



**Commission on Colleges
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**

**INSTITUTIONAL SUMMARY FORM
PREPARED FOR COMMISSION REVIEWS**

Name of Institution College of Charleston

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Educational Programs

1. Level of offerings (Check all that apply)

- Diploma or certificate program(s) requiring less than one year beyond Grade 12
- Diploma or certificate program(s) of at least two but fewer than four years of work beyond Grade 12
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Associate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 60 semester hours or the equivalent not designed for transfer
- Four or five-year baccalaureate degree program(s) requiring a minimum of 120 semester hours or the equivalent
- Professional degree program(s)
- Master's degree program(s)
- Work beyond the master's level but not at the doctoral level (such as Specialist in Education)
- Doctoral degree program(s)
- Other (Specify) Post-baccalaureate certificates

Types of Undergraduate Programs (Check all that apply)

- Occupational certificate or diploma program(s)
- Occupational degree program(s)
- Two-year programs designed for transfer to a baccalaureate institution
- Liberal Arts and General
- Teacher Preparatory
- Professional
- Other (Specify) _____

History and Characteristics

The College of Charleston is situated in the midst of a city that treasures its past while promoting its future, the College of Charleston and The Graduate School of the College of Charleston share one of the nation's most beautiful historic campuses. Founded in 1770 and chartered in 1785, the College is the oldest institution of higher education in South Carolina and the thirteenth oldest in the United States. In 1836 it became the nation's first municipal college, and in 1970 the College joined the state higher education system. In 1992, The Graduate School of the College of Charleston was established for graduate studies, professional development and community services, and faculty research and grant administration. Today, this modern, thriving academic institution offers a world-class liberal arts education for more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

The College's destiny is excellence in education. Of the 522 full-time roster faculty, 85% have earned the Ph.D. or the highest degrees in their fields (taken from the common data set for the fall 2006 semester). The student/faculty ratio is 13:1. An enduring commitment to the liberal arts and sciences is seen in the core curriculum of the College, which requires study in English, history, modern and classical languages, math, science, the arts, and the social sciences. More than 49 degrees in 44 majors and 24 interdisciplinary minors, innovative teaching techniques such as a marketing course taught entirely in French, and national and international exchange programs with academic institutions in Europe, Africa, and Asia, as well as colleges throughout the United States, offer global opportunities for intellectual and personal growth. Students in the Paul T. Nelson Global Logistics and Transportation Program study operations at one of the nation's busiest ports, aspiring marine biologists explore the rich "living laboratory" of the region's coastline, and promising artists develop their skills by participating internationally acclaimed arts festivals, including Spoleto, U.S.A. These are only a few of the distinctive education options to students matriculating at the College of Charleston.

List of Degrees

The College of Charleston is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to award the Artium Baccalaureates, the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Master of Arts, the Master of Arts in Teaching, the Master of Science, the Master of Education, and the Master of Public Administration. The program majors and concentrations within those degrees are attached to this document.

Locations and Distance Education

The College of Charleston is located in downtown Charleston, South Carolina. We have an additional site that offers a selection of general degree requirement courses at the College of Charleston-North (note we use the word campus in the generic sense to describe this location—it is governed by the College of Charleston's Board of Trustees, has a budget that is set through the standard budgeting process, and reports to the President of the College, Conrad D. Festa). There is not a site where a student can obtain 50% of their degree credits except at the downtown campus.

The College has a very limited number of courses whose primary delivery mechanism is electronic (mainly through our WebCT system) that also have at the minimum an organizational meeting at the College's downtown or North Area sites. The students are primarily from the State of South Carolina, although in some cases may be located in other states.

There are no undergraduate degree programs that are offered via non-traditional delivery methods and the only certificate program through which a majority of the credits may be earned via electronic methods is the Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

Accreditation

The following agencies accredit a selection of College of Charleston programs. The date of the last review is indicated in the second column. There are no sanctions or negative actions taken by any of these accrediting bodies (including the Commission) during the past two years previous to the submission of this report in regard to your institution.

Agency	Date of Last Review	Any Sanctions/ Negative Actions in last 2 years?
American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business - International Association for Management Education	2005	No
Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	2005	No
Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	2001	No
National Association of Schools of Music	2005	No
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration	1998	No
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	2004	No

Relationship to the U.S. Department of Education

The College of Charleston has no limitations, suspensions, or terminations by the U.S. Department of Education in regard to student financial aid or other financial aid programs during the previous three years.

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Degree	Program Name	CIP CODE	Concentrations
MS	Accountancy	520301	
AB	Accounting	520301	
BS	Accounting	520301	
AB	Anthropology	450201	
BS	Anthropology	450201	
AB	Art History	500703	
BA	Art History	500703	
AB	Arts Management	500704	
BA	Arts Management	500704	
AB	Athletic Training	510913	
BS	Athletic Training	510913	
MA	Bilingual Legal Interpreting	160103	
PBCert	Bilingual Legal Interpreting	160103	
AB	Biochemistry	400599	
BS	Biochemistry	400599	
AB	Biology	260101	General
			Teacher Education
			Emphasis in Molecular Biology
BA	Biology	260101	General
			Teacher Education
			Emphasis in Molecular Biology
BS	Biology	260101	General
			Teacher Education
			Emphasis in Molecular Biology
AB	Business Administration	520201	Hospitality & Tourism Mgmt.
			Intermodal Transportation
			Marketing
BS	Business Administration	520201	Hospitality & Tourism Mgmt.
			Intermodal Transportation
			Marketing
AB	Chemistry	400501	General
			Teacher Education
BA	Chemistry	400501	General
			Teacher Education
BS	Chemistry	400501	General
			Teacher Education
AB	Classics	161200	General
			Teacher Ed.
BA	Classics	161200	General
			Teacher Ed.
AB	Communication	090101	Communication
			Corporate Communications
			Media
BA	Communication	090101	Communication
			Corporate Communications
			Media
MS	Computer and Information Sciences	110701	Computer Science
			Information Systems
			Software Engineering

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AB	Computer Information Systems	110401	
BS	Computer Information Systems	110401	
AB	Computer Science	110101	Information Systems
BA	Computer Science	110101	Information Systems
BS	Computer Science	110101	Information Systems
AB	Discovery Informatics	110199	
BS	Discovery Informatics	110199	
AB	Dramatic Arts	500501	Drama Dramatics Performance Scenographic Theater for Youth
BA	Dramatic Arts	500501	Drama Dramatics Performance Scenographic Theater for Youth
AB	Early Childhood Education	131210	
BS	Early Childhood Education	131210	
MAT	Early Childhood Education	131210	
MEd	Early Childhood Education	131210	
AB	Economics	450601	
BS	Economics	450601	
AB	Elementary Education	131202	
BS	Elementary Education	131202	
MAT	Elementary Education	131202	
MEd	Elementary Education	131202	
AB	English	230101	General Teacher Education Creative Writing
BA	English	230101	General Teacher Education Creative Writing
MA	English (joint w/ The Citadel)	230101	General African American Literature
MS	Environmental Studies	030103	Environmental Policy Environmental Science Risk Assessment
AB	French	160901	Creative Writing General Teacher Education
BA	French	160901	Creative Writing General Teacher Education
AB	Geology	400601	Environmental Geology General
BA	Geology	400601	Environmental Geology General
BS	Geology	400601	Environmental Geology

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			General
AB	German	160501	General
			Teacher Education
BA	German	160501	General
			Teacher Education
MS	Historic Preservation (joint w/Clemson University)	301201	
	Historic Preservation & Community Planning		
AB	Historic Preservation & Community Planning	301201	
BA	Historic Preservation & Community Planning	301201	
AB	History	540101	America
			European since 1715
			Teacher Education
			Third World
			Western Civilization b/1715
BA	History	540101	America
			European since 1715
			Teacher Education
			Third World
			Western Civilization b/1715
MA	History (joint w/ The Citadel)	540101	African American
			American
			European
			Third World
AB	Hospitality and Tourism Management	520901	
BS	Hospitality and Tourism Management	520901	
AB	International Business	521101	
BS	International Business	521101	
MEd	Languages	131306	English f/Spekrs of Othr Langs
			French
			Latin
			Spanish
AB	Latin American and Caribbean Studies	050107	
BA	Latin American and Caribbean Studies	050107	
AB	Marine Biology	261302	
BS	Marine Biology	261302	
MS	Marine Biology	261302	
AB	Mathematics	270101	Applied Math
			Discrete Math
			Pre-Acturial
			Teaching Mathematics
BS	Mathematics	270101	Applied Math
			Discrete Math
			Pre-Acturial
			Teaching Mathematics
MS	Mathematics	270101	
AB	Middle Level Education	131203	
BS	Middle Level Education	131203	

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MEd	Middle Level Education	131203	
AB	Music	500901	Applied Music Music History Theory & Composition
BA	Music	500901	Applied Music Music History Theory & Composition
PBCert	Organizational & Corporate Communications	090901	
AB	Philosophy	380101	
BA	Philosophy	380101	
AB	Physical Education	131314	Athletic Training Exercise Science & Health General Teacher Education
BS	Physical Education	131314	Athletic Training Exercise Science & Health General Teacher Education
AB	Physics	400801	Astronomy General Meteorology Teacher Education
BA	Physics	400801	Astronomy General Meteorology Teacher Education
BS	Physics	400801	Astronomy General Meteorology Teacher Education
AB	Political Science & Government	451001	General Teacher Education
BA	Political Science & Government	451001	General Teacher Education
BSD	Pre-Dentistry Studies	511101	
BSM	Pre-Medicine Studies	511102	
AB	Psychology	420101	
BS	Psychology	420101	
AB	Religious Studies	380201	
BA	Religious Studies	380201	
MED	Science and Mathematics	131399	
AB	Sociology	451101	General Teacher Education
BS	Sociology	451101	General Teacher Education
AB	Spanish	160905	General Teacher Education
BA	Spanish	160905	General

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AB	Special Education	131001	Teacher Education Emotionally Handicapped Learning Disabled Mentally Handicapped
BS	Special Education	131001	Emotionally Handicapped Learning Disabled Mentally Handicapped
MAT	Special Education (joint w/ The Citadel)	131001	Emotionally Handicapped Learning Disabled Mentally Disabled
MEd	Special Education (joint w/ The Citadel)	131001	Emotionally Handicapped Learning Disabled Mentally Disabled
PBCert	Statistics	270101	
AB	Studio Art	500702	
BA	Studio Art	500702	
Advanced Cert	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	131401	
Initial Cert	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	131401	
MPA	Urban Public Affairs (joint w/ USC)	440401	
AB	Urban Studies	451201	Urban Planning/Administration Urban Policy/Social Problems
BA	Urban Studies	451201	Urban Planning/Administration Urban Policy/Social Problems