

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? Yes

Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: WCGPA 3.61-4.39 on 5.0 scale SAT - 1200-1340 midrange ACT – 25-30 midrange

Admitted Class Profile:

http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/undergraduate_admissions/requirements/for_freshmen/admitted_class_profile/index.php

GPA -How is it calculated? GPA is calculated using core classes that USC requires for admission (4 English, 3 Lab Science, 3 Social Studies, 1 Fine Arts, 4 Math, 2 Foreign Language, 1 Academic Elective). If the student has more than 2 units of FL, USC would use the best 2 grades in the calculation. All high school honors/AP/dual enrollment points are removed, and almost 1 point is added to the GPA. If the student is otherwise admissible, the Fine Arts requirement can be waived - speak with them.

ACT/SAT – If you are applying as a freshman for Fall 2017, they no longer require the writing portion of the SAT and ACT. They super score the SAT. Take highest composite score of the ACT.

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Do not not track # of AP courses, test score of 3-4 is usually sufficient to skip 1 course. AP Credit Info:

http://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/undergraduate_admissions/requirements/for_freshmen/ap_ib_credits/index.php

Most popular majors at this school: 100+ majors. #1 in International Business. Strong in Sport Science; Marine Science; Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism programs.

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? They have various majors that qualify for Georgia in the Academic Common Market, i.e. Sports Entertainment. Keep in mind, if students change major the financial benefit is lost.

Does chosen major affect decision process? No. However, this may change in the future, especially given the competitiveness of the International Business program . Students are asked to list 2 majors.

Study Abroad Programs? Summer Programs, Semester-Long Programs, Foreign Language Programs? Yes—many opportunities to study abroad. They have their own office dedicated to this as well as internships.

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes. They have a Career Center on Campus dedicated to helping students find jobs while in school

Research Opportunities? Top tier research institution. One of only 32 public universities to earn the Carnegie Foundation's top-tier designations in both research activity and community engagement.

Special successes the school is known for: The nation's #1 International Business Program (undergrad) – ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

Scholarships: Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? You are automatically considered for scholarships when you apply; however, to be considered for the Top Scholars programs and their Honors College, must apply by Nov 15.

When are scholarship deadlines? Nov. 15 (Decisions go out in March)

What is the Total cost of Attendance?	<u>In-State</u>	<u>Out of State</u>
Tuition	\$12,198	\$32, 208
Housing	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Meals	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,700
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)	\$ 24,398	\$ 44,408

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? **Seniors Open House Sep. 30 and Oct. 14, 2017**

Is there a “Scholar Day” for Honors bound students? **Visits to the Honors College can be scheduled with the College Tours.**

Applications

When are application deadlines? **Oct 15 (Early Answer), Nov 15 (Honors College/ Top Scholars Application), Dec 1 (Regular Application deadline), Feb 1 (Credentials Deadline – all scores must be received by this date for scholarship consideration) May 1 (Enrollment Deposit Deadline)**

Is an essay required for all decision options? **A personal statement is part of the application.**

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? **Two recommendation letters are required for the Honors College and Top Scholars.**

Is an in-person interview required or suggested?

What does the school look for in each “round” of decisions? **Does not have “rolling applications”**

Does the school use the Common App? **Not the Common App BUT Yes the Coalition App. How many applicants are received per year? 25,441 Freshman, 3,157 Honors.**

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc)? **Div 1**

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? **Football tickets handed out via a lottery. Students can trade tickets.**

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? **Freshman must live on campus and have meal plan. Freshman can have a car.**

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, apartment-style? **Living & Learning Dorms? Traditional dorms, apartments and suites. Separate Honors residence. Order of room assignment is based on application date.**

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc) **Large enough City to offer all of the restaurants, concerts, shopping, but small enough city that you do not have to deal with too much traffic.**

What is the undergraduate enrollment? **25,556** Total enrollment? **34,099**
2017 was their largest Freshman class (~5,800)

Percentage of male: female – **47% male/ 53% female** Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – **59% in-state and 41% out-of-state**

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – **Over 20%**

Where is the school located? **Columbia, SC (capital of S.C.)** How far is it from Milton? **3.5 hr drive**