

# Freshman & Transfer Pre-Orientation Advising Worksheet

## 1 View the Pre-Orientation Advisement Videos

You can find the videos online. **Complete all components of this worksheet and bring it with you to Orientation advising.**

[sc.edu/advising](http://sc.edu/advising)

## 2 Enter Your Information

Legal First & Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VIP ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

USC E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_@email.sc.edu

Anticipated Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Share Information on Your Major

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

How committed are you to your currently selected major?

● 1 — 2 — 3 — 4 — 5 — 6 — 7 — 8 — 9 — 10 ●

Not at all committed. I am ready to change majors today.

Unsure. I need to explore my options.

I am completely committed to my major and will never change fields.

If you provided a score of 5 or lower and you meet requirements to change your major, contact Undergraduate Admissions before Orientation to change your major. **Ask to speak with an Admissions Counselor.**

If you have changed your major at Orientation, please write your **new major here:** \_\_\_\_\_

USC-Columbia Undergraduate Admissions: **803-777-7700**

Learn more about USC academic programs, admission requirements, and college availability.

[sc.edu/admissions](http://sc.edu/admissions)

## Carolina Core Overview



**AIU**  
Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding  
Courses that examine the literary, performing, and visual arts.



**INF**  
Information Literacy  
Courses that help students evaluate information.



**CMS**  
Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken  
Courses that use the spoken word to analyze issues and develop arguments.



**CMW**  
Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written  
Courses that use the written word to analyze issues and develop arguments.



**GSS**  
Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences  
Courses that examine culture, politics, and environmental issues.



**SCI**  
Scientific Literacy  
Courses that examine the natural sciences through lecture and lab experiences.

## 4 Register for Placement Tests

**Prepare for and complete the Math Placement Test online.**

This is a requirement before coming to Orientation. Failure to complete the correct Math Placement Test will impact your advisement. **You must take the Math Placement Test no later than 3 business days before Orientation.**

- **The Pre-Calculus Placement Test** covers Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry. If your major requires only **MATH 141**, you need to take this test.
- **The Algebra Placement Test** covers basic high school Algebra II. If your major requires only **MATH 122**, you need to take this test.
- If your major allows you to choose between **MATH 141** and **MATH 122** and you are undecided, we recommend you take the Algebra Placement Test first. Once the scores are loaded into the student record (2-3 business days,) take the Pre-Calculus Test.
- Uncertain which test to take? You may complete **both** tests!

**Can I retake the Math Placement Test?** Yes. You must wait at least 7 days before retaking the same Math Placement Test (Algebra or Pre-Calculus.) You can take the same version of the Math Placement Test, with different questions, up to 3 times. The most recent score is the one that will be reported in Self Service Carolina and will be available to your advisor.

Algebra Math Placement Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Calculus Math Placement Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn more and complete Math Placement Tests online at**

[www.math.sc.edu/assess](http://www.math.sc.edu/assess)

**Register online for the Foreign Language Placement Test and take in-person.**

This is strongly recommended **before** Orientation advisement if you **do not** have prior foreign language credit.

You will not be able to register for foreign language courses in the upcoming term if:

- If you do not have prior foreign language credit and you did not take the Foreign Language Placement Test; or
- If you did not submit the placement exemption form (if you seek enrollment in a language you have never previously studied or if it has been over five years since you last studied the language.)

Date of Foreign Language Placement Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Language Placement Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**Learn more and register for a foreign language placement test at**

[artsandsciences.sc.edu/language-placement](http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/language-placement)

If you are planning on studying a new language, complete the placement exemption form online and indicate which language here: \_\_\_\_\_

[artsandsciences.sc.edu/language-placement/placement-exemption-form](http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/language-placement/placement-exemption-form)



**ARP**  
Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving  
Courses that use mathematical processes to analyze problems.



**GFL**  
Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language  
Courses that help students communicate in more than one language.



**VSR**  
Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility  
Courses that help students examine morals and values.



**GHS**  
Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking  
Courses that examine the past.

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## 5 List Your Prior Collegiate Work and Institutions

### List Anticipated AP/IB Scores and Have the Testing Agency Submit Official Scores to USC-Columbia

To have prior work evaluated for credit, you must submit your official score reports/transcripts to USC-Columbia Undergraduate Admissions.

### The USC-Columbia AP School Code is 5818.

- I have requested that the testing agency submit official AP/IB score reports directly to USC-Columbia Undergraduate Admissions.

Listing of AP/IB Work	Score
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Need more space? **You are welcome to attach a second sheet.**

### List your Prior Institutions and Coursework

View the Transfer Equivalency Tables to determine if the prior credit will be equivalent to USC coursework. View the **“Transfer Credits”** section.

[sc.edu/registrar](http://sc.edu/registrar)

- I have requested that these prior institutions send **official, sealed transcripts** (including dual enrollment and teacher cadet coursework) directly to USC-Columbia Undergraduate Admissions. See the address below.

List of Prior Institutions	Coursework
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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**Please note:** DegreeWorks and Self Service Carolina will display all prior work the University has received and evaluated at that time. Please be certain all prior work is submitted to the USC-Columbia Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Please allow processing time for review and placement into your degree audit.

Send official, sealed transcripts from all non-USC system postsecondary institutions to USC-Columbia Undergraduate Admissions.

**902 Sumter Street Access/Lieber College  
Columbia, SC 29208**

## 6 Become Familiar with Your Information

View your degree audit in DegreeWorks, explore your transcript/test scores in Self Service Carolina, and become familiar with the Carolina Core. You will discuss these items with an advisor at Orientation.

### Understanding DegreeWorks

Login to **Self Service Carolina** at [my.sc.edu](http://my.sc.edu)

Select **“Student”**

Select **“DegreeWorks”**

DegreeWorks is your degree audit showing courses required for your current program of study and any requirements already met. Take a moment to review your degree audit to familiarize yourself with requirements for your major and for the Carolina Core for your college. For more information on how to view DegreeWorks, visit [sc.edu/advising](http://sc.edu/advising).

### Understanding the Carolina Core

Navigate to the **Carolina Core** website at [sc.edu/carolinacore](http://sc.edu/carolinacore)

Select **“Requirements”**

Here you will learn additional information on the 10 components of the Carolina Core. Browse each element of the Core to learn more about its requirements and courses. Please note that your college may require specific courses within the Carolina Core. Refer to DegreeWorks for this information.

### Please Check All that Apply to You:

- Transfer Student
- South Carolina Honors College
- Capstone Scholar
- Opportunity Scholars Program/TRIO
- ROTC
- Athlete
- Carolina Marching Band
- Living Learning Community
- Interested in Study Abroad
- Interested in Pre-Professional Programs (pre-med, pre-law, pre-health, etc)

### Write Down Questions for Your Advisor

The questions or items you would like to discuss should be **applicable to your first semester of coursework.**

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