Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies
A Four-Year Degree Closer to Home

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor Arts in Liberal Studies?
A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance, state lottery education assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at www.palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

Prepare For Your Future

Businesses and organizations need employees who can write and speak clearly, manage and solve problems and function creatively and effectively in the real world. Your Liberal Studies degree will prepare you for success in these critical areas through a multidisciplinary program you will design with an experienced advisor.

Do I even need a bachelor's degree?

It is more important than ever to have a four-year degree in order to stay competitive in today’s job market.

A bachelor’s degree is designed to provide students with a skill set that goes beyond mastering subject matter by teaching them the critical thinking, problem solving, writing and communication skills employers are looking for.

With a BLS, students will be better prepared for success in any career chosen. The U.S. Census Bureau reported weekly earnings in 2012 of $515 more per week for those with a bachelor’s degree in comparison to those with an associate’s degree — nearly $26,780 more per year.

What can I do with a BLS degree?

At the heart of a liberal arts education is a broad core curriculum that forms the basis of practically all other areas of study. The BLS degree allows you to address your interests, offering the opportunity for study in one of two fields: social and behavioral sciences or arts and humanities. There is a critical need for people who can manage and solve problems, and who can deal with two certainties of the immediate futures: ambiguity and change. These attributes are essential for functioning creatively and effectively in the real world.

Wouldn’t a specific degree program be better for me?

Perhaps, but only if you know exactly what you want to pursue when you graduate. Most four-year degrees are programs designed to get you on specific career paths. But in today’s ever-changing world, you might want and need the flexibility of a more general program of study.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership?
A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
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Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

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Do I even need a bachelor’s degree?

It is more important than ever to have a bachelor’s degree in order to stay competitive in today’s job market.

A four-year degree is designed to provide students with a skill set that goes beyond mastering subject matter by teaching them the critical thinking, problem solving, writing and communication skills for which employers seek.

With a BOL, students will be better prepared for success in the workplace. The Bureau of Labor Statistics confirms that those with bachelor’s degrees earn significantly more than those without associate degrees — and those with bachelor’s degree are more likely to stay employed.

What can I do with a BOL degree?

This degree provides a strong, broad foundation for students who want to work in leadership roles in a variety of community settings. A student’s goal may be a leadership position in a government agency, with a nonprofit organization, or in a business setting. The BOL degree, with its combination of common professional foundations courses and individually selected major courses, can be structured to give the student the appropriate preparation for leadership in the chosen area.

Wouldn’t a specific degree program be better for me?

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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration?
A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 122-124 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance, state lottery education assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina Aiken?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC Aiken and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

Prepare For Your Future

The USC Aiken Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a concentration in Management 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. Your business degree from USC Aiken will prepare you to communicate clearly, work independently and in diverse groups, and solve problems from local to global levels.

Why should I complete a business degree online from USC Aiken through Palmetto College?

The Business Degree Completion Program offered by USC Aiken through Palmetto College is fully accredited by AASCB – The Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business. Fewer than 5% of business schools worldwide have this accreditation, which ensures that your degree is built on high academic standards, quality instruction and current business practices.

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Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor Science in Criminal Justice?
A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance, state lottery education assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina Upstate?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC Upstate and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

Prepare For Your Future

Businesses and organizations need employees who can write and speak clearly, manage and solve problems and function creatively and effectively in the real world. Your Criminal Justice degree will prepare you for success in these critical areas through an interdisciplinary, liberal arts program.

What can I do with a BS in Criminal Justice degree?

The Criminal Justice Program at the University of South Carolina Upstate is designed to provide present and future criminal justice professionals with the educational background necessary to be successful in a criminal justice career, graduate school or law school. Criminal Justice majors complete a course of study that includes the study of crime, offenders, courts, policing, corrections and victims. The program is concerned with both theory and practice.

Students will develop critical thinking skills, oral communication ability and writing proficiency in subjects related to crime and criminal justice. Through this interdisciplinary foundation, students will be prepared to serve South Carolina and beyond as future criminal justice professionals, scholars and informed citizens. Criminal Justice graduates will have the conceptual knowledge and analytical skills to perform effectively and ethically in the field of criminal justice.

What does the BS in Criminal Justice degree not address?

This degree is not a police academy or a forensic science/crime scene investigation preparation program. Technical training and law enforcement certification are not provided. Students interested in forensic science/crime scene investigation should pursue a degree in the sciences (chemistry, biology or forensic science).

This degree is a liberal arts degree that provides an academic examination of crime and the criminal justice system.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does the Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education lead to licensure as a teacher?
A: This is a degree completion program that leads to South Carolina teaching licensure in grades 2 through 6. Upon successful completion of degree and licensure requirements, and with a positive recommendation from the faculty, students will be recommended for teacher licensure in Elementary Education.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance and state lottery education assistance. Students may apply for the South Carolina Teachers Loan at www.scouteloan.org. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at www.palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina, and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as a traditional degree from the University.

Prepare the Future

The online Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education program prepares students for rewarding careers teaching children in grades 2 through 6. Through the online learning experience, students learn to engage children in inquiry, facilitate learning and develop curriculum. Students also learn to collect, analyze and interpret student data to inform instruction.

Field and Clinical Experiences

This program requires extensive field experiences in South Carolina P-12 schools. High-quality, diverse school experiences are essential to an effective teacher preparation program. Through these experiences, students gain valuable knowledge and skills by observing and working with teachers, school children, administrators and parents.

The Office of School-University Partnerships and Clinical Experiences will arrange all field experience, practicum and internship locations. The College of Education works to provide quality and diverse P-12 experiences throughout the program. While efforts will be made to minimize lengthy travel time to schools, students should be aware that some travel may be required to participate in these experiences.

How long does it take to complete the degree?

Once admitted to the Palmetto College BA in Elementary Education program, students should expect to take three years to complete the remaining required courses and internships.

What are the requirements of the program?

The program is designed for students who have completed at least 45 credit hours of college-level coursework. Total requirements for the degree are 122-128 credit hours, including credits earned previously and Palmetto College courses.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor of Science in Human Services?
A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance, state lottery education assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina Beaufort?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC Beaufort and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

Prepare For Your Future

The University of South Carolina Beaufort’s baccalaureate degree in Human Services prepares students for employment within the helping professions and/or advance study in a variety of related academic disciplines.

The Human Services program rises above traditional concepts of social services or social work. Our program uses an asset or strengths-based approach to working with individuals, families and communities. We teach you the skills needed to make a difference in the lives of others.

In addition to Human Services courses, the program draws heavily from the disciplines of sociology and psychology. Students must complete three internship courses to gain a total of 360 hours of real-world experience in a supervised Human Service setting. This could include outreach in the areas of alcohol and drug abuse, disabilities and special needs, community and mental health, child abuse prevention and more.

What can I do with a degree in Human Services?

There are many career options available to you in a career that helps others. For example, a Human Services major with a Business Administration minor might find employment as an agency coordinator; a Human Services major with a Spanish minor might pursue a career as a case manager; and a Human Services major with a Psychology minor might seek employment as a rehabilitation specialist.

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does it take to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for an RN?
A: Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits, and courses necessary to complete major concentration. The degree requires 128 credit hours. It is up to the student and advisor to decide the appropriate number of hours to take each semester.

Q: Is financial aid available? How much does the program cost?
A: Yes, students are eligible to receive applicable federal financial aid assistance, state lottery education assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at palmettocollege.sc.edu.

Q: Is the degree awarded by the University of South Carolina Upstate?
A: Yes, the degree is awarded by USC Upstate and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from the University.

Prepare For Your Future
Healthcare organizations need professional nurses who can write and speak clearly, manage and solve problems, critically think, and function creatively and effectively in a variety of clinical settings. Your BSN program will prepare you for success in these critical areas as a professional nurse.

What can I do with a BSN degree?
This degree provides a strong, broad foundation for RNs who want to work as professional nurses in a variety of healthcare settings. The current emphasis, especially in acute care settings, is shifting to a greater percentage of baccalaureate professional nurses.

Do I even need a bachelor's degree?
It is more important than ever to have a bachelor's degree in order to stay competitive in today's healthcare arena.

A four-year degree is designed to provide students with a skill set that goes beyond mastering subject matter by teaching them the critical thinking, problem solving, writing and communication skills for which employers seek.

With a BSN, students will be better prepared for success in the workplace. The Bureau of Labor Statistics confirms that those with bachelor's degrees earn significantly more than those with associate degrees – and those with bachelor's degree are more likely to stay employed.

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