incomplete information may lead to the refusal of my application or cancellation of enrollment and/or loss of visa status.

I have read and understand the published course information in the brochure or website, and I have sufficient information about the University of South Carolina (USC) and the University of South Carolina International Accelerator Program (USC IAP) to make an informed enrollment decision.

I give the University of South Carolina and the USC IAP permission to obtain official records from any educational institution attended by me. I give the University of South Carolina permission to provide the USC IAP with any information pertaining to my application of study, my ongoing academic progress and my results and attendance for the purposes of evaluating my admissibility and progression status.

I grant USC and the USC IAP permission to provide my parent(s), guardian(s), sponsor and recruiter, with ongoing information pertaining to my application to study, and my education records, including ongoing academic progress, results, attendance and disciplinary record, for the purpose of facilitating family communications about the university experience.

I understand that after I commence my studies with the USC IAP, I will need to successfully complete the program and meet the minimum required progression standards before I can continue my studies at the University of South Carolina.

I understand that tuition and fees may change without notice. I accept responsibility for payment of all relevant tuition and fees, and I agree to abide by the USC IAP refund policy.

I understand that living expenses in the United States may be higher than in my own country and I confirm that I have the financial ability to meet these costs.

I have read and understand the published program terms and conditions on pages 30-31 and understand that the most updated copy may be found at sc.edu/iap.

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE

Date (DD/MM/YY):

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if applicant is under 18)

Date (DD/MM/YY):

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Scan and email completed application to iapadmissions@sc.edu.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Application received:
Application number:



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS BY COUNTRY

COUNTRY	ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENT	EXTENDED & ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR SCORE	INTEGRATED ACCELERATOR SCORE
United States	Successful graduation of year 12 and completion of college preparatory curriculum	2.5	3.0
Angola	Certificado de Habilitações Literárias with an average subject score as follows:	12	14
Argentina	Bachiller	6.5	7
Australia	Year 12 certificates and grades; certificate type may vary by state and territory	C+ /65%	B/70%
Bahrain	Tawjahiya Secondary School Certificate	55%	60%
Bangladesh	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)	40-49%	50-59%
Botswana	Botswana General Certificate of Secondary Education	SC, SD or C avg.	SC, FD or B avg.
Brazil	Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio	6/10	7/10
Brunei	Brunei-Cambridge Certificate of Education Ordinary Level	BO Level C+	BO Level B
Cambodia	Baccalauréat	65%	70%
Canada	Grade averages will be assessed according to provincial variations and admission requirements for your program of study	68%	73%
Chile	Licencia de Educación Media	4.75	5.25
China	Upper Middle School Graduation Certificate (Gao San*)	70%	78%
Colombia	Bachiller or Bachillerato or Título de Bechiller Académico	7/10 3.5/5	8/10 3.7/5
Ecuador	Bachillerato or Título de Bachiller	7/10	7.5/10
Egypt	Thanaweya Amma or General Secondary Education Certificate	64% or pass	70%
Fiji	Fiji School Leaving Certificate or Form 7 Certificate	6 avg.	5 avg.
France	Baccalauréat Général	11	12
GCE	Equivalent of 80 UCAS points in a combination of AS and A level results	80	120
Ghana	West African School Certificate or Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination with a minimum score in 5 subjects	C6	B4
Hong Kong	HKDSE — If applicable, O and A level in at least 5 academic subjects.**	2 or better in at least 4 academic subjects**	3 or better in at least 4 academic subjects**
India	Years 10 and 12 exams	50%	70%
Indonesia	Surat Tanda Tanat Belajar (STTB) or Sekolah Menengah Unum Tingkat Atas (SMA) in 5 academic subjects	6	7.5
International Baccalaureate	Completion with an overall average or subject score in each subject	24/4.0	26/5.0
Iran	Peesh-daneshgahii Diplome (High School Diploma)	13	14
Israel	Teudat Bagrut (Matriculation Certificate)	65%	70%
Japan	Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shosho (Upper Secondary School Leaving Certificate)	3.5	4
Jordan	Tawjihi — Academic (General Secondary Education Certificate)	65%	70%
Kazakhstan	Attestat	3.5	4
Kenya	Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE)	C+ /7	B- /8
Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	Inmungye Kodung Hakkyo (High School Certificate) with an average weighted rank Korean GED	77%	82%
Kuwait	Shahadat Al-Thanawiya-Al-A'ama (Secondary School Diploma) with an average in academic courses	75%	80%
Laos	Baccalaureat II	13.9 or higher	14.6 or higher
Macau	Senior Secondary Certificate	55% or 11 or higher	60% or 12 or higher
Malaysia	SPM Sijil Pelajaran Malyasia (Certificate of Education) with a B or higher; UEC (Unified Education Certificate); STPM Sijil Tinggi Perokolahan Malaysia (Advanced Certificate of Education)	B/4 B6 C+	3 B4 B-
Mauritius	See GCE criteria	GCE	GCE

COUNTRY	ACADEMIC ENTRY REQUIREMENT	EXTENDED & ACADEMIC ACCELERATOR SCORE	INTEGRATED ACCELERATOR SCORE
Mexico	Certificado de Bachillerato (Baccalaureate Certificate)	7	8
Mongolia	School Leaving Certificate (Gerchilgee) after 12 years	79/C+	83/B
Myanmar	Basic Education Standard Exam Diploma A (Academic)	3/49%	4/55%
Nepal	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) with 45% (second division) or higher	45%	50%
Nigeria	West African School Certificate or Nigerian Exam Council exam (NECO) with a minimum score in 5 subjects	C6	B4
Oman	Thanawiya Amma (General Secondary School Certificate)	70%	80%
Pakistan	Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)	45%	50%
Panama	Diploma de Bachiller	3.5/75%	4.0/81%
Peru	Bachillerato Academic or Certificado de Educación Secundaria Común Completa	12/20	13/20
Philippines	High School Diploma	80%/C+	85%/B
Qatar	Al-Thanawiya Aama Qatari (General Secondary School Certificate)	69%	74%
Russia	Attestat o srednem (polnom) obschem obrazovanii (Certificate of [Complete] General Secondary Education)	3.5	4
Saudi Arabia	Shahadat Al-Marhat Al-Thanawiiyyat (General Education Secondary Certificate) in the Natural Sciences track	75%	80%
Singapore	Singapore Cambridge GCE O Level — 5 academic subjects or GCE A Level with 3 subjects	D or higher	C or higher
South Africa	Senior Certificate with Matriculation Endorsement	D/55%	C/60%
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Collegiate GCE A Levels with passes in 3 subjects and Senior Secondary School GCE O Levels with passes in 5 subjects	C/55%	B/65%
Sweden	Avgångsbetyg/Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskola (Certificate from Upper Secondary School) with 5 academic subjects	G/60%	VG-G/70%
Switzerland	Eidgenössisches Maturität, Maturité fédérale, Baccalauréat or Maturità federale	5/10	7/10
	Eidgenössisch anerkannte Kantonale Maturität or Maturité cantonal reconnu par la Confédération	4/6	5/6
	Maturità cantonale riconosciuta dalla Confederazione	3/4	2/4
Taiwan	Senior High School Diploma or certificate of graduation	65%	70%
Tanzania	Certificate of Secondary Education (CSE)	E/5	D/4
Thailand	Mathayom VI (Secondary) Certificate/M6	65%	70%
Turkey	Lise Diploması (Secondary School [Lyceum] Diploma)	3.5/65%	4/70%
UAE	Tawjihiyya (General Secondary Education Certificate)	70%	80%
Uganda	Uganda Certificate of Education or General Certificate of Education Level (O Level) Examination Certificate with 5 academic subjects passed Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education and one pass in College preparatory subject D's (2) C's (2)	C7	B5
Ukraine	Attestat Certificate of Complete General Secondary Education or Matriculation Certificate	3.5/6	4/8
United Kingdom	See GCE criteria	GCE	GCE
Vietnam	Baccalaureat II (Bảng Tốt Nghiệp Trung học Phổ thông or Bảng Tốt nghiệp Bổ túc Văn hóa)	6.25	7
West African School Certificate	Completion with a minimum of 5 subjects	C6	B4
Zambia	Zambian School Certificate Examination with 5 subjects passed	C6	B4
Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe School Certificate with 5 subjects passed	C	B

*Gao Kao is not required for admission into the Undergraduate Accelerator. However, students are required to complete the Gui Kao and receive a leaving certificate. The leaving certificate does not need to be submitted at the time of admission but will be required upon arrival to enroll in classes.

**Excludes Liberal Studies. Academic subjects are determined by the admissions team for the respective partner university.

Admission and Progression GPA Requirements*

*Subject to change.
**Applies only to Integrated, Academic and Extended Accelerator students who have completed the Undergraduate Accelerator First-Year Experience. DOES NOT apply to standard application freshmen.
***Some majors have strict lower division progression requirements and students in AAP and EAP may need to take an additional semester or summer course before progressing to upper division coursework. Contact USC Undergraduate Accelerator staff for details.
For information on standard application, see page 9.

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES		
MAJOR	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
HUMANITIES:		
African American Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
Chinese Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
Classics	2.0	2.0 GPA
Comparative Literature	2.0	2.0 GPA
English	2.0	2.0 GPA
European Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
French	2.0	2.0 GPA
German	2.0	2.0 GPA
History	2.0	2.0 GPA
International Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
Latin American Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
Philosophy	2.0	2.0 GPA
Religious Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
Russian	2.0	2.0 GPA
Spanish	2.0	2.0 GPA
MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES:		
Mathematics	2.0, with a B or better in either MATH 141, 142, 241 or 300	2.0 GPA
Statistics	2.0 (if on campus) or 2.25 (if off campus), and a B or better in MATH 141, 142, STAT 509 or STAT 515	2.0 GPA
NATURAL SCIENCES:		
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology***	2.5	
Biological Sciences***	2.5	2.0 GPA
Cardiovascular Technology	2.0, 2.5 @ 30 hrs and 2.75 @ 60 hrs	2.0, 2.5 @ 30 hrs and 2.75 @ 60 hrs
Chemistry, BS or BSC	2.5	2.0 GPA
Environmental Science	2.8, with a minimum of 24 credit-hours	2.0 GPA
Geological Sciences	2.0	2.0 GPA
Geophysics	2.0	2.0 GPA
Marine Science	2.5	2.0 GPA
Physics	2.0	2.0 GPA
SOCIAL SCIENCES:		
Anthropology	2.0	2.0 GPA
Criminology and Criminal Justice	2.0	2.0 GPA
Economics	2.25	2.25 GPA
Environmental Studies, BA	2.8, with a minimum of 12 credit-hours	2.0 GPA
Geography	2.0	2.0 GPA
Political Science	2.0	2.0 GPA
Psychology	2.25	2.25 GPA; if a student does not pass PSYC 226 with a grade of C or better after two attempts, the student is asked to change major.
Sociology	2.0	2.0 GPA
Women's and Gender Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
THE ARTS:		
Art Education	2.0	2.0 GPA
Art History	2.0	2.0 GPA
Art, Studio	2.0	2.0 GPA
Dance	2.0	2.0 GPA
Film and Media Studies	2.0	2.0 GPA
Media Arts	2.0	2.0 GPA
Theatre	2.0	2.0 GPA

DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS		
MAJOR***	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Accounting	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
Business Economics	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
Finance	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
International Business	UAP students must apply for entry into the major upon matriculation. Contact advisor at undergrad.ib@moore.sc.edu for details.	
Management	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
Management Science	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
Marketing	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
Real Estate	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
Risk Management and Insurance	3.0	Calculus required for admission at minimum
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION		
MAJOR***	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Athletic Training	2.5	2.5 GPA (requirement for advancement for all Education majors)
Early Childhood Education	2.5	2.5 GPA (requirement for advancement for all Education majors)
Elementary Education	2.5	2.5 GPA (requirement for advancement for all Education majors)
Middle Level Education	2.5	2.5 GPA (requirement for advancement for all Education majors)
Physical Education	2.5	2.5 GPA (requirement for advancement for all Education majors)
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTING		
MAJOR***	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Biomedical Engineering	2.75 GPA and C or better in MATH 141	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress, 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Chemical Engineering	2.75 GPA and C or better in MATH 141	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Civil and Environmental Engineering	2.75 GPA and C or better in MATH 141	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Computer Engineering	2.75 GPA and C or better in MATH 141	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Computer Information Systems	2.75 GPA	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Computer Science	2.75 GPA	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Electrical Engineering	2.75 GPA and C or better in MATH 141	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.
Mechanical Engineering	2.75 GPA and C or better in MATH 141	2.0 GPA on Lower Division courses to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to progress. 2.0 Major GPA to graduate.

COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, RETAIL & SPORT MANAGEMENT		
MAJOR	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Hospitality Management	2.0	N/A
Integrated Information Technology	2.0	N/A
Retailing	2.0	N/A
Sport and Entertainment Management	2.75	N/A
Tourism Management	2.0	N/A
COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS		
MAJOR	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS*	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Advertising	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete JOUR 101 and 291 with grade of C or higher, declare minor/cognate, complete foreign-language requirement.
Broadcast Journalism	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete JOUR 101 and 291 with grade of C or higher, declare minor/cognate, complete foreign-language requirement.
Information Science	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete SLIS 201 and 202 with a grade of C or higher
Journalism	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete JOUR 101 and 291 with grade of C or higher, declare minor/cognate, complete foreign-language requirement.
Mass Communications	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete JOUR 101 and 291 with grade of C or higher, declare minor/cognate, complete foreign-language requirement.
Public Relations	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete JOUR 101 and 291 with grade of C or higher, declare minor/cognate, complete foreign-language requirement.
Visual Communications	2.5	2.5 GPA, complete JOUR 101 and 291 with grade of C or higher, declare minor/cognate, complete foreign-language requirement.
SCHOOL OF MUSIC		
MAJOR***	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Music	2.5; C or better in music courses	Successful music audition
Music, Composition	2.5; C or better in music courses	Successful music audition
Music, Jazz Studies	2.5; C or better in music courses	Successful music audition
Music, Music Education	2.5; C or better in music courses	Successful music audition
Music, Performance	2.5; C or better in music courses	Successful music audition
Music, Theory	2.5; C or better in music courses	Successful music audition
COLLEGE OF NURSING		
MAJOR***	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Nursing	Students must maintain a minimum 3.00 overall AND institutional GPA in order to maintain good standing in the nursing program.	Progression is limited to a set number of qualified students based on available clinical placements. If unable to progress in the program, students may change their major, apply to other nursing programs or reapply. Students who are not accepted to the upper division should talk with their advisor regarding the feasibility of reapplication. If the student chooses to reapply to the upper division, the student must submit a new application for the next admission cycle and must compete with a new applicant group.
COLLEGE OF PHARMACY		
MAJOR***	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Pharmaceutical Sciences	3.0 @ 12 hrs	To progress to the third and fourth years, a student must be accepted in the PharmD (Doctor of Pharmacy) program at USC.
ARNOLD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH		
MAJOR	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Exercise Science***	2.75 or higher for transfer or change of majors	2.0 GPA; complete ENGL 101, ENGL 102, BIOL 101/101L, BIOL 102/102L, CHEM 111, MATH 122 OR 141 with C or higher
Public Health, BA	2.75 or higher for transfer or change of majors	Min. 2.0 GPA
Public Health, BS	2.75 or higher for transfer or change of majors	Min. 2.0 GPA; complete ENGL 101, ENGL 102, BIOL 101/101L, BIOL 102/102L, CHEM 111, MATH 122 or 141 with C or higher
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK		
MAJOR	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**	PROGRESSION GPA REQUIREMENTS
Social Work	2.25 C or better in ENGL 101 and 102 (eventually C in BIOL 110 as well)	2.5 @ 60 degree-applicable hours; enrollment is limited in order to maintain program accreditation



TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. International Accelerator Program at the University of South Carolina (USC IAP) students should read these terms and conditions carefully prior to submitting an application. In addition to these terms and conditions, as students at University of South Carolina's (USC), all USC IAP students are bound by the rules and regulations governing USC, as those may be amended from time to time. The most recent USC rules can be found here: sc.edu/policies/policiesbydivision.php
2. USC and USC IAP reserve the right to amend these terms and conditions from time to time. At all times, students will be required to comply with the then-current terms and conditions. The most current USC IAP terms and conditions can be found at www.uofsc.org/terms-and-conditions.
3. **Application:** Students may apply to the USC IAP (Extended, Academic or Integrated), USC Pe-Sessional English Language Program, or for direct admission to USC. If you decide to apply to any of these programs, be sure to use the application that is specific to the program you select. Each application contains terms & conditions governing the specific program and students acknowledge by submitting an application that they agree to the terms and conditions of the respective program. Links to applicable applications and terms and conditions can be found here: sc.edu/iap or sc.edu/admissions.
4. **Transfer Credits:** Students who have attempted any postsecondary credit prior to applying to the USC IAP are subject to additional review and admission requirements. Prior enrollment at any post-secondary institution and any postsecondary coursework attempted must be disclosed at the time of application to the USC IAP program. For admission to the IAP, students who have studied university-level courses after the completion of high school must meet current secondary school GPA requirements (US equivalent of a 2.5 secondary school GPA) as well as a 2.5 average GPA for all post-secondary college credits, regardless of whether they wish to transfer that credit. Students with more than 18 credits of transferrable credits are not eligible for the IAP. Vocational, diploma and ESL studies are not considered in the admissions review process. Transfer credits must be submitted to an accredited evaluation service (WES, SILNY) as soon as possible after acceptance into the IAP program. Transfer credits are articulated after completion of the IAP and may be used in determining progression requirements as well as admission to specific programs of study, and may apply toward academic degree requirements. Post-secondary coursework earned outside the USC IAP program will not apply to IAP program requirements. The student acknowledges that USC and the USC IAP make no representations and cannot guarantee that post-secondary college credits will be accepted.
5. Students who are admitted to the USC IAP will receive a written offer letter with details on accepting the offer, paying the program deposit and arriving on campus.
6. **Tuition, fees, and accommodation payment:** Following payment of the deposit, students must pay the remaining outstanding balance prior to the start date of the program. USC IAP has the right to amend prices due to university actions, tax increases, governmental actions or other events beyond its control. The payment deadlines are as follows:
- | | EAP, AAP, IAP | Pre-Sessional English Program |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Spring 2016 | December 23, 2015 | December 23, 2015 |
| Summer 2016 | April 24, 2016 | May 2, 2016 |
| Fall 2016 | July 27, 2016 | July 27, 2016 |
7. **Accommodation and Meal Plan:** All USC IAP students are required to commit to a two or three term reservation (according to program length) in the USC residential hall and pay in full for these accommodations before move-in. All USC IAP students' housing commitments run two or three terms unless otherwise noted. If a USC IAP student is unable to live on campus, they must submit the USC IAP Housing Waiver form with an explanation when they send their official acceptance of their USC IAP offer, and this requirement will only be waived under extenuating circumstances. Once a student has moved into the residence hall, refunds are available only until the 15th day of class after the program start date. Refunds will be prorated through the 15th day of class. Students are also required to purchase an IAP-designated minimum fourteen (14) meal plan per week for two or three semesters, according to program length. The cost of the meal plan is non-refundable once the student has arrived on campus.
8. **Health Insurance:** All international students studying at USC are required to be covered by health insurance, which meets the U.S. Government, South Carolina State, and USC requirements.

- a. At the time of their application, students are required to purchase coverage from an IAP-designated health plan as a condition of enrollment (exceptions are only made for sponsored students who are provided with health insurance that has been approved by USC and USC IAP). The cost of health insurance is non-refundable once the student has arrived on campus. Not all services are covered, and the student is responsible for any outstanding balances for non-covered services.
- b. Prior to orientation, all students must have a completed USC Student Health Services Immunization Form documenting proof of immunity to Measles (Rubeola), Mumps and German Measles (Rubella) [MMR], and either proof of immunization against Meningitis and Hepatitis B, or a signed waiver declining these two vaccines. Mandatory Immunization Forms may be obtained through the USC Student Health Services website (<http://www.sa.sc.edu/shs/forms/immunization/>). Students must have immunization documentation to live on campus and prior to class start date.
- c. The cost of health insurance is not refundable.

9. **Airport Transfers:** Requests for airport transfer should be made at least 2 weeks in advance by visiting www.uofsc.org/welcome. Airport transfers are available for the student's initial arrival on campus for flights arriving at Columbia, SC. USC IAP cannot guarantee a reservation for a request made less than 2 weeks in advance, however, staff will make every attempt to accommodate late requests. In the event that a flight is canceled or delayed, students must call the emergency telephone number published in the Next Steps Brochure to inform IAP's staff of the new arrival date and time. Please see section 22 for airport transfer cancellation policy.

10. **Cancellation, Change, Curtailment or Withdrawal:** Students who cancel their USC IAP course prior to arrival on USC's campus may request a full refund of deposit, tuition and fees. Students will only be eligible for a refund if they submit documentation of visa denial with written notification to USC IAP prior to the course start date. After completing your fourth week of classes in your first semester of your IAP program, there will be no refunds for the remainder of the IAP program duration absent exceptional circumstances. IAP summer semesters are subject to shorter refund periods; refer to the table below. After the start of the IAP program, students may be eligible for the following refunds:

SPRING 2016	
Last day 100% refund (less all fees)	January 5, 2016
Last day 70% refund	January 15, 2016
Last day 50% refund	January 22, 2016
Last day 20% refund	February 5, 2016
Begin 0% refund	February 6, 2016
SUMMER 2016	
Last day 100% refund (less all fees)	May 7, 2016
Last day 70% refund	May 11, 2016
Last day 50% refund	May 13, 2016
Last day 20% refund	May 16, 2016
Begin 0% refund	May 17, 2016
FALL 2016	
Last day 100% refund (less all fees)	August 9, 2016
Last day 70% refund	August 26, 2016
Last day 50% refund	September 2, 2016
Last day 20% refund	September 14, 2016
Begin 0% refund	September 15, 2016

PRE-SESSIONAL SUMMER 2016 (Applies to English language tuition)	
Last day 100% refund (less all fees)	May 16, 2016
Last day 30% refund	May 27, 2016
Last day 25% refund	June 3, 2016
Last day 15% refund	June 10, 2016
Begin 0% refund	June 11, 2016
PRE-SESSIONAL FALL 2016	
Last day 100% refund (less all fees)	August 9, 2016
Last day 30% refund	August 19, 2016
Last day 25% refund	August 26, 2016
Last day 15% refund	September 2, 2016
Begin 0% refund	September 3, 2016

Lab fees, college and other fees are non-refundable once class has started.

11. **Holidays and Closures:** The IAP program adheres to the university schedule for holidays and campus closures. Refer to the academic calendar published by the Office of the Registrar: <http://registrar.sc.edu/html/calendar/5YrCalendar3.stm> and the holiday schedule approved by the Division of Human Resources: https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/human_resources/benefits/time_away/holidays/. Students should also monitor Carolina Alert for information on emergency closures due to inclement weather or other emergency situations: <http://sc.edu/carolinaalert/>. In the event of an emergency closure, faculty and students are expected to make up for the lost class time and complete all course requirements. There are no refunds for time lost due to holidays or emergency closures.

12. **Absences:** FI students must comply with all applicable United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations related to study on a student visa at USC, including attendance requirements, as well as the university and course instructor attendance policies indicated in the course syllabus. Failure to meet attendance requirements may lead to penalties, including loss of immigration status, as well as unsatisfactory course grades due to excessive absences. Any student who is absent during the program or loses immigration status due to absences will not be eligible for a refund.

13. **Academic Criteria:** Students are accepted into the USC IAP with the strict understanding that progression through the USC IAP and successful completion of any program will require satisfactory attendance and successful attainment of specified progression grades. Students in the Academic Accelerator Program and Extended Accelerator Program must meet transfer requirements before progressing to sophomore degree-seeking study at USC. Students who do not meet direct admission English proficiency requirements must also pass their English as a Second Language (ESL) courses with a C or better. Students who do not pass their ESL courses will either be required to repeat the term, repeat the course, or have additional remediation in the following term at an additional cost. Students who do not meet the criteria for successful completion will not be allowed to proceed. Students may be offered advice on suitable alternative options, which may or may not include retaking courses, repeating certain courses or pursuing a different major. These alternative options may involve additional time and costs, including tuition and accommodation fees.

14. **Academic Resources:** all books and learning materials need to be purchased by IAP students upon arrival at USC.

15. **Student Conduct:** All USC IAP students are required to follow USC's policies, rules, and regulations. Any student who commits a criminal offense, violates campus rules, has poor attendance, or fails to meet program requirements may be expelled or suspended. No refund will be given in cases of expulsion. USC's Student Code of Conduct (<http://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf626.pdf>) provides a framework of standard acceptable behavior for students. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with these policies. The Office of Student Conduct (OSC) and Academic Integrity (OAI) and the behavioral intervention process are committed to providing experiences, processes and resources that support the advancement of students' principled decision making, responsible citizenship and adherence to The Carolinian Creed; and which contribute to an environment that supports the health and safety of members so that they may reach academic goals without unnecessary impediments.

16. **Refunds:** USC IAP will only make refunds in U.S. dollars, minus bank transfer and processing fees, and will make such refunds in the manner in which IAP was originally paid and to the account of the party or parties who made such payment(s). All refunds will be made to eligible parties within 45 days of written notice.

17. **Grievance procedures, appeals or complaints:** Students must follow the policy and procedures for filing complaints, grievances and appeals in a constructive and timely manner. USC's policies and procedures on student grievances can be found at sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/provost/planning/academicprograms/state-authorization/grievance-policy.php

18. **Academic performance:** USC's Academic Policies cover many aspects of academic life. These policies outline the required standards for academic performance and maintaining good academic standing. These policies can be found at (<http://www.sc.edu/policies/index.shtml>).

19. **Photography, Filming and Sound Recording:** USC IAP or its representatives, affiliates, successors and related companies may arrange to photograph or shoot video footage of students for purposes of advertising, public relations, and/or promotion in any medium throughout the world, including on social media sites and on the internet. Any student who does not wish to participate should advise us in writing and state at the time of the photography or video shooting the wish not to participate. By accepting these terms and conditions you are indicating your consent to use these photographs or video footage without further consent or notifications unless you follow the above opt-out requirements.

20. **Force majeure:** USC and the USC IAP will not be liable in cases where USC and/or USC IAP is unable to fulfill any services because of fire, natural disaster, national emergency, act of government, acts of war or terrorism, failure of suppliers or subcontractors, labor disputes or any other reasons which are beyond USC's or IAP's control.

21. **F-1 student status in the US:** In order to maintain proper F-1 status, students must comply with all applicable Federal and South Carolina State regulations as well as University policy related to study in the United States, including pursuit of a full course of study. Students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress are in jeopardy of losing immigration status. Any violation of student status will be reported in the SEVIS database shared by USC and the Department of Homeland Security. Information collected by USC and the IAP which personally identifies a student and information regarding a student's course progress may be shared with Department of Homeland Security, state and accrediting agencies, designated authorities, and during the time of participation in the IAP program students' parents, recruiters, sponsors, and USC and IAP staff and representatives as well. This information may include personal and contact details, course enrollment details and changes, and circumstances of any suspected breach by the student of any USC or IAP policies and/or any DHS rules or regulations.

22. **Cancellation:** «Cancellation Period» refers to the period up to the start date of the first course you are attending. Cancellations must be made during the Cancellation Period in writing and in these cases, provided the student never attends, 100% of the tuition and accommodation fees will be refunded. In all cases, the enrollment fee and any other service charges (e.g. accommodation fee, airport transfer fee, medical insurance, campus fee, program supplement fee, etc.) are non-refundable. Please see Section 6 for accommodation cancellation policy and Section 9 for cancellations after the Cancellation Period. Cancellations made prior to the course start date but after arrival in the US on a USC- issued Form I-20 will be governed under standard USC tuition, fees, and accommodation cancellation policy.

23. **Liability:** The liability of the USC IAP, its operator and its group companies, their directors, officers, employees, affiliates, agents and partners with respect to losses arising from negligence (except where such liability cannot be excluded as a matter of law), breach of contract or otherwise will be limited in all circumstances to the full amount paid to USC, IAP or the relevant group company by the relevant student for the particular program. Such companies and persons will in no circumstances have any liability for indirect or consequential losses or damages. Any dispute, claim or other matter arising will be subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. By signing these terms and conditions, the student consents to and accepts the jurisdiction of such court for the purpose of any such action or proceeding and agrees to waive any objection of venue being laid therein.

24. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), the undersigned student hereby permits USC and USC IAP to disclose personally identifiable information, including educational records, financial information and, attendance records to the IAP, its operator, International Accelerator Program at the University of South Carolina, LLC, its parent Shorelight Education, LLC, and their group companies (the "Operator"). The undersigned hereby also grants USC and the IAP Operator permission to provide the student's parent(s), guardian(s), sponsor(s) and recruiter(s) with information pertaining to their application, academic progress, results and attendance. These permissions will remain in effect during the undersigned student's tenure at IAP.

25. Students must be 16 years old by the move-in date (January 6, 2016 for spring intake; May 8, 2016 for summer intake; August 10, 2016 for fall intake) in order to participate in the program. Students who are over the age of 16 but under the age of 18 will be required to obtain the signature and consent of a parent or guardian before they are able to participate in the program.



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