



USC Exchange Factsheet 2024-2025

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester: August 20, 2024 – December 6, 2024

Spring Semester: January 13, 2025 – April 28, 2025

For detailed dates please visit [USC Academic Calendar](#).

EXAM DATES

Fall Semester: December 9– 16

Spring Semester: April 30 – May 7

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

CONTRACT RENEWALS

General/University-wide exchanges:

Education Abroad Office: gc.outgoing@sc.edu

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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

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.**

ORIENTATION

1 week – dates vary by term

More arrival information will be sent to students upon receipt of their applications.

APPLICATIONS

Deadlines for receipt of application forms:

Fall Semester or Academic Year: April 15

Spring Semester: October 15

***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 I-20 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. \$12,500 US per semester (4 months)*
 - ii. \$27,500 US per academic year (9 months)*
 - iii. ***Estimates are subject to change. This form does not reflect actual expenses students may incur during an exchange.**
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
2. Citizenship Verification Hold and Advising Hold information
3. Arrival Date Information Form
4. Request for airport pick-up (optional)

EXPECTED COSTS

1. I-901 SEVIS Fee submitted to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security: \$350 for F-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 \$3,500 to \$6,500 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. \$200/semester Exchange Student Fee
 - b. \$200/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 may be assessed based on classes, credit hours, and/or living arrangements. Please see list of campus fees on the Bursar's [website](#).
5. Cost of Living
 - a. The Certification of Financial Support Form required in 'Application' section, does not reflect actual cost of living expenses anticipated during an exchange at University of South Carolina.

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.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

***Insurance costs are based upon academic year 2023-2024 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 2024-2025 academic year of insurance through USC is \$1,300 for the fall semester and \$1,722 for the spring semester. For USC's health insurance requirements please read more [here](#).

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. Exchange students can be placed anywhere on-campus and usually live in the Quads, Carolina International House at Maxcy College (Maxcy), Bates-West or any of the Horseshoe apartments. **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 International House at Maxcy College.

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.

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](#).

