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Academic Calendar 2011-2012

Fall 2011

August 18	Thursday	Classes begin
September 5	Monday	Labor Day (no classes)
October 20 - 21	Thursday-Friday	Fall Break (no classes)
November 23 - 27	Wednesday-Sunday	Thanksgiving Break (no classes)
December 2	Friday	Classes end
December 5 - 9	Monday-Friday	Final exams
December 13	Tuesday	Commencement

Spring 2012

January 9	Monday	Classes begin
January 16	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no classes)
March 4 - 11	Sunday-Sunday	Spring Break (no classes)
April 23	Monday	Classes end
April 24 - 30	Tuesday-Monday	Final exams
May 1	Tuesday	Commencement

Maymester 2012

May 2	Wednesday	Classes begin
May 24	Thursday	Classes end
May 25	Friday	Final exams

Summer I 2012

May 28	Monday	Classes begin
June 27	Wednesday	Classes end
June 28 - 29	Thursday-Friday	Final exams

Summer II 2012

July 9	Monday	Classes begin
August 8	Wednesday	Classes end
August 9 - 10	Thursday-Friday	Final exams

Welcome ...

Welcome to the University of South Carolina Upstate, one of the fastest growing universities in South Carolina and the second largest institution in the USC system. The University provides a vibrant mix of challenging, high-quality academic programs, delivered across the Upstate of South Carolina through engaging experiences in classrooms and beyond. Acclaimed, accredited academic programs enable students to build bridges to their futures through internships, field service, study abroad, and more. USC Upstate inspires students to grow intellectually, culturally, socially and emotionally, as they are challenged to develop critical, analytical, and creative capacities that prepare them for professional and personal challenges that lie ahead.



USC Upstate serves as academic home to 5,500 students from 38 states and 71 nations; students have the option of attending classes on our 330-acre residential campus in Spartanburg, the commuter-campus for junior- and senior-level students at the University Center of Greenville, or the George Dean Johnson, Jr. College of Business and Economics in downtown Spartanburg. We offer degree programs in the liberal arts and sciences, business administration, nursing and teacher education, as well as master's degrees in education. USC Upstate is committed to serving the dynamic I-85 corridor through a full range of exceptional facilities.

This Academic Catalog presents important information about all academic policies and degree requirements and will serve as your road map while a student at USC Upstate. Please remember that compared to the exciting life of this University, reading the catalog is like looking at a musical score rather than listening to a symphony. As you read through the Academic Catalog and find that you have questions, please call our Admissions Office at (864) 503-5246.

I welcome you to campus where you will experience the great Spartan spirit that engages students and transforms lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. F. Moore". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Thomas F. Moore, PhD
Chancellor