

2017 USC Aiken Points of Pride

- **U.S. News and World Report:** #1 Regional Comprehensive Public College in the South. This 2017 distinction marks USC Aiken's 19th consecutive ranking among the top three in this category and its 12th time in first place.
- **Student-Faculty ratio:** 15:1, creates opportunities for individualized learning
- **Magellan Scholars:** 22 scholars for academic years 2014-15 and 2015-16 (compared to a total of 23 scholars for all of the other non-Columbia campuses combined for those years)
- **New Degree Programs:**
 - Industrial Process Engineering
 - Clinical Laboratory Science
- **Upcoming Degree Programs:** Aimed at supporting the workforce needs of the state and region—Cybersecurity and Virtual Reality/Advanced Gaming
- **Undergraduate Research**
 - *Neuroscience*
 - *Effects of Sports Related Head-Impact on Neurocognitive Functions and Balance*
 - *Effects of Diabetes on Working Memory*
 - *Literature*
 - *The Poetic Voice of Child Labor in Industrial Britain: Its Literary and Social Contexts*
 - *The Battle of Bachelorhood and Domesticity in William Gilmore Simms's Castle Dismal*
 - *HIV*
 - *The Development of a Plasmid Based System to Test Anti-HIV1 siRNAs that Target the Accessory Protein VIF*
 - *HIV-dependent Expression of an Anti-Retroviral Gene Conservation*
 - *Environmental*
 - *Identifying the Fluvial Tidal Transition Zones on the South Eastern Flood Plain*
 - *Effects of community structure on the prevalence of ranavirus and chytridiomycosis in Amphibians*
 - *Remote monitoring of nest attendance and fledging success in threatened wood storks*
 - *Chemistry*
 - *pH Dependence of 2,4'-dihydroxyacetophenone Dioxygenase*
 - *Economics*
 - *Los Estados Andinos: An Exercise in Economic Integration*
 - *The Chinese 'One Belt One Road' and 'AIIB' Infrastructure Initiatives: An Analysis*
 - *Scholar Showcase:* Held each spring, the Showcase—with more than 130 presentations—exhibits the diversity of our undergraduate student's research and creative endeavors across all disciplines.



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■ Community Partnerships

- More than a Game: USC Aiken Men's Golf Team and The First Tee of Aiken
- BEEP: Bridgestone Ecology Education Program
- Young Entrepreneur Program
- Ruth Patrick Science Education Center boasts more than 80,000 visits from educators and students annually.
- Garcia Theatre Project
- Future City
- S.E.E.D. (Science Education Enrichment Day)
- Partnerships with institutions in India, including academic and leadership student exchanges

■ Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges: USC Aiken is the only COPLAC institution in the state of South Carolina

■ NCAA Division II Athletics

