What inspires you?

The Greenville Campus
Inspiration at home

Experience USC Upstate in Greenville

Pictured: Jim Cappio, former Senior Advisor, United States Agency for International Development and current Instructor in the Johnson College of Business and Economics.
How far would you go for some inspiration?
Upstate South Carolina has rapidly developed into one of the Southeast’s premier regions for business, with General Electric, Michelin, Hitachi, BMW Manufacturing, and other major corporations locating in Greenville. Once the textile capital of the world, Greenville is now an automotive, advanced manufacturing, food service, life science, and distribution powerhouse. This steadfast growth has brought about another change in the area — the increased need for a highly-educated population. At the University of South Carolina Upstate Greenville Campus, you will enter a world of exciting new ideas, increase your long-term earning potential and earn the sense of satisfaction that comes from finishing what you’ve started.

Based at the University Center of Greenville at McAlister Square, the University of South Carolina Upstate’s Greenville Campus offers 11 degree programs created in direct response to market demand. Programs in areas such as business, information management and systems, professional nursing, and education provide access to the knowledge and skills today’s college graduates need to be competitive in a diverse market.

In addition to offering exceptional degree programs, USC Upstate is involved in numerous partnerships to provide innovative learning environments and opportunities for students, including internship arrangements with area corporations, collaborative agreements with local school districts and South Carolina’s technical colleges, and our co-location with other institutions at the University Center of Greenville (UCG). USC Upstate is the largest provider of undergraduate degree programs at UCG, a non-profit consortium of higher education institutions dedicated to increasing access to educational opportunities for citizens in the Upstate.

A bachelor’s degree will increase your long-term earning potential, jump-start your career, and give you the sense of satisfaction that comes from finishing what you have started. Whether your goal is to achieve higher status in a job, secure professional advancement, obtain required licensing, finish your degree, or start a new career, USC Upstate’s Greenville Campus continually evolves in tandem with the region to ensure that our students have the most relevant programs and resources to meet their educational needs.

Ready to be inspired?
If you have an associate’s degree or close to 60 credit hours of college work, or if you already have a bachelor’s degree but are looking to change careers, you can enroll at USC Upstate in Greenville to continue your education. We offer a challenging curriculum, a simple admission process, an exceptional level of personal attention, and convenience for your lifestyle.

Students in Greenville have complete access to the classes, services, and support available on the main campus in Spartanburg. As a participant in the University Center of Greenville mission, which is dedicated to increasing access to higher education in the Greenville area, USC Upstate supports day and evening programs on both the Greenville and Spartanburg campuses with schedules designed for flexibility. Most importantly, the instructors are highly-qualified and dedicated faculty who have a sincere interest in helping students achieve their goals. USC Upstate in Greenville provides all you need to put you on the path to earning a bachelor’s degree and benefiting from a lifetime of learning.
Degree programs

Programs designed to prepare you for success
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrations in:

- **Accounting** [Evening program]
- **General Business** [Day and evening program]

The Bachelor of Science in Business Administration provides students the opportunity to work toward a variety of career goals in accounting and general business. Quality across the curriculum is a priority, and to ensure that the highest standards are consistently met, the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics completed the rigorous process of earning accreditation from AACSB International, The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Accreditation by AACSB is regarded nationally as an indication of excellence in instruction and training. Fewer than 15 percent of business programs worldwide have earned this prestigious seal of approval.

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology Management [Evening program]

The Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology Management (ETM) is designed for engineering technology associate degree holders who wish to earn a bachelor’s degree with only an additional two years of coursework. The program is ideal for technicians who desire the management skills necessary to be an effective interface between technicians and upper managers. It uses a comprehensive blend of management, business, economics, and communications courses to build a layer of management knowledge and skills on students’ technical foundation.

Bachelor of Science in Professional Nursing - RN to BSN Completion Track [Day and internet program]

Registered nurses who have previously earned diplomas or associates degrees in nursing are admitted to the undergraduate program to meet requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Students may complete the program of study in one calendar year. The School awards 35 semester hours of validated nursing credit to each registered nurse for past nursing courses. Classes are offered on Wednesdays, so that nurses may concentrate on classes one day only, or via the internet.

Bachelor of Science in Professional Nursing [Day program]

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree equips students to enter the field of professional nursing by emphasizing a strong clinical background, a comprehensive knowledge of theory and development in communication skills and compassion. The curriculum is designed to provide students the opportunity to acquire tools needed for effective professional nursing practice in a wide variety of settings, and to provide a broad educational foundation that serves as a basis for graduate study in nursing. As the need for well-trained, capable nurses continues to expand, graduates of this program will find job opportunities abundant. In addition, the bachelor's degree assures that graduates are positioned for advancement in the field.

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education [Day program]

The early childhood education program provides preparation for teaching in PK–3 classrooms. A substantial portion of the curriculum consists of course work in the liberal arts to establish a broad educational background prior to the professional sequence of courses. The professional sequence provides content and direct opportunities for field experience.

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education [Day and evening program]

The program is designed to prepare students to teach in grades 2–6. The day program consists of a general liberal arts background, professional educational training, and preparation in a variety of public school settings. The evening program provides a venue for teacher assistants and career changers to gain certification necessary to teach in public schools while maintaining a daytime job.

Bachelor of Arts in Middle Level Education [Day program]

The program in middle level education prepares teacher candidates to teach in grades 5 through 8. The program emphasizes the physical, emotional, attitudinal, and intellectual characteristics of adolescents as well as the organizational, curricular, and pedagogical signature practices of middle schools. It does so through a core of liberal arts course work, professional education course work, which includes field-based practicum experiences in middle schools, student teaching in middle schools, and intensive course work in two areas of academic content concentration.

Bachelor of Science in Special Education: Learning Disabilities [Day program]

This program prepares students to be specialists in the creation and implementation of strategies to accommodate the needs of special education students identified with specific learning disabilities in PK–12 classrooms. Preparation emphasizes appropriate services, curricula, assessment, and instruction required by students with special needs to support their participation in the general education curriculum. Applications of assistive and instructional technology permeate the program and collaborative skills, assessment procedures, applications of research, and parent consultation skills are specific topics threaded throughout.

Bachelor of Arts or Science in Interdisciplinary Studies [Day and evening program]

The Interdisciplinary Studies major provides a degree opportunity to students whose educational backgrounds or life and career plans are non-traditional. With the help of an advisor, students design individualized programs of study combining course work in a variety of disciplines not possible in other degree programs and may take advantage of 36 elective hours to explore different courses of study or to concentrate in one selected discipline.

Bachelor of Arts in Information Management and Systems [Late afternoon and evening program]

The Bachelor of Arts in Information Management and Systems degree is designed to position graduates at the forefront of information creation, access, analysis, and dissemination. Graduates enjoy information systems management careers in areas such as business, healthcare organizations, government agencies, and educational institutions. The multidisciplinary degree integrates an understanding of computer science, information science, telecommunications, discipline-specific data, information administration, and an ability to recognize relationships between technical systems and social structures. Courses emphasize basic quantitative and qualitative techniques, business functions, effective communication skills, and proactive team interactions. Concentration areas allow students to focus on the application of technology in one of four fields — business, communication, education, and healthcare.
Just as Upstate South Carolina has grown and evolved over the years, so too has the University of South Carolina Upstate. Founded in 1967 as the University of South Carolina Spartanburg, primarily to avert a serious health care labor shortage crisis, the University opened its door to 177 students. Enrollment continued to increase, which resulted in the school becoming a four-year university in 1975.

Once four-year status was earned, the University’s primary responsibilities became to offer baccalaureate education to the citizens of the Upstate of South Carolina and selected master’s degrees in response to regional demand. Today, the University has grown into one of the leading metropolitan universities in the Southeast, expanding well beyond nursing to include bachelor’s and master’s programs in 40 majors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, information systems, teacher education, and nursing. USC Upstate has an enrollment of 5,000 students with a traditional residential campus in Spartanburg and the campus in Greenville for commuting junior- and senior-level students.

An Inspiring Community

Students at USC Upstate’s Greenville Campus enjoy services provided to students on the Spartanburg Campus, including financial aid, counseling, and career services. The Greenville Campus also features a Virtual Library and services provided by USC Upstate librarians. Computers in the University Center’s main library are designated for USC Upstate students and may be loaded with specific software for USC Upstate classes. The Greenville Campus office staff provides a number of student services, including transmitting forms to the Spartanburg Campus, accepting fee payments, and assisting students with problem solving. The administrative offices are open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Admission

The first step to enrolling in a USC Upstate program is to complete an admissions application, available from the USC Upstate Office at the University Center of Greenville, the University’s Office of Admissions in Spartanburg, or online at www.uscupstate.edu. You must meet the general requirements for admission: have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level course work and be academically and otherwise eligible to return to the last institution attended.

Each student’s credentials are reviewed on an individual basis with consideration given to the complete student profile. Transfer students must submit transcripts of all previous college courses whether or not credit was earned and regardless of whether credit is to be transferred. Once all transcripts are received, we will provide a complete evaluation of transfer credit. We always welcome the opportunity to discuss your interests and concerns and have admissions counselors available to meet with you on both campuses.

The transfer student population is an important and vital part of the USC Upstate student body. Each year, more than 1,000 students are admitted to the University after completing some or all of their freshman and sophomore course work at other institutions.

“Students in the School of Education at the USC Upstate Greenville Campus bring a variety of experiences to the programs. Many are non-traditional and often have to balance a full-time course load and full-time employment simultaneously. Their excitement and determination to succeed is amazing and very rewarding.”

Cecilia Toole
Assistant Professor/
School of Education

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Financial Aid

USC Upstate offers a variety of financial aid options for students earning degrees in Greenville, including scholarships, grants, loans, and work opportunities. Full-time students are eligible for a full range of financial aid; part-time students may be eligible as well. Pell Grant recipients may be enrolled less than half-time; however, eligibility is based on income. If you are employed, consult your employer about tuition reimbursement. Many Upstate companies offer tuition reimbursement for employees attending college. Tuition payment plans are also offered through USC Upstate.

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities are also available for transfer students, including the Eb and Maggie Barnes Memorial Scholarship — which recognizes a non-traditional, part-time student pursuing a degree from USC Upstate in Greenville — and the $2,000 Transfer Scholarship for students transferring from two-year colleges with at least 60 semester hours and a 3.5 GPA.

To begin the financial aid process, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at www.uscupstate.edu. For more information on financial aid and scholarships, contact the USC Upstate Financial Aid Office at (864) 503-5340.
“Greenville students tend to be working professionals, many already working in the IT field, but unable to move forward in their careers because they don’t have a college degree. The IM&S degree is an ideal degree for such an individual. Information is the unit of value in today’s market and the company better able to acquire, process, and analyze its information has the competitive advantage. College graduates, skilled in the art and science of information management, are highly valued, versatile, and employable.”

Ron Fulbright
Chair/Department of Informatics