



COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON

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YOUR INTRODUCTION TO THE
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
CHARLESTON, S.C.

"I'M A BUSINESS MAJOR
MINORING IN PSYCHOLOGY
AND JEWISH STUDIES,
AND I INTERNEDED WITH THE
HOLLINGS CANCER CENTER
AT MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH CAROLINA IN THEIR
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR
18 MONTHS. **THE COLLEGE
OF CHARLESTON IS AN
AMAZING PLACE FOR YOU
TO MAKE A MARK.**"

ELENA DOWIN
RALEIGH, N.C.
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choose WISELY

learn to build a life

As you approach college - a major crossroad in your life - there is one fact you can take to the bank: The world you know as a college freshman will be very different from the world you will enter as a college graduate. Everything around you is changing that fast. In order to succeed in an increasingly complex world, you will need an education that gives you the confidence to think creatively, explore new ideas, challenge yourself and be a team player.

The College of Charleston experience is fundamental in shaping a successful individual who is a knowledgeable, flexible, versatile and confident leader. It is based on a first-rate, individualized liberal arts and sciences education. At the College, we offer a variety of interesting majors, minors and concentrations. Our exceptional faculty, who love to teach and care deeply about their students' success, will be there to mentor you and give you individual attention. And, they'll give you access to experiential learning opportunities that are normally available only at the graduate level.

As you learn how to apply knowledge in the pursuit of your life goals, you'll work harder than you can imagine. But, you'll also develop a wonderful support system and establish friendships that will last a lifetime.





an exceptional institution

The College of Charleston is a nationally recognized, public liberal arts and sciences university located in the heart of historic Charleston, South Carolina. Founded in 1770, the College is among the nation's top universities for quality education, student life and affordability. The College offers the distinctive combination of a beautiful and historic campus, modern facilities and cutting-edge programs.

The cosmopolitan city of Charleston - world-renowned for its history, culture, architecture and coastal environment - serves our approximately 10,000 undergraduates and 1,500 graduate students as a living and learning laboratory for experience in business, science, teaching, the humanities, languages and the arts. At the same time, students and faculty are engaged with the community in partnerships to improve education, enhance the business environment and enrich the overall quality of life in the region.

If the College is the right fit for you, you'll join students who, like you, have chosen the College of Charleston for its small-college feel blended with the advantages and diversity of an urban, mid-sized university. Here, you'll be part of a creative and intellectually stimulating environment where you'll be challenged by a committed and caring faculty of distinguished teacher-scholars. And, you'll spend your next four years in an incomparable setting.

College of Charleston quick facts*

- state-affiliated institution
- 10,147 undergraduate students
- percentage of in-state students: 64.3%
- percentage of out-of-state students: 35.7%
- U.S. states and territories represented: 50
- countries represented: 71
- average class size: 26.3
- student-faculty ratio: 16-1
- 47 majors
- 77 minors

*For complete statistical information, please see the Planning and Reference Guide at ir.cofc.edu

It's hard to imagine a more beautiful place to study and learn than at the College of Charleston. ≡





≈ The College of Charleston campus represents a blend of the old and historic with the new and cutting edge.

create your future

At the College of Charleston, you'll have the opportunity to individualize your education.

This means that you can:

- Choose the more traditional majors, such as English, biology, Spanish or theatre.
- Select a major that is non-traditional, such as athletic training, discovery informatics, hospitality and tourism management, or Latin American and Caribbean studies.
- Double major or triple major in related fields (i.e., political science, history, sociology).
- Combine disparate subjects that you just happen to like (biology and theatre, for example).

Or: Add minors or concentrations to your major. In this way you can delve more deeply into subject matter and possibly increase your value to a prospective employer. You might decide to major in Spanish and minor in women's and gender studies, for example. Or, because of your particular interests, you might want to add a concentration in environmental geology to a bachelor of arts degree in geology.

The point is, at the College of Charleston, we know that to succeed in this increasingly complex world, you will need an education that gives you the confidence to think creatively, explore new ideas, challenge yourself and grow intellectually.

cofc.edu/academics

《 Learning is a true collaboration between students and faculty.

"THE COOL THING
ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF
CHARLESTON IS THAT IT'S
JUST A SMALL COMMUNITY.
**YOU SEE YOUR PROFESSORS
AROUND AND THEY'RE
REAL PEOPLE.** THEY ALSO
SEE STUDENTS THE
SAME WAY."

FRITZ STINE
FORT THOMAS, KY.
MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY



first-year experience (fye)

The First-Year Experience academic program was developed with you in mind. In FYE classes, you'll be able to connect quickly with other students who share similar interests, and get to know your professors through class discussions, projects and social events.

You'll also get up-close-and-personal insights into the resources available at the College that you can use to help you pursue your academic, personal and career goals.

first-year seminars (FYSM)

FYSM classes are small, and the focus is primarily on discussion and debate. In the class you select, you and your classmates will join your professors on an exciting, intellectual journey. You will explore ideas (some old, some new) and expose yourself to different ways of thinking as well as a range of experiences. FYSMs also combine academics with social events.

learning community

Faculty who teach learning community courses work together to set the curriculum, schedule joint class activities and explore the ways in which the subjects are interrelated. You'll take classes with students who share similar interests, and you'll also get to know the peer facilitators - successful upperclassmen who will be there to guide you through your first year at the College.

cofc.edu/fye

close ties/full lives

get to know your professors

Getting to know your professors means that they get to know you. You can establish a collegial relationship, which might lead to mentoring and networking opportunities. Professors maintain office hours when you can drop by the office to get feedback on the work you're doing, discuss research projects, and get help and guidance when they are needed.

take an active role in class

Professors see their teaching as an opportunity to help you develop into a critical thinker who can exchange ideas and look for new ways to interpret and express information. They expect you to use time in the classroom to ask questions, seek clarification and challenge traditional ways of thinking.

*Dance Marathon: major fundraiser in support of
MUSC Children's Hospital* ≈





≈ You'll be living and studying with students who represent 50 states and U.S. territories and approximately 70 foreign countries.

diverse perspectives

At the College of Charleston you'll be part of an inclusive community where people of various backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures come together to learn and grow as individuals.

Open dialogue and stimulating interaction between faculty and students with diverse perspectives are central to a College of Charleston education. You'll study a wide range of subjects in an environment where you are surrounded by people whose ideas may be different from yours. And, diverse student organizations, multicultural campus events, and community outreach projects will also enrich your classroom experience.

honors college

If you are accepted to the Honors College, you can look forward to addressing contemporary issues through a combination of the liberal arts and sciences and the most up-to-date technologies. Some Honors College benefits include:

- Special study/research opportunities for honors students only.
- Unique opportunities to participate in honors colloquia, honors special topics courses, the bachelor's essay and tutorial.
- A "home" on campus in a historic house with a seminar room and a study area.
- Special academic advising and priority registration.
- High acceptance rate to top graduate and professional programs. honors.cofc.edu

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typical activities of honors college graduates

- 18 percent of our graduates go to medical school; more than 90 percent who applied were accepted.
- 10 percent attend law school.
- 39 percent go to graduate school.
- 33 percent work, teach, join the Peace Corps or do research.

honors center

Honors College students gather in the historic William Aiken House (built c. 1830) - located in the center of campus - to study, socialize, meet with professors, attend seminars, work on group projects and relax in the upstairs lounge/reading room.

honors college facts

- 700 students
- students from 36 states and two foreign countries
- average class size: 17
- student-faculty ratio: 10-1
- average weighted high school GPA: 4.4
- average unweighted high school GPA: 3.8
- SAT midrange: 1300-1400
- SAT average: 1340
- ACT midrange: 28-31
- ACT average: 30

go global

No matter where you live or what career paths you follow, one thing is certain about your future: At some time you will interact with people whose background and culture are different from yours. In order to help you prepare for that eventuality, we'll encourage you, whenever possible, to spend a few weeks, a semester, or even a year in unfamiliar territory. There are many ways to do this.

semester abroad

You might want to take part in a semester-long study-abroad program. During the fall it's Santiago, Chile. Each spring, the choices include Trujillo, Spain; La Rochelle, France; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Havana, Cuba.

Step outside your comfort zone and explore the world through our study abroad programs. ≡





≈ You'll work closely with professors who are well respected in their fields and love to teach.

study abroad during the summer

Each summer, professors take groups of students to Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. What an enriching experience it is to study archaeology in Athens or discuss literature in Brazil. A partial list of destinations and courses taught in the past includes:

- ENGLAND (English literature)
- BRAZIL (biology, literature in translation)
- ITALY (Italian language)
- CHILE (elementary education)
- MOROCCO (French, Arabic, political science)
- AUSTRIA, GERMANY AND ITALY (communication)
- GERMANY, BELGIUM AND FRANCE (management and history)
- ESTONIA AND RUSSIA (political science)
- GREECE (Classics)
- VIETNAM (history, special education)

student exchange programs

There are bilateral exchange programs that will allow you to pay tuition and fees to the College of Charleston and study at a partner institution. Some options include: Kansai Gaidai University (Osaka, Japan), Universidad Nacional de la Matanza (Buenos Aires, Argentina), University of the Sunshine Coast (Queensland, Australia) and Bangkok University (Thailand).

Another option is the National Student Exchange (NSE). The way it works: If you are accepted in the program, you'll maintain your status at the College while spending a semester or a year at one of 180 participating universities throughout the U.S., Canada, the Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico. cofc.edu/international

⟪ In-depth educational and cross-cultural experiences will help you see the world as other cultures see it.

**"I SPENT A SEMESTER ABROAD
STUDYING IN TRUJILLO, SPAIN,
WHERE I INTERNEED WITH THE
LOCAL TOURISM BUREAU.
I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
INDIAN CULTURAL DANCING
AND AM A MEMBER OF THE
SPANISH HONORS FRATERNITY."**

SHIVANI JANI
COLUMBIA, S.C.
MAJORS: INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS AND SPANISH



find your niche

The Career Center should be one of the first stops you make when you get to the College. The staff can help you develop the tools you'll need to market yourself - to prospective employers, or graduate or professional schools.

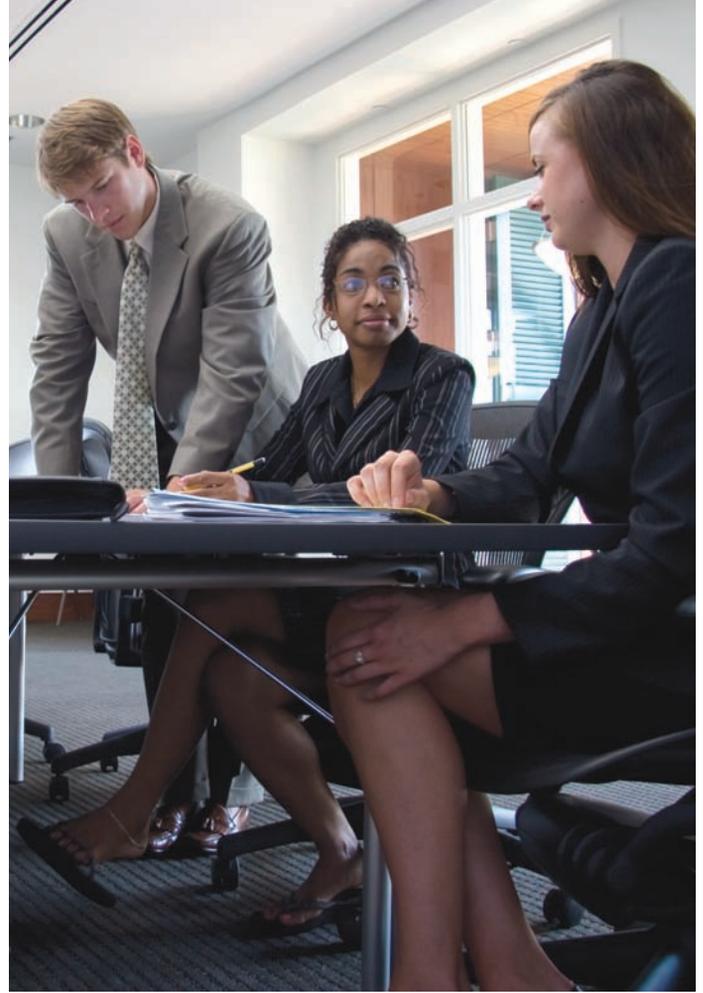
Not sure what your major will be? If you are among the 50 percent of entering freshmen who are undecided about their major, the Career Center and Center for Academic Advising staffs will work together to help you plan your academic and career strategies.

Part-time jobs, internships, service learning and volunteering might also play an integral part in your preparations for the future - another reason we suggest that you visit the Career Center early and often.

Career Center seminars can be very helpful. Some of the topics covered include résumés, internships, job searches, choosing a major and networking. The staff also will help you determine the appropriate time to begin a job search or make plans for graduate or professional school. careercenter.cofc.edu

Interested in the theatre? Throughout the year, our students perform in the Emmett Robinson Theatre, Blackbox and Chapel Theatre. ≡





⇒ Successfully capitalizing on change requires knowledge, creativity and entrepreneurial leadership. Our programs are designed to develop these attributes. Innovative programs, internships and experiential learning opportunities will extend your learning beyond the classroom.

learn while you earn

The Career Center keeps a database of part-time, full-time, and seasonal employment opportunities. You can search for a position through CISTERNonline, a real-time Web-based recruiting system.

more experiential learning opportunities

Volunteering, internships, cooperative education, informational interviewing, networking and shadowing are other ways to explore career options and prepare for the “world of work.”

self-assessment

It is much better to search for a career that fits you, rather than try to fit you into a career that simply seems interesting. If you know what you are good at, what you enjoy doing and what’s most important in your life, then you will be on firm ground when you select a career. The Career Center can help you with self-assessment.

« Up the road is the Francis Marion National Forest - acres and acres of upland forest, bottomland/hardwood swamp, maritime forest, wildlife pit ponds, borrow ponds and Carolina Bays - all of which draw faculty and student researchers from the College.

s.u.r.f.

(summer undergraduate research with faculty)

Collaborative research is a great way to work one-on-one with faculty. Participating in a challenging and meaningful undergraduate research project or creative activity can be the single most important experience that you will have in college. You might even realize your career ambition and potential as a result of such an experience.

You'll be working under the direction of a faculty mentor; the expectation is that the results of your project will be disseminated in appropriate academic or professional forums.

The N.E. Miles Early Childhood Development Center is a demonstration preschool that students may use for research, observation and practicum purposes. ≍

What better place to study historic preservation and community planning than in beautiful, historic Charleston, S.C. ≍≍





⌘ Through its research facilities and museum exhibits, the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture tells the story of African Americans from their origins in Africa through slavery, emancipation, segregation, migration and the civil rights movement.

It's important to note that undergraduate research is not confined to the sciences. Here are a few projects that will give you an idea of the breadth and scope of topics other students have researched.

- An experimental investigation of primary choice and voter turnout (economics and finance)
- **MY PARENTS DON'T KNOW:** a privacy management investigation of the secrets college students keep from their parents (communication)
- **CAREGIVING FOR SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN:** Zambia and the United States (sociology)
- **REVOLUTION GRRRL STYLE:** zines and the future of feminism (women's and gender studies)
- **PORTS IN PERIL:** the study of the effect of sea level rise on South Carolina's state port facilities in the Charleston, S.C. area (geology)
- **DESIGN WITH CULTURE:** reconnecting Hampton Park to the Ashley River (historic preservation and community planning)
- Autonomous robot navigation (computer science)

cofc.edu/ur

⌘ Marine science students often conduct research along the nearby waterways and beaches, and in the open ocean outside Charleston Harbor as well.

majors

accounting
anthropology
art history
arts management
astronomy
astrophysics
athletic training
biochemistry
biology
business administration
 with concentrations in:
 entrepreneurship
 finance
 global logistics and transportation
 hospitality and tourism management
 leadership, change,
 and social responsibility
 marketing
 real estate
chemistry
Classics
communication
 with concentrations in:
 communication studies
 media studies
 corporate and
 organizational communication
computer information systems
computer science
discovery informatics
early childhood education
economics
elementary education
English
French and Francophone studies
geology
German
historic preservation
 and community planning
history
hospitality and tourism management
international business
international studies
Latin American and Caribbean studies
marine biology
mathematics
middle grades education
music
philosophy
physical education
 with concentrations in:
 exercise science
 health promotion
 teacher education
 (movement pedagogy)
physics
political science
psychology
religious studies
secondary education cognate
sociology
Spanish
special education
studio art
theatre
urban studies
women's and gender studies
 (pending SACS approval)

minors

African studies
African American studies
anthropology
archaeology
art history
arts management
Asian studies
astronomy
biomedical physics
biology
British studies
business administration
chemistry
Classics
coaching
communication studies
comparative literature
computational thinking
computer science
creative writing
crime, law and society
dance
discovery informatics
economics
English
environmental studies
European studies
film studies
finance
foreign language education
minor with content majors in:
• Classics (Latin)
• French
• German
• Spanish
French
geography
geology
German
German studies
global logistics and transportation
Greek
health
historic preservation
and community planning
history
hospitality and tourism management
information systems
international studies
Italian
Italian studies
Japanese studies
Jewish studies
languages and international business
Latin
Latin American and Caribbean studies
leadership, change
and social responsibility
linguistics
mathematics
media studies
meteorology
music
neuroscience
philosophy
physics
political science
pre-actuarial studies
psychology
religious studies
Russian studies
sociology
Spanish
studio art
theatre
women's and gender studies

“CHARLESTON IS A GREAT CITY - **I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL SOMEWHERE ELSE.** I REALLY ENJOY THE ART DISTRICT. I LOVE TO GO TO THE GALLERIES - EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY THE WORK!”

KERI HUNIGAN
MILLERSVILLE, MD.
MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE
MINOR: INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



WATCH FOR SHIPS
STAY OUT OF THE CHANNEL

health, fitness, fun

You can join a sport club, play intramural sports, or grab a friend and take a yoga class, do cardio and strength training or take an aerobics class.

In the Stern Student Center, there is a 25-meter pool, which is open for lap swimming, a workout room complete with treadmills, elliptical trainers, upright and recumbent exercise bikes, weight machines and free weights, and a game room.

Maybe a weekend of hiking, rock climbing or backpacking is more your speed. Or sea kayaking off the South Carolina coast. If you enjoy the outdoors, Charleston's the place to be.

campusrec.cofc.edu

You might develop an interest in Capoeira (an Afro-Brazilian art form) or join the ice hockey sport club. ≡





≈ Take time to learn about the customs of other cultures. Or throw your surf board on the roof of your car and head to the Washout at Folly Beach.

learn to lead

Leadership skills are life skills. If you are looking for opportunities, activities and experiences that will help prepare you to be a leader, drop in on the Higdon Student Leadership Center.

Their programs offer an interactive “learning laboratory” for life-skill development, while they stimulate a desire for further exploration.

Individual, and small, medium or large group leadership activities help promote positive citizenship and develop responsible student leadership on and off campus.

slc.cofc.edu

≪ Students form sport clubs. You practice and compete with others who are on the same skill level.

make a difference

If you've already been involved with service projects of one kind or another, we hope you'll continue to make service learning an important part of your college experience. Aside from improving the quality of life of the people you touch, volunteering can actually make learning come alive. The experiences you'll have will also reinforce the importance of being actively involved in your community.

Some of the following might appeal to you.

- Cougars Helping Enhance the Community (CHEC) Community Service Center matches students, faculty and staff volunteers with community needs.
- Volunteer Corps - active citizens in the Charleston community plan and participate in service projects.
- Discipline-based, service-learning courses - academic courses into which service is incorporated.
- MLK Challenge, Move Out/Help Out, Dash for Trash, Alternative Spring Break

servicelearning.cofc.edu

You'll find ample opportunity to give of your time when you come to Charleston. ≡





≧ MLK Challenge and ZTA Line Drives To Save Lives/Raising Money for Breast Cancer Awareness - two examples of our students' philanthropic activities.

true belonging

You should definitely plan to live on campus, as most of our incoming freshmen do. This will put you squarely in the middle of things - close to all the goings-on on campus, of course, and within walking distance of city-sponsored events. And, you'll learn how to share "home" with a few hundred other students, and live with someone you may meet for the first time on move-in day. Your choices will range from the very new (Liberty Street Residence Hall), to some perennial favorites (College Lodge), and include single-sex (Craig Residence Hall) or co-ed (Glenn McConnell Residence Hall).

The Office of Residence Life and Housing staff will review student profiles in order to match you with the best possible roommate. During the summer, you can go online to see who your new roommate(s) and/or suitemates are going to be!

reslife.cofc.edu

≪ *Sustainability: the ability to meet the needs of current generations without compromising the resources of future generations. Get involved. Go green!*

“DIVERSITY IS IMPORTANT TO ME. AT THE COLLEGE, I’VE FOUND THAT DIVERSITY MEANS MUCH MORE THAN HOW PEOPLE APPEAR, ALTHOUGH IF YOU LOOKED AT MY BEST FRIENDS, YOU’D WONDER HOW PEOPLE WHO LOOK SO UNALIKE COULD BE SO SIMILAR. **THIS IS A REALLY DIVERSE PLACE** WHEN YOU REALIZE THE CONCEPT INCLUDES IDEAS.”

DANIELLE GEETING
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.
MAJOR: BIOLOGY
MINOR: SPANISH



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school spirit

Whether you are a sports participant or simply a sports lover, if the only thing that gets exercise at a game is your lungs, then the College's athletics teams will add an exciting dimension to your college experience.

Our students have long been passionate supporters of Cougar basketball. Now that same spirit is spreading to other sports as well, and it won't take long for you to figure out how best to show your Cougar Pride - on campus, at the Patriots Point Athletics Complex - and even on the road. cofcsports.com

2009-10 season highlights:

- **SAILING** - first in national women's championship and fourth in national team race championship
- **BASEBALL** - made it to NCAA regionals. Alumnus Brett Gardner is a N.Y. Yankees outfielder.
- **EQUESTRIAN** - eighth at nationals
- **MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING** - third in Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Championship
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS** - made it to the NCAA doubles championship

The highly successful equestrian team practices at Storybook Farm on Johns Island. ≡





≧ You'll definitely want to follow the men's varsity basketball team. At home they play in the Carolina First Arena. On the road, they could be playing anywhere in the country - from the East Coast to Hawaii!

cougar sports

Our intercollegiate athletics program will let you enjoy NCAA Division I team play at its best. The College of Charleston is a member of the Southern Conference (SoCon), which begins its 90th season of intercollegiate competition in 2010. Currently, league membership includes Appalachian State University, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Davidson College, Elon University, Furman University, Georgia Southern University, Samford University, The University of North Carolina Greensboro, The University of Tennessee Chattanooga, Western Carolina University and Wofford College.

MEN'S TEAMS

baseball
basketball
cross country
golf
sailing
soccer
swimming/diving
tennis

WOMEN'S TEAMS

basketball
cross country
equestrian
golf
track and field
sailing
soccer
softball
swimming/diving
tennis
volleyball

CO-ED TEAMS

cheerleading
sailing
dance

≧ You, too, have access to the College's 25-meter, six-lane pool.

your city, your home

Charleston, the city you will be calling home for the next few years, is rich in history and culture. Get out and explore!

Wander through the open-air market or the Farmers Market, play Frisbee at Waterfront Park, rollerblade on High Battery, dine at 39 Rue de Jean or Jestine's Kitchen and end the evening at the Music Farm for live shows after dark.

Check out some of the local teams: Charleston RiverDogs (Class-A affiliate of the New York Yankees), South Carolina Stingrays (ECHL hockey), Charleston Battery (USL First Division professional soccer team).

Immerse yourself in the history of the Lowcountry at The Charleston Museum, Fort Sumter, The Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, and the Old Slave Mart Museum.

Interested in the arts? Check out the Charleston Symphony, Gibbes Museum of Art, Theatre 99, Redux, Charleston Ballet Theater and Footlight Players.

You won't want to miss the annual Cooper River Bridge Run. Test your mettle against the Kenyans, who dominate each year.

want to explore the outdoors?

- kayaking - coastalexpeditions.com
- fishing - saltwaterfishing.sc.gov
- Sierra Club - southcarolina.sierraclub.org
- golf - charlestongolfinc.com
- county parks - ccprc.com

In your spare time, cheer on the Charleston RiverDogs, a Class-A affiliate of the N.Y. Yankees, or capture the beauty of campus. ☺





≈ From the excitement of Spoleto Festival USA to the relaxed atmosphere of campus - you can always find something that will suit your mood.

Festivals go on all the time throughout the year in Charleston. Check out Spoleto Festival U.S.A., Piccolo Spoleto, Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, MOJA Arts Festival, Lowcountry Blues Bash, Lowcountry Oyster Festival, Surf Kayak Rodeo, Festival of Lights at James Island County Park and Festival Hispano.

Bookmark these websites: charlestoncity.info and charlestoncvb.com, or pick up *The Post & Courier*, *Charleston City Paper* or *Skirt!* to keep on top of what's going on.

≪ Try something new. Sign up for a surf kayaking class, a 10-mile ocean kayaking trip or rock-climbing adventure. Charleston is a great place for outdoor activities.

"I REALLY LIKE ANYTHING
RELATED TO THE OUTDOORS,
AND I **CAN ALWAYS FIND
SOMETHING TO DO IN
THE AREA.** I TAKE CAMPING
TRIPS TO THE MOUNTAINS.
I PLAY SOCCER AND I SURF.
I WAS REALLY EXCITED
ABOUT THE SAILING CLASS
I TOOK ONE SUMMER.
IT WAS FUN, AND I GOT
CLASS CREDIT."

ANNMARIE LEVEEN
CHARLESTON, S.C.
MAJOR: BIOLOGY



live, learn, grow

John F. Kennedy Jr. said that “50 percent of a student’s education takes place *outside* the classroom.” We believe that’s true, and recommend that you explore our student organizations, programs and activities as soon as you come to campus.

You will automatically become a member of SGA (Student Government Association), which is the organization that takes an active role in enhancing student life at the College and addresses students’ concerns.

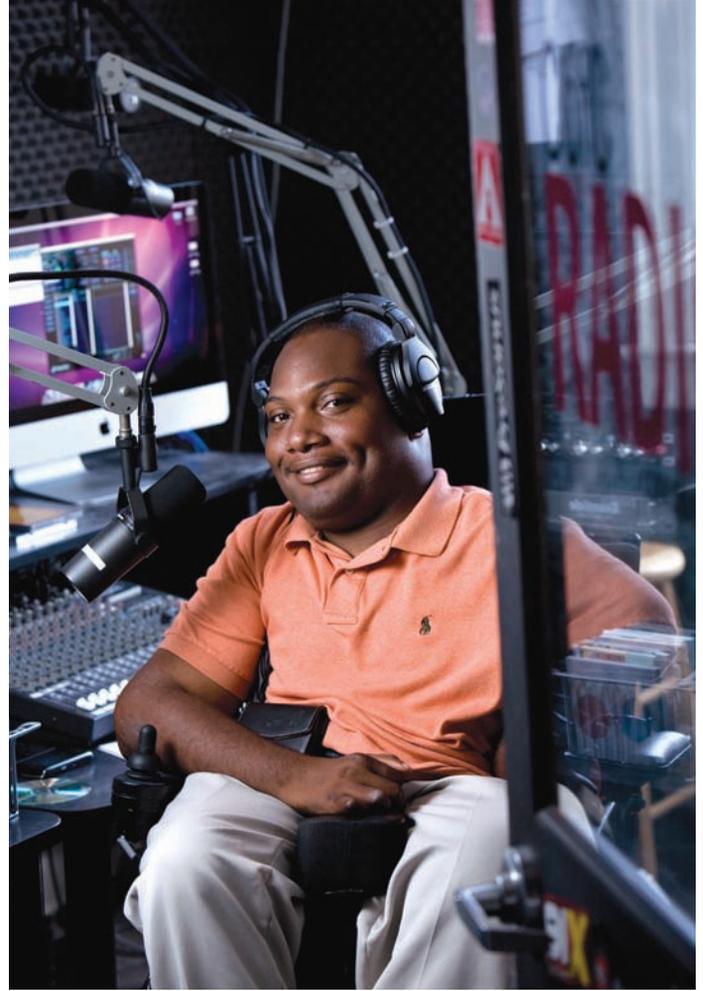
There are more than 150 clubs and organizations to choose from. Some link to academic pursuits (biology, international clubs and Student Sports Medicine Association, for example). Others will enable you to perform community service (Habitat for Humanity), develop your political interests (Americans for Informed Democracy), or meet people who share similar interests (Table-Top Gaming Club). The College is also home to 26 nationally recognized social fraternities and sororities.

CAB (Cougar Activities Board) is the organization for great entertainment on campus (live bands, films, world-famous speakers, multicultural events).

Getting involved couldn’t be easier! studentlife.cofc.edu

Approximately 1,200 students choose to be “Greek.” It’s a great way to help you find your niche at the College of Charleston. ≡





≈ Try your hand at journalism - broadcast and print - creative writing or hosting your own radio show.

student media

check out some of the following

THE GEORGE STREET OBSERVER (GSO), our official student newspaper, is distributed weekly throughout the College community. Whether the paper is reporting the news, or covering athletics events, student life, or entertainment, the GSO is where to go when you want to know what's happening around campus. georgestreetobserver.com

COFC RADIO is run by students - from the top (management) on down (D.J. staff). The format is new music representing all genres, performed by independent artists. Go online for information on how to get involved and how to tune in from anywhere in the world. cisternyard.com

COUGAR TELEVISION broadcasts television news and entertainment online and on channel 37 in the residence halls. CTV gives students the chance to showcase their talents, whether in front of the camera or putting everything together behind the scenes. ctv.cofc.edu

Students produce the **MISCELLANY** - a collection of prose, poetry and visual art published annually. miscellany.cofc.edu

⟨⟨ Take time to learn about the customs of other cultures.

get outside!!

things you should definitely do before you graduate:

- Take a ghost tour.
- Spend an afternoon exploring and taking pictures.
- Go to the Family Circle Cup tennis tournament.
- Walk across the Cooper River Bridge.
- Surf at Folly Beach.
- Take a carriage ride.
- Enjoy the Farmers Market at Marion Square on a Saturday morning in the spring.
- Take a run down to the Battery at sunset.
- Shop on King Street.
- Walk/run the annual Cooper River Bridge Run.
- Enjoy Spoleto and Piccolo Spoleto arts festivals.
- Visit a 350-year-old graveyard.
- Walk along Rainbow Row on East Bay Street.

The tip of the Charleston peninsula, where the Ashley and Cooper rivers join and flow to the ocean is called the Battery. ≡

On any Saturday morning, from April to December, you'll want to stroll through the Charleston Farmers Market - enjoy a leisurely brunch, sample the local produce and take in the entertainment. ≡≡





⌘ COUGARPALOOZA, Cougar Activities Board's annual end-of-the-year celebration.

entertainment in Charleston

- Dave Matthews
- Wu Tang Clan
- Taylor Swift
- Ryan Adams
- Kings Of Leon
- Bruce Springsteen
- Snoop Dogg
- Cold War Kids
- Delta Spirit
- The Bravery
- Rilo Kiley
- Wilco
- Widespread Panic
- Band of Horses
- Silversun Pick-ups
- Hootie & The Blowfish
- O.A.R.
- Explosions in the Sky
- Carlos Mencia
- Lyle Lovett & his Large Band
- ZZ Top
- Citizen Cope
- Jakob Dylan
- Edwin McCain
- Candlebox
- Badfish
- Blue Dogs - Charleston band
- Cowboy Mouth
- Will Hoge
- Drivin' N' Cryin
- Big Head Todd & the Monsters

⌘ Bike it, walk it, run it - however you choose to cross the Cooper River Bridge, the experience will give you a terrific workout and a magnificent view of expansive Charleston Harbor.



ready to APPLY?

The College of Charleston is looking for motivated, capable students who will help enrich, and be enriched by, a diverse campus community that includes individuals from across the nation and around the globe. Our admission committee will look closely at your academic preparation, GPA, rank in class, SAT/ACT results, talents and leadership qualifications.

We encourage all **qualified** students who have a **strong** interest in the College to apply online by our non-binding early notification deadline. If you plan to apply to the Honors College, use our regular online application as well. admissions.cofc.edu.

application deadlines for fall admission

The online application and required documents must be received in our office or postmarked by these dates:

- **November 1** - early notification deadline. Non-binding. We will notify you of our decision in late December.
- **December 1** - scholarship deadline. If you want to be considered for a merit-based scholarship, the admissions office must have received a **completed** application and all materials by this date.
- **February 1** - regular notification deadline. You will be notified of our decision in early April.
- **May 1** - enrollment and housing deposit deadline

For complete details and all up-to-date deadlines for fall and spring applicants, please visit admissions.cofc.edu/applyingtothecollege

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It's May commencement in the Cistern Yard. As you finish your exceptional journey through college and prepare to embark on your career, you'll do so in non-traditional attire - white dresses for women and white dinner jackets for men. >>



application checklist

A completed application consists of:

- an online application.
- a non-refundable application fee.
- official high school transcripts (preferably submitted electronically).
- test scores from the SAT or ACT sent directly from testing agencies.

AP/IB credit

We will award credit for scores of three or higher on advanced placement tests and four or higher on international baccalaureate higher level examinations. You can find a detailed list of credit awards by exam on the admissions website.

visit with us

Throughout the year, we offer a number of opportunities for you to visit our campus. Some of them include:

- **open houses.** These special day-long events are held in the fall and the spring.
- **campus tours.** These are offered weekdays and select Saturdays. A current College of Charleston student will show you around and answer your questions. You can also sit in on an information session that is given by a member of the admissions staff.

Once you've been admitted to the College, you'll want to take advantage of the following special visit opportunities to get to know us even better.

- **Class visits.** When the College of Charleston is in session, you can sit in on a class that interests you.
- **Shadow program.** Experience a day in the life of a College of Charleston student.

To sign up for a campus visit, go to admissions.cofc.edu/explorethecollege, e-mail us, or call.

Select "visit" on the College's website for directions to campus and some suggestions on places to stay when you're in town.

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money matters

The College of Charleston is a state-affiliated institution. While our academic fees are less than those of many other institutions in the state and across the nation, we recognize that the cost of a college education is a major expense item in the family budget.

For help in figuring out the best ways to finance your education, visit the Office of Financial Assistance and Veterans Affairs website for options. Click on "scholarships," "grants," "loans," "work study" or "veterans" to see what might be available for you.

You can find the answers to many questions you might have - as well as a timeline - on our website. finaid.cofc.edu

financial aid

- **federal, state and institutional aid.** You must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be considered for any of these programs, which include grants, work study, federal student loans and the PLUS loan for parents of undergraduate students.

Our priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA is March 1.

- **scholarships.** The College of Charleston offers scholarships based on the academic credentials that are on file in the

admissions office at the time of admission. There is no separate application for general scholarships; the selection process is highly competitive. Remember to apply by December 1 in order to be considered.

- **private sources of aid.** You should definitely look into private, local and national scholarships, as well as other sources of aid such as a garden club, PTA, civic group or your parents' employers. To find some resources, visit finaid.cofc.edu/aid/scholarships.php

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Notice of Availability of Annual Security Report: In compliance with the "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act" (20 U.S.C. 1092) and implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. 668.46), prospective students are entitled to request and receive a copy of the College of Charleston Annual Security Report. This security report includes crime statistics for the previous three years as well as policy statements and program descriptions concerning campus security (such as policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, victims' assistance programs, student discipline, campus resources and other matters). The report is available online at studentaffairs.cofc.edu/general-info/annual-security/index.php, and in printed form upon request to the Public Safety Department, 81B St. Phillip Street, Charleston, S.C. 29424.

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