Founded in 1801, the University of South Carolina campus offers the best of both worlds -- a scenic academic oasis situated in the midst of a vibrant capital city.

More than 200 years of history and tradition

:: The University of South Carolina’s graduate program in international business is the top-ranked public university program in the country and No. 2 among all institutions, according to U.S. News & World Report. The ranking marks the 17th consecutive year that the program at the Moore School of Business has been ranked either No. 1 or 2.

:: Since the Office of Fellowships and Scholar Programs was established in 1994, University students have won 305 national awards earning more than $8.6 million for advanced academic study.

:: USC has been designated a research institution of “very high research activity” by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is the foundation’s rating and places USC in the same research category with Harvard, Duke, Emory, Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt universities, as well as the universities of North Carolina and California at Berkeley. USC is the only university in South Carolina to have this designation, granted to 62 public and 32 private research institutions.

:: A $6 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will support a program at USC’s Arnold School of Public Health to tackle the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic among minorities. The award to Dr. Donna Rich-ter, USC’s dean of public health and a leading HIV/AIDS educator, will support the Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership (IHPL).
The Princeton Review’s 2005 ranking of institutions of higher education -- The 357 Best Colleges -- names the University of South Carolina as the top public university for academics in the Southeastern Conference.

The university libraries house many comprehensive, valuable collections, including the papers and letters of Ernest Hemingway and related materials, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the world’s most comprehensive collection of F. Scott Fitzgerald research materials, the literary archive of writer Joseph Heller, the archive of James Ellroy and a collection of books, stamps, letters and material associated with the Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi. Most recently, the university broke ground on the South Carolina Political Collection wing, which will house the papers and memorabilia of more than 70 leading South Carolinian political leaders.

The university’s West Quadrangle Living Learning Center, known as the “green dorm,” is the largest green residential hall in the world. The residential hall, which includes a 9,000 square-foot Learning Center in fall 2004.

The Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center is a world-class facility dedicated to healthy lifestyles and physical fitness and is one of the most comprehensive in the United States.

The College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management has received a gift of $250,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation to fund approximately 30 individual scholarships in 2006-07 for students interested in careers in event management.

The Wachovia Foundation presented a gift of $1 million to help under-represented students earn degrees in business at USC’s Moore School of Business.

The economic impact of USC’s eight campuses and its alumni on the state of South Carolina is more than $4 billion, according to a report compiled by a USC economist.

Degree Programs

- College of Arts & Sciences

- Sciences:
  - Biological Sciences, Cardiovascular Technology, Chemistry, Geology, Geophysics, Marine Science, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics

- Moore School of Business

- College of Education
  - Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle Level Education, Physical Education

- College of Engineering and Information Technology
  - Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering

- School of the Environment
  - Environmental Studies minor

- School of Journalism & Mass Communication
  - Advertising, Broadcast Journalism, Journalism (Print), Public Relations, Visual Communications

- College of Nursing
  - Nursing

- South Carolina College of Pharmacy
  - Pre-Pharmacy, Pharmacy Doctorate

- Arnold School of Public Health
  - Exercise Science

- The South Carolina Honors College
  - Relevant to all undergraduate majors
  - Graduate with honors and major in any other undergraduate major, or pursue the Honors College degree
freshman class promises to be the most talented academically in the history of the university. And they’re joining an impressive group of students. Last year, University students won 41 national awards, earning more than 1.3 million for advanced academic study. Winners included a Truman Scholar and Truman Scholar Finalist, four Fulbright Fellows, a Udall Scholar, three National Science Foundation Research Fellows, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scholar, two Goldwater Scholars and a Honorable Mention, a Knowles Science Teaching Fellow, a National Physical Science Consortium Scholar, five Rotary International Scholars, three National Security Education Program Scholars, a Freeman-Asia Scholar, a NOAA Hollings Scholar and three Tau Beta Pi Scholars among others.

Carolina has received the Carnegie Foundation’s highest designation for its superior research activity and is the only university in the state to be designated for very high research activity. As Carolina builds its research campus, faculty are garnering prestigious grants to conduct research in areas that have real world applications for our state and our nation. Most recently, USC signed agreements with two leading research institutes in Korea and in Germany to share research and faculty in an area of immense importance to the world—next energy, specifically hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative energy sources. USC researchers also are directing their efforts toward the environment, biomedical sciences, and nanotechnology.

Selected Program Rankings

The University of South Carolina’s capstone program for seniors and the undergraduate international business program at the Moore School of Business are among the nation’s best, according to the 2006 “American’s Best Colleges Guide,” published by U.S. News and World Report. USC’s Moore School of Business is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate international business education—a ranking that USC has held since 1995. USC’s programs in library and media and health librarianship captured the No. 2 and No.8 spot in their respective ratings categories. USC’s programs for first-year and senior students are cited among the nation’s best by the magazine in its “Programs to Look For” section, which list colleges and universities with outstanding programs that lead to student success.

USC’s successful University 101 program began in 1972 to introduce first-year students to life at Carolina and increase retention. This year’s listing of top first-year programs places USC among the successful programs.

Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996). Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University, and has been visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 138 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC’s Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor’s degree in ethics and master’s and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is president of the Southeastern Conference, past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush’s Transition Team during 2000-2001, and was appointed in 2005 to the NIH National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity. He is active in community affairs, serving as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.
As TCU's Athletics Director, Hyman worked diligently to improve attendance for the first time in school history. Tournaments and the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances during the first phase, six conference championships, nine NCAA appearances, five tournament championships and the C-USA Male and Female Athlete of the Year. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year Eric Hyman is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an all-ACC football player, on the Dean's list and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the Executive Associate Athletics Director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in the early 1990s.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville College in Tigerville, S.C., leading the team to national rankings in the '70s.

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His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology as well as serving as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU. This past year she taught the Etiquette Seminar as part of South Carolina's Life Skills course and will lead other seminars to help prepare the student-athletes for their futures after Carolina athletics.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for L.T. Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.
William O. Bearden is in his first year as the University of South Carolina's Faculty Athletics Representative. Bearden is The Bank of America Chaired Professor of Marketing in USC's Moore School of Business.

As Faculty Athletics Representative, Bearden's duties include advising University President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the university's position on NCAA legislation. Bearden will also review the eligibility, admission and progress of student-athletes. He also assists in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations and attends SEC and NCAA meetings, serving as the university’s voting delegate at the NCAA’s annual meeting and participates in the organization’s certification program.

Bearden received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1975. Before returning to South Carolina, he served on the faculties of Western Kentucky and the University of Alabama from 1976-1978.

Dr. Bearden is currently on the editorial review boards of the Journal of Consumer Research, the Journal of Consumer Psychology, the Journal of Retailing and the Marketing Education Review. He served for six years on the Board of Directors for the American Marketing Association. He has been President of the Academic Division of the American Marketing Association and President of the Southern Marketing Association. Dr. Bearden received the University of South Carolina Amoco Teaching Award and the USC Mungo Award for Teaching Excellence that are presented annually to one faculty member and, as well as the Outstanding MBA Teacher Award, and twice has been awarded the Alfred G. Smith Darla Moore School of Business Teacher of the Year Award. He has been recognized as a faculty initiate in Mortar Board, ODK and Golden Key, and received the 2004 University of South Carolina Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools and the 2005 USC Trustee Professorship Award.

His teaching and research interests include consumer behavior, marketing research, and the evaluation of marketing promotions. He was faculty co-director for the University Lilly Teaching Fellows from 1992-1995.

Carolina Head Coaches

Mark Berson  
Men's Soccer

Puggy Blackmon  
Men's Golf

Kristi Coggins  
Women's Golf

Joyce Compton  
Softball

Kent DeMars  
Men's Tennis

Boo Duncan  
Equestrian

Arlo Elkins  
Women's Tennis

Curtis Frye  
Track & Cross Country

Don Gibb  
Swimming

Dave Odom  
Men's Basketball

Todd Sherritt  
Diving

Nancy Somera  
Volleyball

Steve Spurrier  
Football

Shelley Smith  
Women's Soccer

Ray Tanner  
Baseball

Susan Walvius  
Women's Basketball
2005-06 Highlights


: The men’s soccer team claimed the Conference USA Championship and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, the 18th in school history, in its first season competing in the league.

: For the second straight season, the men’s basketball team made an impressive run to the National Invitation Tournament Championship. Renaldo Balkman was named NIT MVP.

: The men’s basketball team advanced to the postseason in 2006, competing in the Women’s NIT. The Gamecocks set new school records for blocked shots, scoring defense and field goal percentage defense.

: For the eighth consecutive year, the women’s golf team advanced to the NCAA Regional in 2006. Senior Erica Battle was the recipient of the prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy and sophomore Whitney Simons was recognized as the 2006 SEC Women’s Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

: The Gamecock women’s tennis team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 12th year in a row, and freshman Gira Schofield made the field of 64 at the NCAA Singles Championship.

: The volleyball team completed its first season under head coach Nancy Somera in 2005. The Gamecocks ended the year with three consecutive wins and knocked off two teams during the year that advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

: The equestrian team won its second consecutive Hunt Seat national title and captured the 2006 Co-Reserve Championship at the Varsity National Equestrian Championships.

: Senior catcher Ashley Smith was named SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year for the third consecutive season and earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honors for the third straight year.

: Senior diver Allison Brennan finished second on the one-meter board at the NCAA Championships and won the SEC title on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards. The women’s swim team posted a team GPA of 3.523, the third-best GPA among Division I schools.

: The men’s golf team finished in the top 25 at the NCAA Championship and senior Eirik Johansen earned honorable mention All-America honors.

: The men’s tennis team competed in the NCAA Championship for the 13th-straight year. Senior Tom Eklund was named USC’s Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

: The women’s track and field team captured its second straight NCAA East Regional title and placed third the NCAA Outdoor Championship. Amberly Nesbitt won the 100 meter outdoor crown and Shalonda Solomon swept the 200 meter titles, indoors and outdoors. The Gamecock men’s team placed third at the NCAA East Regional and finished in the top 30 at the NCAA Outdoor Meet.

: The baseball team competed in an NCAA Super Regional for the sixth time in the last seven years and finished one game shy of the College World Series. In a 15-6 win over Georgia in the Super Regional, the team tied an NCAA record by hitting five consecutive home runs.

: Women’s soccer senior Kimmy Criss was selected a CoSIDA Academic All-American while sophomore Ashley Kirk made the All-SEC second team.
Located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia combines the graces of a rich past with the vibrance of the emerging Southeast.

The city serves as center for education and government.

Columbia offers something for everyone.

**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Columbia’s Population: 121,395  
Metro Area Population: 689,878


Columbia was recently listed among “America’s 30 Most Livable Communities” by *Parteners for Liveable Communities*. In June of 2006, Richland County, which encompasses the majority of Columbia, was one of 10 cities to earn an All-America City award from the National Civic League.

The area is often cited for its high quality of life offerings, with its many cultural amenities, parks, and recreational features. The city is at the confluence of two major rivers, which makes it one of the best destinations in the country for kayak and canoe enthusiasts.

**Columbia Climate**

(Average Monthly Temperatures)

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