

INCOMING STUDENT COLLEGE CREDIT PROCESS

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

January 2026



FALL/SUMMER 2025

- Freshmen
 - 59,642 applicants
 - 7,812 enrolled
- Transfer/System Transfer
 - 4,097 applicants
 - 1,655 enrolled
- Readmit
 - 348 applicants
 - 163 enrolled
- Nondegree
 - 988 applicants
 - 318 enrolled
- Bridge Programs
 - Gamecock Gateway
 - 177 enrolled
 - Palmetto Pathway
 - 93 enrolled
 - Gamecock Verto Semester
 - 92 enrolled



SPRING 2026*

- Freshmen
 - 921 applicants
 - 79 enrolled
- Transfer/System Transfer
 - 1,090 applicants (86 Verto)
 - 415 enrolled (86 Verto)
- Readmit
 - 340 applicants
 - 146 enrolled
- Nondegree
 - 189 applicants
 - 99 enrolled

*preliminary data



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TIMELINE

- August
 - Launch freshman application for next cohort (8/1)
 - Fall Non-Freshman Credentials Deadline (8/1)
 - Finalize files for fall new students
- September
 - Launch spring application for all student types (9/1)
 - Begin rolling decisions for spring applicants (9/2)
- October
 - Freshman Early Action Deadline (10/15)
- November
 - Spring Application Deadline (11/1)
 - South Carolina Honors College Deadline (11/15)
- December
 - Freshman Application Deadline (12/1)
 - Spring Credentials Deadline (12/15)
 - Release Freshman Early Action Decisions (mid-December)
 - Finalize files for spring new students



TIMELINE

- January
 - Finalize files for spring new students
- February
 - Launch Summer/Fall non-freshman application (2/1)
 - Begin rolling decisions for summer/fall non-freshman applicants (2/2)
- March
 - Release remaining incoming freshman cohort decisions (by mid-March)
 - Release scholarship decisions (by mid-March)
- May
 - Freshmen cohort enrollment deposit deadline (5/1)
 - Summer Application Deadline (5/1)
 - Summer Credentials Deadline (5/15)
 - Beginning finalizing files for summer/fall new students
- June
 - Finalizing files for fall new students
- July
 - Fall Non-Freshman Application Deadline (7/1)
 - Finalize files for fall new students



ADMISSIONS CREDENTIALS REQUIREMENTS

- Freshmen
 - Application/Application Fee
 - High School Transcript
 - Unofficial through junior year submitted with application
 - Final Official submitted for deposited admits after high school graduation
 - Note: Dual enrollment college transcripts or official AP/IB exam credits are not required for admission decisions.
 - SAT/ACT (test-optional)
- Transfers
 - Application/Application Fee
 - All College Transcripts
 - Unofficial transcript can be submitted with application for a decision release.
 - Final Official transcripts are requested once an admit decision is released.
 - Note: We release decisions while students are currently enrolled in courses. Therefore, not all coursework may be visible until the current semester is finished, and final transcript is submitted and entered into Banner.



INCOMING CREDIT PROCESS

- Office of Admissions
 - Receives all college transcripts for new students
 - Dual Enrollment
 - New Transfers
 - Readmits with Transfer Credit
 - Receives all college transcripts received from National Clearinghouse and Parchment (includes continuing students).
 - Enters college course work into Banner for new incoming students. Once entered into Banner these students fall into a query that the Registrar's staff pulls to roll courses to student history.
 - Note: All dual enrollment college transcripts need to be received and entered before the Registrar's Office is notified to roll to history.
 - Note: Admitted transfers with active enrollment will need to submit final transcripts before courses are entered into Banner.
 - Codes continuing students in Slate so that they fall into a query that the Registrar's staff pulls to enter courses into Banner.



INCOMING CREDIT PROCESS

- Office of Registrar
 - Processes transfer coursework for current and continuing students
 - Articulates transfer credit for new, incoming students
 - Manages the transfer course evaluation process
 - Processes exam credit (except AP):
 - CLEP
 - IB
 - DANTES/DSST
 - Cambridge A Level
 - Manages the online Transfer Tables
 - Processes transfer coursework for the regional campuses (USC Lancaster, USC Salkehatchie, USC Sumter, USC Union)



PRE-ORIENTATION ACADEMIC ADVISING CONSIDERATIONS

- Timing
 - Month of May is busy.
 - Finalizing summer and fall files.
 - Collecting and Entering Final High School Transcripts
 - Collecting and Entering Final S.C. High School Ranking Reports
 - Identifying, Collecting and Entering Dual Enrollment Transcripts
 - Priority given based on POAA advising date.
 - Note: Dual Enrollment transcript is not required for admission.
 - Collecting and Entering Summer and Fall Non-Freshmen College Transcripts
 - For those waiting for an admissions decision
 - For those with an updated transcript from Spring term
 - These processes continue through August and beyond.
 - Note: Exam credit is not required for admission but requested once student is admitted/deposited.
 - Note: Official AP exams are taken during the month of May, and official scores are not received until July.



Questions?



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