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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA





USC Exchange Factsheet 2026-2027

CONTACT INFORMATION

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In the event of an after-hours emergency, please call USC Campus Police at 803-777-4215. This number is monitored 24/7 and Campus Police will be in communication with Education Abroad Office staff.

University Website

http://www.sc.edu/

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester: August 17, 2027 – December 13, 2027
Spring Semester: January 10, 2028 – May 6, 2028
For detailed dates please visit USC Academic Calendar.

EXAM DATES

Fall Semester: December 6 - 13
Spring Semester: April 26 - May 3

CONTRACT RENEWALS

General/University-wide exchanges:
Education Abroad Office: gc.outgoing@sc.edu
Darla Moore School of Business (DMSB) specific exchanges:
Jeremy Coats: JCOATS@moore.sc.edu

***Please contact gc.outgoing@sc.edu to discuss exchange balances for both general exchanges and DMSB exchanges**

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

***Varies on the exchange agreement. If you need confirmation, please email scexchange@sc.edu**

General/University-wide exchanges:

- TOEFL 550 paper-based exam, 77 internet-based exams
- IELTS 6.5
- Duolingo 115

Darla Moore School of Business (DMSB) specific exchanges:

- TOEFL 600 paper-based exam, 100 internet-based exam
- IELTS 7.0
- Duolingo 115

NOMINATIONS

Deadlines for the nomination of exchange students for each term:
Fall Semester or Academic Year: March 15 **Spring Semester:** September 15
***Link to nominations page will be sent via email.**

APPLICATIONS

Deadlines for receipt of application forms:
Fall Semester or Academic Year: April 15
Spring Semester: September 30
***This includes the Mobility online application and the USC Admissions application. Please advise your students to complete BOTH applications.**

Initial application forms needed:

1. Special Application for Non-Degree Students (online application, link will be sent to students each term)
2. Application for Immigration Document
    a. *Documents 3-8 should be uploaded to the student's Mobility Account. Students will be given complete instructions following nomination.*
3. English-proficiency official scores, mentioned above.
    a. *Use code 5818 for USC and send an unofficial copy to our office IELTS 6.5*
    b. Be advised that accepted scores may vary depending on exchange agreements
4. Photocopy of official transcripts
5. Immunization Form
6. Certification of Financial Support Form: estimates for Form DS-2019 issuance only per federal regulation. (This is not a bill.)
    a. Exchange students must certify for living expenses (housing, food, books, health insurance, miscellaneous)
        i. $13,963 US per semester (4 months)*
        ii. $27,926 US per academic year (9 months)*
        iii. *estimates are subject to change
7. Photocopy of passport (high resolution scan please)
8. USC Learning Agreement, uploaded to Mobility (includes suggested list of courses for enrollment)

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

Application forms and information sent AFTER acceptance:
(emailed to the student by Exchange Coordinator)

1. Information to set-up USC email and Student Health Services accounts
2. Online Housing Application
3. Citizenship Verification Hold and Advising Hold information
4. Arrival Date Information Form
5. Request for airport pick-up (optional)

ORIENTATION

1 day – date varies by term
More arrival information will be sent to students upon receipt of their applications.

COURSES

***Courses available during the fall semester (August-December) will be posted in mid- March. Courses available during the spring semester (January-May) will be posted in mid-November.**
Courses are offered on a per semester basis only.

- For a list of course descriptions, go here

Prohibited areas of study include:

- Law
- Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Honors
- Palmetto College
- Ft. Jackson
- Capstone Scholars
- PMBA or Graduate level coursework - More restricted sections on this document, under #4.

EXPECTED COSTS

1. I-901 SEVIS Fee submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security: $220 for J-1 students. Pay here.
2. Required student insurance: see "Medical Insurance" line item below.
3. On-campus housing: The cost of housing varies with each residence hall and ranges from $6,000 to $7,000 per semester. Please view this webpage for a list of residence hall rates and any fees associated with on-campus housing.
4. Other Enrollment and University Fees:
   a. $225/semester Exchange Student Fee
   b. $204/semester required University Technology Fee
   c. $100 early move in fee for fall semester exchange students (exchange students need to arrive early to complete orientation and arrival steps necessary for incoming international students).
   d. Other fees will be assessed based on classes, credit hours, and/or living arrangements. Please see list of campus fees on the Bursar's website.

ACCOMODATIONS

***Exchange students are required to live on-campus.**

All exchange students are placed in residence halls that remain open during university breaks and that have kitchen facilities. These options can vary based on availability. **Housing is guaranteed but preferences are not.**

- For more information on housing at USC, please visit this Virtual Housing Tour.
- Click here for more info on the Global Fellows Community at South Quad.

MEAL PLANS

USC offers several meal plan options at a variety of on-campus dining locations. Meal plans are not required. Students who do not wish to purchase a standard meal plan may use their CarolinaCard to purchase individual meals at Campus Dining facilities. For meal plan options visit Campus Dining.

STUDENT CARDS

All new students will be issued a USC student card, called the "Carolina Card". This card serves as a student ID and library card, and allows access to a variety of on campus services such as dining, photocopying, health services, bookstore, etc.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

***Insurance costs are based upon academic year 2027-2028 and are subject to change**

USC students are required to enroll in health insurance. The university plan and benefits can be viewed here. The cost for the 2026-2027 academic year of insurance through USC was $1,688 for the fall semester and $2,311 for the spring semester. New premiums will be posted the next academic year. For USC's health insurance requirements please read more here.

GLOBAL GAMECOCKS GUIDE PROGRAMMING

The Global Gamecock Guides program was created to better support both incoming exchange students and local USC Education abroad returnees. Exchange students who participate in the program will be paired with a USC student who will help guide their Education abroad experience here in South Carolina. Guides will help introduce students to campus resources, local events, and opportunities to get involved in the community. More information about the program, including a list of events, can be found here.





