

IMPROVING THE TRANSFER EXPERIENCE AT USC: TEAM BASED APPROACH

USC Columbia



TEAM MEMBERS

- Vice President for Enrollment Management and Dean of Undergraduate Admissions
- Vice Provost, Undergraduate Studies
- Assistant Provost, Undergraduate Advisement
- Registrar
- Director, Operations and Technology, Undergraduate Admissions
- Director, Academic Programs and eLearning
- Director, Transfer Advising & Retention Initiatives
- Coordinator of Transfer Advising
- Dean, Palmetto College Columbia
- Others invited as needed, depending on topic



MEETING TOPICS

- Discuss transfer issues and propose solutions to address them
 - Curriculum alignment
 - Business process
 - Advisement
- Review and develop articulation agreements and transfer pathways
- Examine data and use it to inform decisions/improvements
- Engage with stakeholders across campus and at other institutions
 - Midlands Technical College representatives join our monthly meetings at least once a semester



HIGHLIGHTS FROM PAST YEAR

- Served on CHE Transfer Task Force and are participating in CHE Transfer Leadership Council and Working Groups; participating in Military Student Mobility Task Force
- Met with House and Senate staff to discuss transfer issues
- Held Transfer Summit with Midlands Technical College
- Finalized agreements with Greenville Technical College and Trident Technical College
- Updated websites to provide additional transfer guidance (e.g., broadened scope of Carolina Core transfer equivalencies)
- Updated software and implemented technology solutions to improve transfer
- Began reverse transfer development



HIGHLIGHTS FROM PAST YEAR

- Developed additional transfer pathways with Midlands Technical College
 - Pathways shows completion of associate degree at MTC and transferability of coursework to a four-year program – maximizes degree applicability
 - Improved communication
 - Faculty collaboration on curriculum and expanded course equivalencies
 - Advisors, program representatives, and admissions staff meet at least once per year
 - Guaranteed admission for programs included in MOU
 - Reduces frequent curriculum changes – awareness of impact of changes on transfer
 - Agreements reviewed annually
 - Stronger connection between curriculum development and advisement



Transfer Partnership with Midlands Technical College


The University of South Carolina (USC) and [Midlands Technical College](#) (MTC) have partnered to create direct transfer tracks within specific majors, allowing MTC students to earn an associate degree prior to transferring to USC. MTC students who meet the admissions requirements for the University and for the academic major and who meet the application deadline are guaranteed admission to the University of South Carolina to continue their degree program.

Within each of the tracks below are guided maps of the course requirements at MTC and USC to track progress toward an associate degree from MTC and a bachelor degree from USC.

Expand all

Tracks to Biological Sciences 

Track to Criminal Justice 

Tracks to Engineering 


Tracks to Exercise Science & Public Health 

Tracks to Geography 


Tracks to Sociology 

Tracks to Teaching 

USC Admission Requirements

Students must meet USC transfer admission requirements to transfer to USC. [Learn more about transferring to USC](#) 

For USC Faculty and Staff

Are you interested in establishing a transfer partnership with MTC? Click [here](#)  for more information.



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Transfer Pathway: Associate of Science in Biology
to Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences
Bulletin Year: 2023-2024

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Please see the University of South Carolina Bulletin for detailed degree requirements and contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.

Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade	USC Equivalent Course	USC Degree Applicability
Semester One (16 Credit Hours)				
COL 101 College Orientation	1		Not Transferrable	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	C	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	CC-CMW
BIO 101 Biological Science I	4	C	BIOL 101 & 101L Biological Principles I & Lab	CC-SCI
MAT 110 College Algebra	4	C	MATH 111 Basic College Mathematics	PR-Elective
CHM 110 College Chemistry	4	C	CHEM 111 & 111L General Chemistry I & Lab	PR
Semester Two (17 Credit Hours)				
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	C	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	CC-CMW/INF
MAT 111 College Trigonometry	3	C	MATH 112 Trigonometry	Not degree applicable
BIO 102 Biological Science II	4	C	BIOL 102 & 102L Biological Principles II & Lab	CC-SCI
CHM 111 College Chemistry II	4	C	CHEM 112 & 112L General Chemistry II & Lab	PR-Supporting Course
PSY 201 General Psychology or SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	C	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology or SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology	CC-GSS
Semester Three (14 Credit Hours)				
CHM 211 Organic Chemistry I	4	C	CHEM 333 & 331L Organic Chemistry I & Lab	PR
SPC 205 Public Speaking	3	C	SPCH 140 Public Communication	CC-CMS
MAT 140 Analytical Geometry and Calculus I	4	C	MATH 141 Calculus I	CC-ARP
HIS 201 American History; Discovery to 1877	3	C	HIST 111 US History to 1865	CC-GHS
Semester Four (14 Credit Hours)				
CHM 212 Organic Chemistry II	4	C	CHEM 334 & 332L Organic Chemistry II & Lab	PR-Elective
BIO 225 Microbiology	4	C	BIOL 250 & 250L Microbiology & Lab	PR-Elective
MUS 105 Music Appreciation or ART 101 Art History and Appreciation or THEA 101 Introduction to Theatre	3	C	MUSC 110 Introduction to Music or ARTE 101 Introduction to ART or THEA 200 Understanding & Appreciation of Theatre	CC-AIU
ANT 202 Cultural Anthropology or ECO 210 Macroeconomics	3	C	ANTH 102 Understanding Other Cultures or ECON 222 Principles of Macroeconomics	CR
Semester Five (14-15 Credit Hours)				
BIOL 301 (& optional lab) Ecology & Evolution or BIOL 302 (& optional lab) Cell & Molecular Bio. or BIOL 303 Fundamental Genetics	3-4	C		MR
MATH 142 Calculus II	4			CC-ARP
Foreign Language or other Carolina Core Requirement	3			CC-GFL
Carolina Core Requirement VSR	3			CC-VSR
Semester Six (15-17 Credit Hours)				
BIOL 301 (& optional lab) Ecology & Evolution or BIOL 302 (& optional lab) Cell & Molecular Bio. or BIOL 303 Fundamental Genetics	3-4	C		MR
Physiology or Plant Biology Course	3	C		MR
Biological Sciences Elective (300-level and above)	3-4	C		MR
STAT 205 Elem. Stat. for the Biol. & Life Sciences	3			CR
Foreign Language or other Carolina Core Requirement	3			CC-GFL
Semester Seven (12-17 Credit Hours)				
BIOL 301 (& optional lab) Ecology & Evolution or BIOL 302 (& optional lab) Cell & Molecular Bio. or BIOL 303 Fundamental Genetics	3-4	C		MR
Biological Sciences Elective (400-699 level)	3	C		MR
Physiology or Plant Biology Course	3-4	C		MR
CSC 102 General Applications Programming	3			CR
Foreign Language or Approved Elective (only if needed to meet 122-level of foreign language or hours to graduate)	0-3			CR/PR
Semester Eight (12-14 Credit Hours)				
Biological Sciences Elective (400-699 level)	3-4	C		MR
Biological Sciences Elective (300-level and above)	3-4	C		MR



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Carolina Core Course Equivalents

Use the chart below to see how your South Carolina technical college credits may match up to the Carolina Core general education program requirements.

Please note that this chart does not list every course that transfers into USC-Columbia. This list should be used as a guide and is subject to change without notification.

Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (AIU)

USC Course Number and Title	Technical College Course Number and Title
ARTE 101: Introduction to Art	ART 101: Art History/Appreciation
ARTH 105: History of Western Art	ART 107: History of Early Western Art or ARV 101: Early Art Communications
ARTH 106: History of Western Art	ART 108: History of Western Art or ARV 102: Modern Art Communications
ARTS 103: Fundamentals of Art	ARV 121: Design
ARTS 104: 3-Dimensional Design I	ARV 122: 3-D Design
ARTS 210: Introduction to Painting	ART 211: Introduction to Painting, ARV 240 Painting I or ARV 240 Painting II



DATA EXAMPLES

Average time to degree for USC Graduates

Cohort	First-time Freshman	Full-time Transfers with 24-36 credit hours	Full-time Transfers with 60-75 credit hours
2006	4.094	4.250	4.570
2012	3.955	4.339	4.109
2018	3.653	3.796	4.074

Fall 2021			
Avg Transfer GPA	Avg First Sem GPA at USC	Avg First Sem Hours Earned	1 Yr Retention Rate
3.064	3.015	12.2	84.38%
3.115	3.058	12.98	80.00%
3.251	3.253	14.54	94.87%
3.36	3.015	12.1	81.40%
3.216	3.169	13.55	95.45%
3.147	2.358	10.91	63.64%
3.148	3.073	13.1	80.00%
3.318	3.087	12.33	83.33%
3.168	2.779	11.89	88.89%
3.183	3.023	12.87	80.00%
3.073	2.978	13.73	80.00%
3.216	2.244	10.92	75.00%
3.498	2.905	11.73	81.82%
3.413	2.943	13.82	81.82%
3.086	2.451	11.2	60.00%



TOP TRANSFER MAJORS

Exercise Science
Sport and Entertainment Management
Elementary Education
Psychology
Political Science
Public Health
Hospitality Management
Biological Sciences
Computer Science
Criminal Justice

*Fall 2022



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