

# THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SYSTEM MAKES SOUTH CAROLINA STRONGER.

The University of South Carolina is the **top global university in South Carolina** according to *U.S. News & World Report* (2021).

The Darla Moore School of Business boasts the **No. 1 undergraduate international business program** and the **No. 1 international MBA** (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2021).

The University of South Carolina has **60 nationally ranked academic programs** according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2021 "Best Colleges Guide," more than any other university in the state.

The South Carolina Honors College is **rated as the nation's best public honors college** based on honors college factors by the guidebook "A Review of Fifty Public University Honors Programs," published by Public University Press in 2020.

**Our comprehensive campuses are ranked among the top public regional colleges in the South** by *U.S. News & World Report*: Upstate is ranked No. 2 (and is ranked the No. 1 best regional college in the South for veterans, as well as being named the most diverse higher education institution in South Carolina), Aiken was ranked No. 3 (and is ranked the No. 2 best regional college in the South for veterans), and Beaufort was named one of the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges.

**The university has 16 "Top 50" U.S. News & World Report graduate programs** (2021).

The School of Medicine Columbia pioneered the nation's first medical school curriculum that **teaches first-through fourth-year students how to use leading ultrasound technologies for bedside diagnosis**.

Carolina's **doctoral program in exercise science was ranked No. 1 in the nation** by the National Academy of Kinesiology in 2020, when adjusted for faculty size.

**Ten of the University of South Carolina Columbia's health care-related graduate programs are ranked in the Top 50:** online nursing (No. 1), online family nurse practitioner master's (No. 14), online master's in nursing administration (No. 14), speech pathology (No. 25), healthcare management (No. 39), pharmacy (No. 40), public health (No. 41), physical therapy (No. 42), medicine (No. 45) and rehabilitation counseling (No. 47).

A pioneer in lifestyle medicine, the **School of Medicine Greenville is the first to fully incorporate exercise physiology** into every phase of its medical education curriculum.

*Diverse* magazine places the university in the **top 3% of universities for graduating African American students**, and the National Science Foundation ranks us No. 8 in the nation for the number of doctoral degrees awarded to African American students.

USC Beaufort's **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute offers stimulating courses, lectures and educational travel opportunities** to people 50 years of age and older.

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# POINTS OF PRIDE

We're making South Carolina  
more prosperous, healthier and  
more vibrant.

2022-2023



# WE MAKE SOUTH CAROLINA MORE PROSPEROUS.

The university graduates students who are well-educated and in demand, and we are always mindful of increasing access and affordability. And through partnerships with businesses and by encouraging entrepreneurship, we help spur economic prosperity throughout the state.

Our eight campuses and alumni pump **\$6.2 billion into the state's economy** every year and support **one in every 37 jobs** in South Carolina and one in every nine jobs in Columbia.

There is a **\$25 return to the state's economy for every dollar** invested in higher education in South Carolina.

The university is South Carolina's leading educator, serving nearly **52,000 students in 20 locations around the state.**

The university is consistently honored by Kiplinger's "**Best Values in Public Colleges**" and in *U.S. News*' "Best Value Schools."

The university is in the **top 10% among public universities nationally** for its six-year graduation rate.

The National Academy of Inventors recognized the University of South Carolina as being in the **top 1% of patent-producing universities in the world.**

There are currently **208,000 system alumni** living in South Carolina.

Nearly 40% of all bachelor's and graduate degrees awarded at public institutions in South Carolina are conferred by the University of South Carolina. The system awards about **10,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees a year.**

The University of South Carolina is the state's graduate school, with **more nationally ranked STEM programs** than another other institution in the state.

Columbia is among the **Best Cities for Jobs**, according to a 2021 study by WalletHub.

The university is training many of the state's **K-12 teachers** through stellar programs like the School of Education's online graduate program, ranked No. 20 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2022.

Partnerships with major corporations like **Boeing, Nephron Pharmaceuticals, IBM, Siemens and Samsung** for research and development help to make the state more prosperous.

Programs like the the Salkehatchie Leadership Institute and the Small Business Development Centers in Aiken and Beaufort are **helping locally owned businesses become more successful and new startups get off the ground.**

# WE MAKE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHIER.

In order to fill the overwhelming demand for qualified health care professionals, the University of South Carolina is educating tomorrow's doctors, nurses, pharmacists, therapists and social workers. We are also finding new medical solutions through research and educational programs that directly impact the quality and access of health care.

The university has conferred **more than 5,000 health science-related degrees** in the past five years.

The School of Medicine Columbia was ranked **No. 1 by *U.S. News & World Report* for the number of graduates working in health professional shortage areas**, bringing exceptional care to those most in need.

The university conducts **cutting-edge research** that is supported by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

We offer **nursing programs at all eight campuses**, and through Palmetto College, to help meet the need for 6,000 new nurses in the state in the coming years.

The university's Palmetto Poison Center serves all 46 counties and receives 33,000 calls annually, **providing services free-of-charge to S.C. residents and health professionals** 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

With two schools of medicine and programs in public health, pharmacy, nursing and social work, the **University of South Carolina is the most comprehensive health care research and education entity in the state.**

*U.S. News & World Report* credits the University of South Carolina with having the **No. 1 online graduate nursing programs in the nation.**

The **Gerry Sue and Norman J. Arnold Institute on Aging** focuses on how to age well from cradle to grave by addressing issues faced by the most vulnerable in our population: young children and older adults.

The School of Medicine Greenville was the **first in the nation to require first-year medical students to complete a six-week emergency medical technician certification** course and maintain certification for two years.

The College of Social Work is helping **military members, veterans and their families** by training experts in military mental health issues, advocacy and community rehabilitation services.

The university is home to **one of the nation's only sterile pharmaceutical compounding training laboratories.**

The University of South Carolina Upstate's Child Protection Training Center **ensures the well-being of children** through local and national training programs.

# WE MAKE SOUTH CAROLINA MORE VIBRANT.

South Carolina is a great place to live, and our campuses take a lead role in inspiring communities throughout the state. We offer world-class and unique cultural experiences and artistic performances to the public. And our students and faculty and staff members give their time and talents to organizations all over the state, improving the quality of life for all of us.

Venues like Columbia's Koger Center, Aiken's Etherredge Center and Beaufort's Center for the Arts **host hundreds of performances** annually, providing outstanding cultural opportunities throughout the state.

The university has established the **Center for Civil Rights History and Research to chronicle the contributions of the Palmetto State to the American civil rights movement.** Rep. James Clyburn, the state's first African American member of Congress since Reconstruction, is donating his congressional papers to the new center.

The iconic **Carolina Theatre in Allendale was renovated by the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie** and is once again a hub for cultural activities and special events.

The University of South Carolina is home to the **oldest free-standing academic library in the United States**, the South Caroliniana Library, which was completed in 1840.

**500,000 archaeological artifacts are held by the University of South Carolina Lancaster's Native American Studies Center**, including 1,300 pieces of Catawba, Cherokee and Pamunkey pottery, 4,000 photographs and 6,000 slides.

University of South Carolina archaeologists discovered the **oldest radiocarbon dated site for pre-Clovis artifacts in North America** (the Topper site in Allendale County).

The **Carolina Community** contributed **more than \$3.6 million in time and money in 2020-21.** Nearly 10,000 students and faculty and staff members participated in volunteer activities totaling more than 120,000 service hours.