DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA EXCHANGE & COHORT PROGRAMS



TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- About the University
- International Student Services
- Requirements & Considerations for studying at UofSC
- Arrival Processes
- Health and Insurance Information
- Darla Moore School of Business courses
- International Business Program
- Student Engagement Activities



WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



- Founded in 1801
- 35,000 students at UofSC Columbia
- Located in the Capital City of South Carolina: Columbia



WHAT DOES INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES DO?

- Advocate for you and support your adjustment to living in the U.S. We want to provide you with resources so that you get connected to a community here!
- Inspire UofSC students to forge international connections through our internationalization efforts.

Can assist with:

- Entry to the U.S. / Requirements
- COVID-19 Information
- Arrival Processes
- Health and Insurance Information
- Immunization Information





REQUIREMENTS & CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDYING AT UOFSC

- Obtaining a Visa
- Planning travel to the U.S. and entry requirements
- Timing of arrival (up to one week before classes begin!)
- Immunization Requirements
 - Required: MMR & Meningococcal Vaccines +TB Risk Screening Survey
 - You may be required to have a TB screening upon your arrival as well as receive any missing required vaccinations
- Paymytuition.com- Preferred payment method for international students (fees, no tuition charged for exchange students)
 - University of South Carolina has partnered with <u>PayMyTuition</u> for international tuition payments; you can pay your tuition payments from any bank, in any country in any currency at better than bank exchange rates.



FLIGHTS & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

- The Columbia Airport (CAE) is about 20 minutes from campus.
- If you fly into Columbia, there is a volunteer pick-up service available for free but available only with advance notice. Columbia also has taxis, Lyft, and Uber services. We cannot predict or guarantee that drivers will be available during your arrival time, especially if you land late at night.
- If you are flying into any other aiport than Columbia, SC please arrange arrival to Columbia.
 - •The Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) is approximately 1.5 hours from Columbia, SC by car, located in Charlotte, NC.
 - •The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport is about 4 hours away from Columbia, SC in Atlanta, GA by car.
 - •The Charleston International Airport (CHS) is 2 hours away by car, in Charleston, SC
- If you choose to fly to Charlotte, there is a <u>Columbia-Charlotte Shuttle</u> that many students use to travel between Columbia and Charlotte. You must sign up and pay in advance for this service. For other airports, please find transportation to Columbia, SC.



ONLINE RESOURCES: SELF SERVICE CAROLINA (SSC) - MY.SC.EDU

- Set Your VIP ID Password
- Set Your USC Network Username/Email Password
- Discover your registration holds
- Fee Payment
- Course Registration
- On-Campus Housing Information
- Carolina Card Options
- Meal Plan Options
- View student mailbox assignment
- Other Information





ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Semester 2022

- Move-in Days (January 4-7)
- January 10th: Classes start & Last possible day to enter the U.S.
- January 17th: MLK Jr. holiday (no classes)
- January 18th: Last day to change/drop a course
- March 6th-13th: Spring break (no classes)
- April 25th: Last day of classes
- April 27th May 4th: Exams
- May 4th: Time to leave (if you are only here for the spring semester)



HEALTH & INSURANCE INFORMATION

 All international students are required to have health insurance at UofSC. You will automatically be enrolled in the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Student Health insurance plan that UofSC offers. However, if you have a different health insurance plan that you would prefer to use, you will need to "waive out" of USC's insurance.





HOW TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE



- Our website: <u>sc.edu/internationalservices</u>
- Call us at 803-777-7461
- Email Ashlan Andrews at scexchange@sc.edu
- Visit us at Close-Hipp Building: 1705
 College Street, Suite 470, Columbia, SC 29201
- Social Media Pages



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DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS





Darla Moore School of Business Departments & Courses

- International Business
 - IBUS 310: Globalization and Business for all Cohort Students
 - Regional, Functional, and Thematic Course Options
- Other Business Departments and Course Offerings
 - Accounting
 - Business Economics
 - Finance
 - Insurance and Risk Management
 - Management (Human Resources or Entrepreneurship Track)
 - Management Science (Global Supply Chain and Operations Management)
 - Marketing
 - Real Estate



IB MAJOR FACTS

- Ranked #1 by US News and World Report for 23 consecutive years
- Ranked #1 by Bloomberg Business Week
- Six Undergraduate IB Major Tracks
 - Classic IB Major
 - Cohort Programs:

IBCE Track: Hong Kong, Taiwan/China
 IBA Track: Chile

MENA Track: Egypt
 GBI Track: Locations Pending

IBEA Track: Brazil, Singapore, Germany
 RIL Track: France

USC's international business faculty has been rated #1 in research productivity by the
Journal of International Business Studies.
 South Carolina

"SO WHAT MAKES USC #1 IN IB?"

- Rankings based a lot on reputation
- Dedicated academic department for IB
- Our faculty
- Our course options
- Program requirements / competitiveness
- Innovative Programming
- Partner Universities





Additional Course Options at UofSC & Enrollment Requirements

- Exchange Students may choose from a number of courses in different colleges on campus
 - Examples: History, Political Science, Psychology, Sports and Entertainment Management
 - Note: Physical Education courses are available and offered for one hour each
- Some classes have prerequisites, and you will need permission to register.
 - Make sure you have a copy of your transcript to show prerequisite requirements have been completed!
- Undergraduate: 12 credits minimum for fall & spring semesters
 - Only ONE fully online class per semester counts toward full-time enrollment.



Cohort Programs



WHAT'S THE VALUE OF A COHORT?

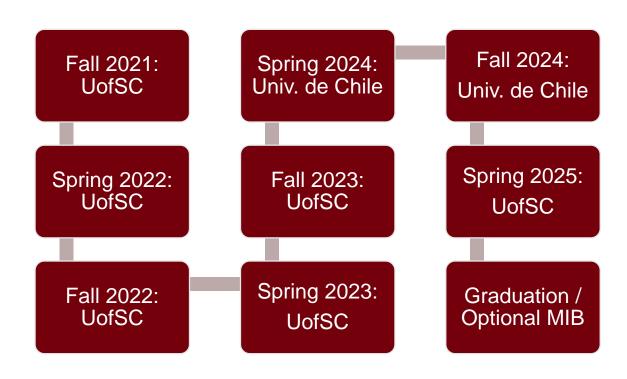
- Develop a **network** of professionals:
 - Develop close-knit community of peers from UofSC & international partners
- Experiential learning:
 - International business competence
 - Proficiency in foreign language and culture
- **Skills** acquired:
 - Flexibility, adaptability, problem-solving, cross-culture competence, global mindset, ability to deliver immediately in new and uncertain environments
- Cohort Specialization = challenging academic environment + unique regional/functional experience

Differentiation factor in the job market by articulating unique experience on a resume.





COHORT SNAPSHOT: IBA



- International Business of the Americas
- Focus: Business in the Americas
- 2nd Major of choice
- Language: Spanish
- Time Abroad: 1 year





OFFICE OF IB STUDENT ENGAGEMENT CREATING COMMUNITY WITHIN THE GREATER IB FAMILY (IB UNDERGRADS, MIBS AND IB ALUMNI)

- Monthly Big Events: Sept-IB Campout | Oct-Haunted House/Corn Maze | Nov-Tailgating the Philharmonic...Dirt Track Car Racing, National Park Cleanup, Bowling Night, Renting entire theatre for an IB only, etc... If you want a seat, you have to reserve it via our FB group! These events tend to fill up.
- IB Engagement/Networking Events this Fall: Meet and greet events with IB students and IB Alumni... think cocktail party... networking...
- IB Speaker Series/Virtual Movie Nights: IB Movie Nights: Pizza and a Film followed by Q&A: Sep 15th and Nov 8th! Speakers TBA
- IB Student Happy Hours: Meet and greet events with other IB students
- Trivia Night Contest, Scavenger Hunt around Columbia event and more! All events will be listed on the Facebook Group's EVENTS section!





QUESTIONS?





