

USC

University of
South Carolina



Great Destination for SBA,
CEN and CAS Majors



About the Host Institution

The University of South Carolina is home to more than 200 years of history and tradition, starting with from a single building in 1805 on the site of what would become the heart of the campus, ie: the Horseshoe. The 11 buildings that now make up the Horseshoe frame a lush lawn that is an irresistible gathering place. At South Carolina, you'll learn to lead and lead to learn. Leadership is at our very core, woven into the classes that form the basis of educational requirements and it is how they connect experiences inside and beyond the classroom.

Location:

Columbia, SC, United States

AUS Requirements/Eligibility:

1. Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date
2. Must not be in graduating semester (last semester).
3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA 2.5 or above.

AUS Placement Availability and Likelihood:

Please be aware that spaces in this program may be limited, and the number of spaces available for AUS placements will vary from semester to semester. That means that sometimes, access to these spaces will be competitive based on your cumulative GPA, Essay, Reference Letters, and other considerations. AUS International Exchange Office (IXO) will try to accommodate your first choice placements wherever possible, but you should always list several programs in your application, in case space is not available in your first choice university.

Length of Stay:

One or two semesters.

Courses

SBA: UofSC's Darla Moore School of Business is AACSB-accredited. Students are encouraged to take their general education (humanities, etc.), free electives and Business electives (MJR or MIN electives). Students can take major or required courses during their study abroad semester after getting the approval from SBA at AUS. UofSC has a list of unique international business classes in globalization, international marketing and finance, and regional courses.

For more information on the courses please visit :

https://ssb.onecarolina.sc.edu/BANP/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched

AUS Course Approval:

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their [AUS Course Permission Form](#) and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program).

Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

Program Fees and Costs:

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-16 credits) in addition to Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

AUS Financial Grants and Scholarships:

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the OFGS (Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships) before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student

will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should contact the OFGS at scholarship@aus.edu for more information.

AUS Sponsored Students:

Students sponsored by external organizations that are in partnership with the AUS Sponsorship Liaison Office will be responsible for asking permission from their sponsor. A Letter to the Sponsor is available from the International Exchange Office. Please contact ixo@aus.edu.

Housing/Accommodation:

Students are required to live on campus. UofSC offers housing accommodation on campus (single-sex dorms are available) for students who apply and pay required fees before the deadline. To view housing options visit the website: <http://www.housing.sc.edu/>

Visa:

Students must apply to the US Embassy/Consulate to obtain their J1 Exchange Visitor Visa after receiving the visa documents from the host university. They must make an appointment and follow up with the required documentation, such as the letter of acceptance and

bank statement. See <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html> and <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/> for complete information on Visa application process.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase their own or from SC. Follow instruction given by the host university.



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Study Abroad Experience

Dinete's Semester at USC



Dinete Thomas Kollanur (Left) with USC

Dinete Thomas Kollanur, an accounting student, studied abroad for a semester at USC in Spring 2016.

Kollanur said, "USC was my first choice, and it was recommended to me by all of my SBA professors. I took three business courses there, business law, accounting and management, which was at a higher academic standard than I expected. Aside from the business courses, I also took two other courses, music and philosophy."

When asked about Kollanur's experience, he said, "My initial expectations about studying abroad in USC was great. I was ready to experience the American culture, go on adventures and meet lots of new people. To my surprise, my initial expectations have been exceeded by reality. The whole experience of it was a lot more wonderful than my expectations itself.

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Many people do not even consider studying abroad or have the fear of being away from their friends and family. However, this experience taught me a lot more about myself. Through this experience, I realized how active I was in terms of sports and how passionate I am about music. I joined the USC Men's Chorus and performed the US National Anthem in front of 18,000 people in a sold out arena. During holidays, I managed to visit 15 of the most prominent cities on the East Coast."

Kollanur advised, "Studying abroad helps you to be yourself. It gives you a new outlook on life. Don't have any second thoughts, because you will have one of the best time of your life. If I could sum up this entire experience in just one sentence I would say, if your university life is a movie, this would be the most exciting part of the movie that everyone will remember after it's over."
