Associate of Arts
and Associate of Science

Frequently Asked Questions

Prospective students often ask how long an **Associate degree** takes to complete, what the program costs and if financial aid is available, and if the degree is awarded through UofSC.

You can find answers to these questions below.

- Completion time varies based on already accumulated general education credits and courses necessary to complete the major concentration. The degree requires 120 credit hours. Full-time students starting from scratch typically finish in two years.

- Students are eligible to receive applicable federal and state financial aid assistance. Current fees and tuition rates can be viewed at www.palmettocollege.sc.edu.

- The degree is awarded by the University of South Carolina and meets the same rigorous standards and accreditation as any traditional degree from UofSC.

Prepare for Your Future

The online UofSC Associate Degrees equip students with a well-rounded education to aid them in their steps toward a successful career and if desired, further education.

Students will be able to develop logical and persuasive arguments, apply the methods of mathematical, statistical, or analytical reasoning to critically evaluate data, and apply the principles of the natural sciences. You will be able to use the principles of historical thinking to understand past human societies and principles of the social sciences to explore diverse cultural identities.

You can complete your degree 100% online or in a blended format through one of our campuses.

Why should I complete an Associate degree?

With your associate degree, your options for employment, higher earnings, and further education immediately expand.

In fact, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, workers who have an associate degree earn about $8,000 more per year than those with only a high school diploma.

Why should I complete a degree online from UofSC through Palmetto College?

The programs are developed and taught by the same professors who teach statewide in the nationally renowned UofSC system. As a Palmetto College student, you'll have access to the university's academic resources. And best of all, when you're finished with the program, you'll graduate with a degree from a top-notch, nationally recognized university!

For More Information

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An associate's degree aims to give students the basic technical and academic knowledge and transferable skills they need to go on to employment or further education.

Many students earn an associate degree while maintaining a career and later choose to continue their education in a bachelor-level program.

Prerequisites and Requirements

To enroll in this online degree program:

• Freshman applicants must have a high school diploma from a regionally accredited association or its equivalent (GED) prior to enrolling.

• High School transcripts for freshman applicants must show completion of the College Preparatory Curriculum, which includes 20 units, along with a 2.0 GPA (4.0 scale) or higher.

• Applicants who did not graduate from high school must submit a copy of a GED certificate or satisfactory GED test scores.

• Prospective students transferring from another institution must have a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher (4.0 scale). If fewer than 30 semester hours (45 quarter hours) of college-level work have been attempted, the applicant must also meet freshman admission requirements.

Curriculum

Our associate degree programs will help you learn to think critically, develop logical and persuasive arguments, and communicate clearly. Both degree programs also include the Carolina Core, UofSC's common academic foundational courses.

The curriculum includes coursework in the following areas*:

• English Composition **- 6 credit hours**

• Foreign Language **- 3 credit hours**

• History **- 3 credit hours**

• Social Sciences **- 6 credit hours**

• Analytical Reasoning **- 3 to 6 credit hours**

• Scientific Literacy **- 7 to 12 credit hours**

• Interpretive Understanding **- 3 to 6 credit hours**

• Elective Courses **- up to 23 credit hours**

*Coursework varies depending on selection of Arts or Science degree program