



**FAST FACTS
2021-2022**

UPSTATE
University of South Carolina



Overview

The University of South Carolina Upstate is nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, between Atlanta, Georgia, and Charlotte, North Carolina. One of the fastest-growing, baccalaureate-granting institutions in the nation, USC Upstate is recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as No.1 among Southern Regional Public Colleges. *Washington Monthly Magazine* ranks USC Upstate as the best baccalaureate college in South Carolina and No. 17 on its list of the nation's top undergraduate institutions.

As the public comprehensive university in the Upstate, USC Upstate is home to approximately 6,000 students and more than 50 undergraduate and graduate programs. It is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). A member of the Big South Conference, USC Upstate Spartans compete in 15 NCAA Division I sports. With about 30,000 alumni and an economic impact that exceeds half a billion dollars each year, USC Upstate is uniquely positioned to create transformative opportunities through higher education to better serve the needs of our region, to include fulfilling critical workforce needs while contributing to the social, cultural and economic development of the Upstate of South Carolina.



Greetings!

This small booklet contains big data and other substantive information about the University of South Carolina Upstate. You'll get a sense of who we serve and the programs we're continuously advancing to ensure our graduates are prepared to succeed in today's competitive marketplace.

As the only public, regional comprehensive university in the Upstate, USC Upstate is a significant engine of social and talent development, with an annual economic impact of more than half a billion dollars. Given our location in one of the country's fastest-growing areas, we have unique opportunities to build curriculum in direct response to the employment needs of the region's corporate and community leaders.

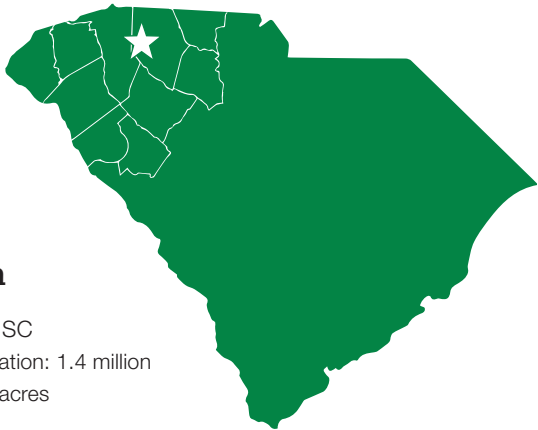
Our students receive an excellent education, but more than that, they are exposed to unparalleled opportunities to engage in research, internships, community service, study abroad and many other programs through which they acquire critical "soft skills." Among these are communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills that ensure our graduates are well-rounded and prepared to excel in their chosen fields.

This is a special university on an extraordinary campus, guided by a mission to serve our Upstate communities. We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment that affirms identity and embraces our core values of wellness, equity, and civility. UP is where we live!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bennie L. Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bennie L. Harris
Chancellor



Location

Spartanburg, SC
Upstate Population: 1.4 million
Campus: 330 acres

Economic Impact

The economic impact of USC Upstate on the state of South Carolina exceeds \$500 million annually.

Strategic Priorities

Up. Together—The USC Upstate Strategic Plan 2018–2023 was created to capitalize on the University’s tremendous positive momentum, forge a path ahead, and achieve even greater heights. It’s built upon three strategic priorities, each of which is supported by actionable objectives and measured by key performance indicators.

We create transformative opportunities.

USC Upstate is defined by a culture of accountability, excellence, equity, and engagement by:

- providing rigorous, career-relevant and accessible education
- enhancing the quality of life in Upstate South Carolina
- being the university of choice for faculty and staff, students, and the community



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Students

Enrollment Figures (undergrad, transfer, grad)

STUDENT ENROLLMENT (Fall 2020)

Total enrollment	6,038
Undergraduate enrollment (less new transfer)	4,911
Undergraduate new transfer enrollment	608
Graduate enrollment	519

FIRST TIME IN COLLEGE (FTIC)*

New FTICs, Fall 2020	756
Reside in on-campus housing	369
Average high school GPA	4.02
Average SAT	1000
Mid-range SAT	1045
Average ACT	20
Mid-range ACT	23
Upstate Student Scholars	661
South Carolina residents	690
Out-of-state residents	50

*Sources: All data are COGNOS Official Fall 2020



FTIC continued ...

South Carolina counties represented	43
States represented	17
Countries represented	8
South Carolina high schools represented	147

Diversity

STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS (All Students)*

Percent of all students who are female	68%
Percent of all students by race/ethnicity:	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
Asian	3%
Black or African American	30%
Hispanic/Latino	7%
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0%
White	53%
Two or More Races	4%
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	2%
International	1%

*Source: COGNOS Official Fall 2020



Cost of Attendance (per year)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

	S.C. Resident	Non S.C. Resident
Full time tuition*	\$11,868	\$23,536
Housing	\$6,540 to \$7,236	\$6,540 to \$7,236
Meals	\$3,244 to \$3,564	
Books / Supplies	\$1,600	\$1,600

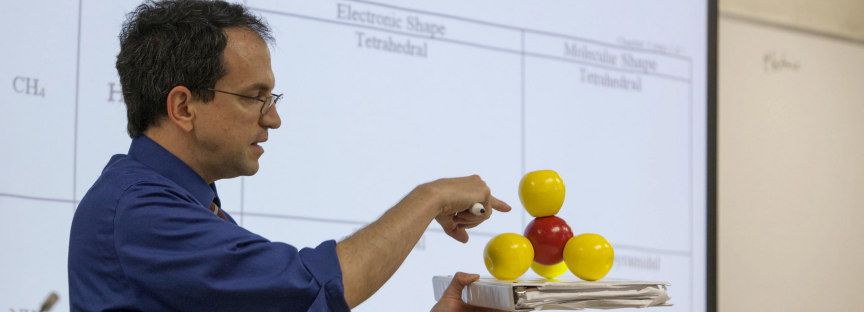
GRADUATE STUDENT

	S.C. Resident	Non S.C. Resident
Full time tuition	\$6,867	\$14,880

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIPS*

Scholarships		\$31,541,157.00
Grants		\$13,439,163.00
Loans		\$24,466,748.00
Work Study		
	Total	\$69,447,068.00

*Source: IPEDS Student Financial Aid Survey '19-'20



Faculty

Faculty/Staff Profile (number of employees)

Faculty Full-time	231
Male	97
Female	134
Faculty Part-time	191
Male	71
Female	120
Staff Full-time	297
Staff Part-time	153
Total Employees	872
Average Class Size	18
Student to Faculty Ratio	15:1



| Academics

Points of Pride

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- From Psychology to Criminal Justice to History, the college is a diverse and exciting place for students to explore the human condition.
- Studio Upstate provides graphic design students with an opportunity to build a professional portfolio through work with clients.
- The Theatre Program has earned national and international recognition.

College of Science and Technology

- The biomedical research program at USC Upstate used a \$500,000 grant from the South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence to establish an eight-week, summer research program.
- In response to a growing demand for graduates trained in data security and information assurance, USC Upstate now offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Cybersecurity.

George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics

- The undergraduate business program is among just 5 percent worldwide to be accredited by AACSB International—the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.
- A new Master's in Business Analytics was the first graduate program of its kind in South Carolina when it was launched in 2019.



Mary Black College of Nursing

- One of the Southeast's most highly regarded nursing institutions, the Mary Black College of Nursing offers one of the largest BSN programs in the state that includes pre-licensure and the RN-BSN tracks.
- Nearly 90% of graduates pass the national licensing exam on their first attempt.
- The Mary Black College of Nursing has a 100% employment rate and is a major talent developer for hospital systems in Spartanburg and Greenville.

School of Education, Human Performance, and Health

- The School's high-touch, interdisciplinary approach focuses on developing educators who understand the importance of individual and community health, and human services professionals who are well-versed in educational systems and theories.
- The School provides South Carolina's only online Master's Degree in Applied Learning and Instruction.

Library

- The USC Upstate Library, with more than 240,00 print volumes and 300 databases, serves the curricular information needs of students, faculty and staff, and where possible, the educational needs of the broader community.



Degree Programs

Undergraduate Majors

Accounting

Advanced Manufacturing
Management

Art Education

Art Studio
(Graphic Design emphasis)

Biology

Chemistry

Child Development & Family Studies

Commercial Music

Communications

- Communication Studies
- Mass Media
- Public Relations

Community Health

Computer Information Systems

Computer Science

Criminal Justice*

Cybersecurity

Early Childhood Education

Economics/Finance

Elementary Education

Engineering Technology
Management

English

Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Exercise and Sport Science

Health Informatics*

History

Information Management & Systems*

Interdisciplinary Studies

Logistics & Supply Chain Management
Management

Marketing

Mathematics

Middle Level Education

Nursing

RN-BSN*

Physical Education

Political Science

Psychology (Experimental)

Secondary Education

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics
- Social Studies/History
- Spanish

Sociology

*Available online



Spanish

Special Education:
Learning Disabilities

Theatre

Pre-Professional Programs

Pre-Chiropractic

Pre-Dental

Pre-Engineering

Pre-Law

Pre-Medical

Pre-Occupational Therapy

Pre-Optometry

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Physician Assistant

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Master's Programs

Applied Learning and Instruction*

Business Analytics

Exercise and Sport Science+

Nursing

- Clinical Nurse Leader*
- Nursing Education*
- Nursing Leadership*

Informatics

Special Education:
Visual Impairment

Post-Baccalaureate Certification

Child Advocacy Studies

Informatics

Teaching English to Speakers
of Other Languages (TESOL)

+Pending SACSCOC approval

*Available online



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Program Accreditations

- Art Education is accredited by National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).
- Chemistry is certified by the American Chemical Society.
- Computer Science is accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).
- Engineering Technology Management is accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET.
- Health Information Management is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management (CAHIIM).
- George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).
- Mary Black School of Nursing programs are approved by the South Carolina Board of Nursing. The baccalaureate and master's degree programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).
- School of Education, Human Performance, and Health is accredited by the South Carolina Department of Education and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and is among just 28 percent in the U.S. to be accredited by CAEP.



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Centers

- The **South Carolina Centro Latino (SCCL)** is the state's first university-based center for the study and appreciation of Latino/a students, faculty and staff. Nicknamed "El Centro," SCCL seeks to establish USC Upstate as the university of choice for Latino/a students, to increase retention of Latino/a students and to advocate for Latino/a families and communities.
- The **Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CIE)** at the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics (JCBE) provides aspiring student entrepreneurs with the opportunities, tools and resources needed to conceptualize and launch their small businesses. CEI also serves as an innovation hub for the Upstate's entrepreneurial ecosystem by fostering community engagement, and providing access to education and faculty expertise. JCBE also recently launched the Center for Applied Economic and Community Research.
- The **Child Protection Training Center** provides exceptional training for child protection workers. The Center is one of only four centers of its kind nationally, offering a rare opportunity for multi-disciplinary team members to hone their skills in areas of detection, reporting and response.



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- The mission for the **Watershed Ecology Center** includes scientific research on the watershed ecology of the region, community outreach, and educational programming for local schools. Programming is designed to educate K-12 students about the value of water resources.
- The **Center for Women's and Gender Studies** provides opportunities for the campus community to examine cultural assumptions about gender. Established in 1998, the center represents a part of the university's ongoing commitment to recognizing and supporting diversity efforts on campus.
- The **Center for African American Studies** operates from a unique combination of scholarly work, cultural and social programming, and outreach to African American communities of the Upstate. The Center houses the African American Studies Minor, an 18-credit hour course of study.
- The **Center for International Studies**, based in University College, manages university partnerships worldwide to provide global engagement programs and support services that enrich the academic and professional development of students, faculty, and staff. Programs include study abroad, international internships, service learning, research, volunteering, and teaching overseas.



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University College

The mission of University College is to help students succeed in their studies, to create an exceptional learning experience for students committed to academic excellence, and provide high-impact experiential learning opportunities in support of their employment objectives. It is home to academic support services and special academic programs, including:

- The **Honors Program** provides a unique learning environment by offering a curriculum of study designed to prepare students for life-long learning and achievements. The Honors Program encourages students to grow intellectually, think independently and critically, and engage in a challenging learning experience.
- The **Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS)** program is an exciting and dynamic degree program that allows students to combine coursework from various disciplines while designing a curriculum that meets their academic and career goals. IDS offers both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, and is available to students at all levels of their academic careers, including freshman and transfer students.



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- The **Student Success Center** helps to ensure students succeed in their studies, graduate in a timely manner, and begin a career or graduate study. Academic support, including free tutoring, provides students with the tools and resources needed to make a smooth transition into college.
- Our **Career Management** team works with employers and recruiters to find and cultivate new and exciting career opportunities for students and alumni. From resumes and cover letters to interviews and career fairs, our staff is here to support students in their career search every step of the way.



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Experiential Learning

USC Upstate offers numerous opportunities for students to learn inside and outside the classroom. Experiential learning, often described as “learning by doing,” takes many forms, all of which can help students build the critical-thinking and communication skills necessary for success, both as scholars and citizens.

- **Student Research** provides a unique opportunity for students to work closely with faculty on research and other scholarly endeavors. Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to share research and findings by participating in the annual Research Symposium or submitting papers to the USC Upstate Student Research Journal.
- The **First-year Success Seminar**, or University 101, is an interactive, seminar designed to help freshmen successfully navigate the challenges of being an undergraduate student. The course addresses topics such as time management, study skills, career exploration, financial literacy, and self-awareness, while introducing students to the campus and its many resources.
- **Internships** provide students with hands-on training in their chosen fields. Corporate and community internships are available for academic credit, but students may also consider non-credit bearing internships. All internships allow students to grow professionally and personally while gaining skills that in many cases, lead to permanent employment opportunities.



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- **Study Abroad** programs vary in length and location, ranging from exchange programs during which students may spend an entire semester abroad, to shorter, faculty-led group travel. Participants engage in cross-cultural and immersive activities, which may or may not be discipline-specific, and may include service learning.
- **Service Learning and Community Engagement** offer students a chance to participate in organized service activities as part of credit-bearing courses, or to contribute to collaborative partnerships in the community. Both benefit students by allowing them to see the impact of their education beyond the classroom.
- The **Guided Reflection on Work (GROW)** program seeks to make on-campus employment a high impact practice by providing structured opportunities for students to reflect on and integrate what they are learning in their on-campus jobs. These opportunities help students articulate for future employers the transferrable skills they have acquired.



| Athletics

The USC Upstate Spartans, an official member of the Big South Conference, field 15 sports Division I teams including basketball, soccer, golf, cross country, and track and field for both women and men; baseball for men; and softball and volleyball for women. The 250 student-athletes continually achieve success in the classroom with 12 athletic programs posting a team GPA of 3.0 or higher.

- After joining the Big South Conference in July 2018, the Spartan athletic teams are matched with competitors in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia.
- With competitors located within 300 miles of campus, and many within 100 miles, the campus community, alumni and fans are able to enjoy more games.
- The G.B. Hodge Center was recently recognized in a national study by Stadium Journey Magazine, which ranked the Eddie and Ann Payne Arena among the best Division I college basketball arenas for game atmosphere and experience.
- The Cleveland S. Harley Baseball Park features an award-winning playing field, dugouts, practice area, plenty of stadium seating for fans and fellow athletes, and a press box. The Cyrill Softball Stadium has received numerous awards since its completion, including recognition as the “College Softball Field of the Year” by the Sports Turf Managers Association.



| University Advancement

The Office of University Advancement is committed to informing, engaging, strengthening relationships with, and securing financial support from a diverse spectrum of audiences through integrated, strategically aligned communications, engagement programs, and philanthropic opportunities. University Advancement aims to build lifelong relationships that promote loyalty and foster a greater understanding of and support for the University of South Carolina Upstate in its endeavor to create transformative opportunities for the Upstate region.

Alumni

More than 80 percent of USC Upstate alumni remain in the Upstate of South Carolina following graduation to build successful careers and lives as leaders in local communities, strengthening an alumni network of 30,000-plus and the fabric of the region.

Make a Gift

Philanthropic gifts from individuals, private foundations, and corporations play a critical role in advancing strategic priorities, accelerating growth, and increasing the competitiveness of the University through the creation of transformative opportunities. Making a gift is simple! Visit www.uscupstate.edu/give or by contacting the Office of University Advancement at 864.503.5234 for more details.

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