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

School: University of South Carolina

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Is the Rep involved in the admissions process? Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile: GPA - 3.6-4.4 on 5.0 scale SAT - 1130-1280 midrange ACT – 25-30 midrange Taken from the college website- "Please note: The College Board redesigned the SAT and first administered it in March 2016. We are referring to it as the rSAT. SAT averages listed on our website, and in our publications, refer only to scores that occurred before the rSAT was introduced."

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

GPA -How is it calculated? GPA is calculated using core classes that USC requires for admission (4 units (u.) of English, 3 u. of Lab Science, 3 u, of Social Studies, 1 u. of Fine Arts, 4 u. of Math, 2 u. of Foreign Language, 1 u. Academic Elective). Since only 2 FL units are required, 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 10 points are added. 1 unit of PE is required for admission but not included in the GPA calculation. Can typically replace the unit of Fine Arts with an AP class – speak with them.

ACT/SAT –Although the written is required, they do not score it. Only super score the SAT. Take highest composite score for the ACT

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Do not track # of AP courses, test score of 3-4 is usually sufficient to skip 1 course. Sometimes a test score of 5 will allow skipping 2 courses.

Most popular majors at this school: Offer 96 majors. #1 in International Business for over 17 years. Strong in Nursing

For out-of-state schools, are there any majors that would qualify for the Academic Common Market? They have 7 majors that qualify for Georgia in the Academic Common Market..: Some are Fashion Merchandising, International Studies, Visual Communications, Cardiovascular Technology, Public relations

Does chosen major affect decision process? No. Their application is "major" blind meaning that your declared major has no influence on acceptance.

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

What is the Total cost of Attendance?		In-State	Out of State
	Tuition & Fees	\$11,814	\$31, 195
	Housing	\$ 7,200	\$ 7,200
	Meals	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,650
	Books & Supplies	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	\$ 1,000
Total Per Year (Two Semesters)		\$ 23,664	\$ 43,045

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Seniors Open House Sept 24, 2016

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 (last chance to send in best test scores for scholarship consideration) May 1 (Enrollment Deposit Deadline)

Is an essay required for all decision options? No. The Honors College requires 2 essays and 2 letters of rec.

Are letters of Recommendation required or suggested? Yes-required for the Honors College

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Only for the McNair Scholarship should student be selected as a candidate (\$15,000 award + tuition reduction (4-year value: \$135,000); they offer 20 per year) Scholarship decisions are communicated in late Feb./early Mar.

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

Does the school use the Common App? No

How many applicants are received per year? 25,700

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria (Division I, II, etc.)? Division 1

Are sporting events free? Is there a ticket lottery? Football tickets are done with lottery; all other sporting events are covered with the annual student athletic fee.

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Freshman must live on campus and 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.

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?25,254Total enrollment?33,772

Percentage of male: female – 46% male/ 54% female Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – 49% in-state and 51% out-of-state

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 25%

Where is the school located? Columbia, SC (capital of S.C.)

How far is it from Milton? 3.5 hr drive