Accreditation
The University of South Carolina is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award degrees from the associate degree to the doctoral level. In addition to this comprehensive accreditation, the professional schools within the Columbia and Greenville campuses are individually accredited by their respective associations.

Official Transcripts
The University of South Carolina only issues complete transcripts that include all levels and courses for all USC campuses. The official transcript is printed on secure paper, carries the signature of the University Registrar and the printed un-raised seal of University of South Carolina. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, information from the official transcript may not be released to a third party without the written and authorized consent of the student.

Campus Locations
AIK - Aiken
BFT - Beaufort
COL - Columbia
COL - School of Medicine
COL - School of Medicine at Greenville
LAN - Lancaster
SAL - Salkehatchie
SMT - Sumter
UNI - Union
UPS - Upstate

Academic Calendar
The University of South Carolina follows a semester calendar which includes condensed and extended parts of term. For Fall and Spring semesters, there are 70 class days with a minimum of 2100 minutes of instruction for a standard 3 credit hour class. All nonstandard one or two day per week classes must meet the minutes of instruction requirements as part of the calendar. Regulations governing the regular academic year also pertain to the summer semester.

Course Numbering System
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500 to 659 Undergraduate and Graduate Level
700 to 899 Graduate Level
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Previous Grading Systems
Grades and grading details for Summer 2013 and prior located below.

Academic Standing
A student is considered to be in good standing unless otherwise indicated. When a student’s cumulative USC GPA at the end of any semester is less than a 2.00, he or she is placed on academic probation. Any student who is on probation at the beginning of a fall or spring semester must achieve a certain cumulative GPA at the end of that semester in order to avoid suspension. For specific academic standing regulations refer to the academic bulletin [http://www.sc.edu/bulletin/](http://www.sc.edu/bulletin/).

Grade Forgiveness
Currently enrolled, fully admitted, degree-seeking undergraduates earning a D+, D, F, or WF in a USC course may take up to two undergraduate courses for a second time for the purpose of grade forgiveness. Both the first and second grades shall appear on the permanent record, but only the second grade will be used in computing the USC cumulative grade point average. Notation of ‘REPEATED (GF)’ indicates the course has been repeated and the grade has been excluded from the cumulative GPA calculation.

Academic Forgiveness
Under certain conditions former undergraduate students with less than a 2.00 cumulative GPA may apply for academic forgiveness. Academic forgiveness allows for a recalculation of the GPA to permit a student to graduate or pursue a specific academic program. Special grade symbols are used to calculate Academic Forgiveness. Courses in which the student received a passing grade prior to readmission may, at the discretion of the dean, be applied toward the degree. Refer to the Academic Bulletin regarding this policy.

South Carolina Honors College
The SCCC and SCHC course subject indicates courses offered by the South Carolina Honors College, which are either honors version of regular University courses or special pro-seminars. Courses tend to be in discussion format, foster strong faculty-student rapport, and frequently include intensive work on individual or group projects.

South Carolina College of Pharmacy-SCCP Courses
The SCCP course subject indicates courses offered by the South Carolina College of Pharmacy formed in 2006 by the merger of the Colleges of Pharmacy at the University of South Carolina in Columbia and the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Senior Privilege and Plan M-Enrollment in Graduate Courses
A special provision to earn graduate credit is available for USC undergraduate seniors in their final semester who need less than a normal course load to complete baccalaureate requirements. Graduate credit courses under senior privilege cannot be used toward undergraduate degree requirements. For senior privilege consideration, undergraduate seniors must have a 3.00 GPA cumulative gpa. Senior Privilege and Plan M courses are grade with the grading symbol '%_HE'.

Transfer Credit
Students may transfer credits, providing that a grade of "C" or better was earned at other regionally accredited post-secondary institutions to the University of South Carolina. Courses determined to be equivalent to a USC course will be accepted for credit. Total credits earned and accepted will appear on the official USC transcript. Transfer credit is not included in the computation of the student’s USC grade point average.
### PREVIOUS GRADING SYSTEMS

#### FALL 1929 THROUGH SUMMER 1935

**Grade** | **Equivalent**<br>---|---<br>A9 | A = 3<br>B7 | B = 2.5<br>B6 | B = 2<br>C4 | C = 1.5<br>C3 | C = 1<br>D | D = 0 - Pass<br>E | E = 0 - Failure<br><br>X = Absent from exam<br>W = Withdrawn

*These equivalents are based on three credit semester hour courses

#### FALL 1935 THROUGH SUMMER 1945

**Grade** | **Equivalent**<br>---|---<br>A3 | A = 1<br>B4 | B = 1.5<br>B6 | B = 2<br>C7 | C = 2.5<br>C9 | C = 3<br>D12 | D = 4<br>E15 | E = 5<br><br>X = Absent from exam<br>i = Incomplete<br>W = Withdrawn<br>WA = Withdrawn due to excessive absences

*These equivalents are based on three credit semester hour courses

#### FALL 1945 THROUGH SUMMER 1957

** Grade** | **Equivalent**<br>---|---<br>1 | A<br>2 | B<br>3 | C<br>4 | D<br>5 | E<br>6 | F<br>

N = Absent from exam<br>I = Incomplete<br>W = Withdrawn<br>G = Graduate Credit

**Grade** | **Quality**<br>---|---<br>1 | Excellent<br>2 | Good<br>3 | Average<br>4 | Below Average<br>5 | Poor<br>6 | Failure

#### FALL 1957 THROUGH SUMMER 1964

** Grade** | **Quality**<br>---|---<br>6 | Satisfactory<br>5 | Above Average<br>4 | Good<br>3 | Below Average<br>2 | Poor<br>1 | Failure

X = Absent from exam<br>i = Incomplete<br>FA = Failed due to excessive absences<br>NC = No Credit (Audit)<br>WP = Withdraw Passing<br>WF = Withdraw Failing<br>WA = Waived and Withdrawn due to excessive absences

#### FALL 1964 THROUGH SUMMER 1971

** Grade** | **Quality**<br>---|---<br>4 | Satisfactory<br>3 | Above Average<br>2 | Good<br>1 | Poor<br>0 | Failure

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** Grade** | **Quality**<br>---|---<br>1 | Excellent<br>2 | Good<br>3 | Fair<br>4 | No Credit<br>5 | Poor<br>6 | Failure

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**FALL 1978 THROUGH SUMMER 1980**

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**School of Medicine**

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