University of South Carolina Palmetto College offers seven programs to complete your bachelor’s degree online.

The University of South Carolina Palmetto College leads the way for South Carolinians to have an affordable, convenient way to take advantage of new jobs, promotions or salary increases that require a four-year bachelor’s degree. Through our convenient online degree completion programs, one can easily fit education into a busy lifestyle. At Palmetto College, it is possible to earn a degree without leaving a job, family or one’s community.

Accreditation: All seven programs are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), a regional accrediting body. In addition, several programs have earned specialized national accreditations specific to their discipline, ensuring the quality and integrity of their programs.

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

USC Aiken offers an AACSB-accredited, Business Administration program, with a concentration in Management. The degree is designed to prepare you for success as a business leader. The curriculum covers a variety of fundamental skills and business practices relevant for today’s fast-paced business environment. The program will prepare you to communicate clearly, work independently and in diverse groups, and solve problems from local to global levels.

- 60 credit hours required prior to admission
- 2.0 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Business owner, Entrepreneur, Management positions within a variety of business settings.

For more information on the Business Administration program, please contact Mary Claire Millies at marym@usca.edu or 803.641.3595.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

The Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education degree offered through USC Columbia is accredited by NCATE. The program prepares students for rewarding careers teaching children in grades 2 through 6. Students learn to engage children in inquiry, facilitate learning and develop curriculum, as well as collect, analyze and interpret student data to inform instruction.

- 45 credit hours required prior to admission
- 2.5 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Eligible to apply for grades 2 through 6 teacher certification with the S.C. Department of Education.

For more information on the Elementary Education program, please contact Donna Watson at watsond5@mailbox.sc.edu or 803.777.3570.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

USC Upstate offers the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree program. It is based on the philosophy of a liberal arts education with a curriculum grounded in the social sciences. The program provides present and future criminal justice professionals with the educational background necessary to be successful in a criminal justice career, graduate school or law school.

- 60 credit hours required prior to admission
- 2.0 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Local, State and Federal law enforcement agencies, Corrections and Security, Probation, Court Personnel, and Victim Services.

For more information on the Criminal Justice program, please contact Kathy Horner at kehorner@uscupstate.edu or 864.503.7005.

Bachelor of Science in Human Services

USC Beaufort offers the Bachelor of Science in Human Services degree. The curriculum draws heavily from the disciplines of sociology and psychology, and teaches you the skills needed to make a difference in the lives of others. The Human Services program rises above traditional concepts of social services or social work. Graduates will be able to more effectively manage non-profit organizations, deliver direct care as a human service professional and have the skills to assist in building informal networks of care.
• 60 credit hours required prior to admission
• 2.0 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Social Services, Health Services, Education Services, Urban Environment Services.

For more information on the Human Services program, please contact academic advising at PalmettoCollege@uscb.edu or 843.208.8054.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

USC Columbia offers the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree. The program prepares you for future success through a multidisciplinary program, which you will design with an experienced advisor. The versatility of this degree makes it the perfect choice for businesses and organizations that need employees who can write and speak clearly, manage and solve problems and function creatively and effectively in the real world.

*60 credit hours required prior to admission
*2.25 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Positions requiring critical thinking and analytical skills including those in Government and Social Service agencies.

For more information about the Liberal Studies degree, please contact our information call center at pcadms@mailbox.sc.edu or 888.801.1053.

Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership

The Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership degree offered through USC Columbia will prepare students who want to work in leadership roles in a variety of community settings. An integral part of the curriculum is the internship, providing the student with a space for the practical application of knowledge gained in academic work and a supervised exploration of a field related to the student’s major, their career, or community interests.

• 60 credit hours required prior to admission
• 2.25 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Business organizations, government, social service organizations, etc.

For more information please contact our information call center at pcadms@mailbox.sc.edu or 888.801.1053.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) degree offered through USC Upstate is a CCNE-accredited program that provides students with a skill set that goes beyond mastering subject matter by teaching them critical thinking, problem solving, writing and communication skills.

• 61 approved credit hours required prior to admission
• Registered nursing degree and unencumbered license required prior to admission
• 2.0 minimum GPA

Potential Careers: Specialized staff nurses, healthcare administrators.

For more information on the RN-BSN program, please contact Chasity Ramos at cramos@uscupstate.edu or 864.552.4262.

Financial Aid

The University of South Carolina offers a variety of loans, grants and scholarships to qualified undergraduates. You may complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Go to http://fafsa.gov/

School Codes for Financial Aid: Business Administration program (003449); Human Services program – (003450); Elementary Education (003448); Liberal Studies and Organizational Leadership programs – (004927); Criminal Justice and RN-BSN (006951)

Technology Requirements For Distance Learners

These are general technology needs, and may vary from program to program. Course content is typically available via Blackboard, which is offered once you are enrolled in a program. In addition, some courses require more specific software, which is often available for free, or bundled with the cost of additional course materials.

Hardware:
• Reliable computer with sound and video playing capabilities
• Broadband Internet connection (DSL, cable, satellite)

Browsers:
• Mozilla Firefox v. 7 or later, Internet Explorer v. 8 or later, or Chrome 10.0 or later*
• *For Blackboard requirements, refer to blackboard.sc.edu

Other Browser Requirements:
• Adobe Flash
• Javascript Enabled
• Adobe Reader

Software:
• Microsoft Office 2010 or higher (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access)

For Additional Information

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