The University
The University of South Carolina Upstate (formerly USC Spartanburg), is a coeducational, public, comprehensive metropolitan institution that is located in Spartanburg along the thriving economic I-85 corridor between Atlanta and Charlotte. The University's numerous partnerships with public and private corporations and other educational institutions, coupled with the mission to offer baccalaureate education to the citizens of the Upstate of South Carolina, led to a name change on June 30, 2004.

As a senior comprehensive public institution of the University of South Carolina, the University's primary responsibilities are to offer baccalaureate education to the citizens of the Upstate of South Carolina and to offer selected master's degrees in response to regional demand. We offer bachelor's degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, business administration, nursing and teacher education, as well as master's degrees in education. And we continue to create a host of new academic majors each year, most recently information management and systems, nonprofit administration, special education, graphic design, and a master's degree in teaching the visually impaired.

Today, USC Upstate is among the fastest growing universities in South Carolina. Our thriving campus, which includes 330 acres, new roadways, an athletic complex, a student union, and student housing for 1,000, an enrollment of 5,500 students, a minority enrollment exceeding 33 percent, and a Health Education Complex, is much different from its early, rather humble beginnings. USC Upstate has a Greenville campus for commuting junior and senior level students, which enrolls more than 1,000 students each year. And, the George Johnson Jr. College of Business and Economics in downtown Spartanburg, that opened in May 2010.

The Spartanburg campus is a dynamic hub of activity. Magnolia Hall, which opened in fall 2009, is a coeducational facility housing freshmen students only. Its 87 suites will house up to 346 students in single or double rooms and handicap-accessible units. The Paladin House is a coeducational facility housing a combination of freshman and upperclassmen students. Both housing facilities boast computer rooms, open areas, laundry facilities, keyless entry, and wireless Internet. Students often gather at the Louis P. Howell Athletic Complex, one of the Southeast's top sports venues, to cheer on the Spartans in baseball, softball, tennis, and soccer.

USC Upstate is home to 5,500 students from 38 states and 71 nations. It offers challenging, first-rate academic courses, small class sizes, personal experiences, remarkable diversity, an expansive international community, and a dynamic campus life. Our acclaimed and accredited academic programs create real opportunities for our students to build bridges to their future through internships, field service, study abroad, and more.

USC Upstate inspires its students to grow intellectually, culturally, socially and emotionally. Students are also challenged to think critically and to prepare themselves for the professional challenges that lie ahead. As a first-year student, we don't expect you to have all of the answers. That's why we have an extensive network of academic support services to help guide the way, including our innovative Student Success Center, Opportunity Network, the Writing Lab and Career Center.

Just as it offers academic excellence, USC Upstate also offers a comprehensive athletics program competing on the NCAA Division I level as a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Spartans field 17 varsity sports -- basketball, soccer, tennis, golf, cross country, and track and field for both women and men; baseball for men; and softball and volleyball for women. The USC Upstate athletics department is diverse, dynamic, and widely successful arm of the university that promotes teamwork, leadership, and an overall sense of community both on campus and in the greater Upstate region of South Carolina.

Parallel to the growth and expansion of the University is the steadily climbing base of USC Upstate alumni. Forty-four years after its founding, USC Upstate boasts an alumni base of more than 19,000; 85 percent of whom remain in the Upstate to build their lives and careers.

Mission Statement

University of South Carolina Upstate aims to become one of the Southeast's leading "metropolitan" universities ... a university that acknowledges as its fundamental reason for being its relationship to expanding populations along the I-85 corridor. It aims to be recognized nationally among its peer metropolitan institutions for its excellence in education and commitment to its students, for its involvement in the Upstate, and for the clarity and integrity of its metropolitan mission.

As a senior public institution of the University of South Carolina with a comprehensive residential campus in Spartanburg and commuting and degree completion operations at the University Center of Greenville, the University's primary responsibilities are to offer baccalaureate education to the citizens of the Upstate of South Carolina and to offer selected master's degrees in response to regional demand.

USC Upstate strives to prepare its students to participate as responsible citizens in a diverse, global and knowledge-based society, to pursue excellence in their chosen careers and to continue learning throughout life. Curricula and services are designed for the University's students, four to seven thousand in headcount, who are diverse in background, age, race, ethnicity, educational experience and academic goals. Students are drawn in large proportion from the Upstate where many choose to remain for their careers. A broad range of major curricula are provided in arts and sciences and in professional fields of study required by the regional economy, including business, education, and nursing. Through on-site instruction, distance learning, continuing education and inter-institutional articulation agreements, both traditional students and working professionals are served across the region.

Consistent with the international character of the Upstate, the University promotes global perspectives across its programs. Supporting the regional employment objectives of most of its students, it provides extensive experiential learning opportunities.