Welcome to the College of Charleston Family!
Welcome on behalf of President Glenn McConnell, the Division of Academic Affairs, and the Office for the Academic Experience

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New Student Programs
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#4 on the campus map
You have sent them off to school before…
Or maybe some of you are feeling like this...
Conversations to have with your student…

- Time management/meeting deadlines
- Checking email -keeping up with important dates
- Going to class
- Using the resources on campus
- Budgeting money (financial aid, tuition bills)
- Academic expectations
- Viewing midterm and final grades
- Choosing a major
- Making safe choices
Keep in touch, But not too much!

- E-mail or text
- Calls
- Packages
- Social Media
- Cards or notes
Campus Resources:

Academic Advising & Planning Center (AAPC)

- Academic advisor (undeclared - AAPC)
- Faculty advisor (declaring a major – Point of Study Management System).

Center for Student Learning
Our Communication Goal
The Academic Advising Dialogue

- Recognize Challenges, Competing Demands
- Identify Values, Strengths, Interests & Abilities
- Develop Action Plan
- Discuss Courses
- Establish Goals
Helping Your Student Decide

Choosing a MAJOR

at the COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
Center for Student Learning
Academic assistance for students at the College of Charleston

Walk-In Tutoring Labs
Supplemental Instruction
Individual Tutoring
Study Strategies Assistance

Addlestone Library, First Floor

http://cofc.edu/csl
Walk-in Labs

- Accounting
- Computer Science
- Foreign Languages
- Math
- Science
- Writing

No Appointment Necessary

Faculty-recommended & CRLA certified tutors

Open Monday-Thursday until 9pm

Sunday 6-9pm for Writing, Science, Speaking, & Math Lab
By Appointment Tutoring

- Faculty recommended, trained tutors
- Flexible hours by appointment
- Available for limited introductory courses
Study Strategies Workshop Topics

- Time Management
- Textbook Reading
- Note Taking
- Memory Techniques
- Test Taking
- Exam Planning

- Offered Multiple Times Each Week
- Afternoon and Evening Sessions
- Practical Techniques and Strategies
- Offered in Multiple Locations on Campus
Study Skills

- One-on-one appointments with a trained staff member to assess study strengths & weaknesses

- Study plan is created to incorporate time management & study strategies
Supplemental Instruction (SI)

- Peer-facilitated study groups linked with historically difficult courses (i.e., BIOL 111/112, CHEM 111/112, BIOL 201, BIOL 202, CHEM 232, PHIL 120, PSYC 213)

- The SI leader has successfully completed the course before, attends class again, takes notes, completes homework, and offers 3 SI sessions per week

- SI Leaders help student learn *WHAT to learn* while focusing on *HOW to learn*

- Students who consistently attend SI statistically make a half to whole letter grade better than those who don’t.
Questions?

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  – Director of Center for Student Learning
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Online Resources

- MyCharleston
  - OAKS
  - Point of Study Management (POSM)
  - DegreeWorks
  - Proxy Management System
Academic Standards

Undergraduate Academic Services
Lightsey Center room 101
http://undergrad.cofc.edu
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In order to graduate, cumulative and major GPAs must be above a 2.000
Key Points in the Semester

• **4-6 Week Mark**: 1st tests and papers
• **Mid-Term Grades**: ~10th week (March 6)
• **Withdrawal Date**: ~ 1 week after Mid-Term Grade deadline (March 13)

http://registrar.cofc.edu-->Academic Calendar
Getting Involved: Student Affairs

Physical + Psychological Involvement at the College

= Enhanced Student Success
Student Clubs and Organizations

More than 200 organizations represent the interests, beliefs & ideologies of our students.

- Honor societies
- Clubs focusing on academics
- Drama
- Leadership
- Government and Politics
- International interests
- Religious
- Community Service
- Special interests
- Sports
Student Involvement and Engagement

- Campus Recreation
- Center for Civic Engagement
- Fraternity and Sorority Life
- Higdon Student Leadership Center
- Multicultural Student Programs and Services
- Residence Life
- Student Life
Campus Recreation Services (CRS)

- Club and Intramural teams
- Wellness classes (Yoga, Zumba, Belly Dance…)
- Open recreation hours
- Outdoor adventures

George Street Fitness Center:
Located at 50 George Street, first floor of the Sterling Campus Center apartments (#32 on the campus map)
Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternities & Sororities
About 19% of CofC students are involved in Greek Life

There are three different Greek Councils:
• IFC - Fraternities
• PanHellenic - Sororities
• NPHC - Minority fraternity and sororities

Contact Greek Life at GreekLife@cofc.edu
Student Media/CisternYard Media Network

- CisternYard Video
- CisternYard News
- CisternYard Radio
- The Yard
- Miscellany
- www.CisternYard.com
Support our Student Athletes – GO COUGARS!!!

- NCAA Division I university in the Colonial Athletic Association
- 19 Varsity Sports Teams
- Free admission with a Cougar Card

**Men:**
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Sailing
- Tennis

**Women:**
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

Women's Sports:
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Equestrian
- Golf
- Sailing
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
Cougar Activities Board (CAB)

The **Cougar Activities Board (CAB)** serves as the primary, campus wide body for student programming at the College of Charleston.

- Open Mic Night
- Trivia
- Pet Helpers
- Movie Night
- Comedians
- Water Mission Trip
Cougar Activities Board presents...
Spring Fest 2013
March 22nd, 7-11pm
Stop by George Street (between Coming and St. Phillip) for tons of FREE FUN: Live music, Battle of the Bands, awesome inflatables like moon bounces and Inflatable Twister, a mechanical bull, a step show, and free food including FREE FUNNEL CAKES!

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Student Outreach Fund- up to $500!
The Student Outreach Program was created to provide support to undergraduate students at the College in endeavors that provide opportunity for growth as global citizens and to represent the institution beyond the campus community. Students can be allocated up to $500 each semester to assist with costs for projects, programs, or travel that enhance their academic experience. The fund cannot be used for any program associated with class credit or grade. This form may be found and submitted through www.OrgSync.com via the SGA page.
Email SGA Treasurer, Heather Rapachietta, for more information at rapachiettha@cofc.edu

UNCAGE THE VOTE! Vote for your next Student Body President, Vice President, Secretary and Senators March 20 and 21 on MyCharleston!

Best Buddies
Best Buddies is an international non-profit organization whose mission is to establish a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our organization works to pair college students with Charleston’s special needs community to create long-lasting friendships.

Our last semester meeting will be held at 6 pm in ECTR 116 on Thursday March 28th. This meeting is open to current members as well as new students interested in learning what Best Buddies is about!
Download the **CougarConnect** App!

Go to the App store for your phone or mobile device (Google Play for Android, App store for Apple)

- Search College of Charleston Guide.
- Select download to download the app.
- Open the CofC Guidebook app.
- **CougarConnect** will be one of the options.
- Click on **CougarConnect** and select "download guide".
- The guide should then be ready to view whenever you open the Guidebook App.
Student Affairs: Student Outreach and Support

- Career Center
- Collegiate Recovery Program
- Counseling and Substance Abuse Services (CASAS)
- Dean of Students (students of concern)
- Disability Services
- Student Health Services
- Upward Bound and Pre-College Programs
- Victims Services
24/7/365

Minimum of 5 areas always on call:

• Housing and Residence Life
• Dean of Students
• Victims Services
• Counseling
• Division Leadership
PUBLIC SAFETY

- 41 Law Enforcement Officers
  - Statewide authority
- 20 Security Officers
  - Residence Halls
  - Library
- Communications Center
  - 24/7 Operation
CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES

- Bicycle Registration
- Operation Identification
- Computer Registration
- Crime Action Line
- Silent Witness Reporting
- Security Surveys
- Rape Aggression Defense classes (R.A.D)
- New Student Orientation
- Residence Hall Safety Meetings
- Yearly Campus Safety Walk
- Whistle Alert Program
- Monthly Building/lighting Checks
- On-campus safety services
SECURITY TECHNOLOGY

- Over 40 emergency call boxes in operations at various locations on campus
- Closed Circuit Television System (CCTV)
- Over 400 Cameras Throughout The Campus
- Monitored 24/7 by Public Safety
Cougar Shuttle

Operates seven nights a week
11 PM to 3 AM
during the semester.
Free to all students with a current *Cougar Card*

Call: 888-960-2227
Students can login to MyCharleston to sign up for an alert to be sent to them and you!
Campus Resources

Student Health Services
Office of the Treasurer
Dining Services
College of Charleston Bookstore
Student Health Services Staffing

• NPs are board-certified as Family Nurse Practitioners and/or Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioners

• Nurses: 6 RN’s on staff per day

• One nurse is dedicated to answering patient questions on the phone
Student Utilization

• Busy - on average 100 students seen each day
• Often 125 or more students seek care each day
• Hours of operation: 8:30-5 Monday-Friday
• ACT EARLY-Appointments usually fill by 10:30am
• All appointment schedule, roughly half are Same-Day/Urgent Care
• Same Day/Urgent Care appointments can be made in two ways:
  ✓ Online beginning at 9:00pm the previous evening
  ✓ On the phone or in-person when the clinic opens beginning at 8:30am
Reminders:

- Please visit our website: studenthealth.cofc.edu
- Turn-in shot records and health forms to Student Health Services
- Help your student make local plans for care that may be needed
- Seek out our colleagues at Counselling and Substance Abuse Services (CASAS) for on campus counseling needs and CDS for disability services.
- If a student wears contacts, ensure that they arrive on campus with an updated, backup pair of glasses
- **Remember: Make Same-Day appointments online after 9pm the previous day or by calling in early after 8:30AM**
- Student Health Services is located at 181 Calhoun Street
Treasurer’s Website

TREASURER.COFC.EDU

- Tuition and Fee schedule
- Billing Schedule
- Policies
- Tax Information for 1098T
- Payment Plan information
- Authorized User/ebills
Authorized Users

• eBills will automatically be sent directly to you
• Authorized Users can discuss the payments, activity and charges on the student account
• Most notices from the Treasurer’s Office will be automatically sent to Authorized Users
• Authorized Users have their own, unique sign in to the eBill system.
2017 – 2018 Meal Plan Options

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On Campus Freshman – Select from the top 3 plans

Commuting Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors– Select any Meal Plan
Contact Us!

Craig Hall
843.953.5539
DiningServicesCustomerService
@cofc.edu
cofc.edu/diningservices

Follow @cofcddining on social media for important updates and exclusive offers!
Your Official Campus Bookstore

• Address
  160 Calhoun Street, Lightsey Center
  Between Berry Hall & the Francis Marion Hotel

• Hours
  7:45am – 5:30pm Monday-Friday
  9:00-5:30 Saturday
  12:00-5:30 Sunday

• We’re Open 24/7 Online
  cofc.bncollege.com
Best Source for Textbooks

RENT OR BUY New, Used, and Digital Textbooks

• To save the most money upfront, RENT your textbooks. We’ll send you reminders when your rentals are due back.

• Buying your books? Save with USED textbooks
  • Sell us your used textbooks during finals week and get cash back

• Go DIGITAL with YUZU
  • Yuzu by Barnes & Noble lets you organize & read your digital content on your iPhone, iPad, Android device and web browser. Learn more about YUZU features & compatibility at yuzu.com
PARENT RESOURCES

- Email: Parents@cofc.edu
- Family calendar (A-Z guide in the back)
- Website: www.cofc.edu/parents
- Parent listserv (go to the parent webpage to subscribe)
- Parent blog
Questions?