

A Regional Palmetto College

University of South Carolina Lancaster - Accessible, Affordable, and Flexible

General

- Public two-year campus of the University of South Carolina, largest and oldest two-year campus
- Founded 1959, celebrated 65 years in 2024-2025.
- Governed by the Board of Trustees of the University of South Carolina
- Academic Accreditation with USC Columbia through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges; Associate in Business accredited through ACBSP
- Offering 4 associate degrees and 31 bachelor's degrees through partnerships with USC Palmetto College and other collaborative arrangements
- Physical location: 150 acres in the city limits of Lancaster; 50 developed acres with remainder wooded;

 Downtown Lancaster: Native American Studies Center; Indian Land: 8063 River Rd Indian Land, SC 29707
- Affiliate groups: Lancaster County Commission on Higher Education, Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster (owns land and most buildings), USC Lancaster Board of Visitors, Town-Gown Advisory Group, Indian Land Business Advisory Group
- Leadership: Regional Palmetto College Dean, Dr. Courtney Catledge
- The Athletics: NJCAA, Region X competing in baseball, men's and women's soccer, and women's volleyball
- Mascot: Lance the Lancer; The Lancers

Numbers

Enrollment Fall 2025 (as of 9/10/25)	Headcount	FTE
	2,496	1,616

Clubs and Student Organizations 25

In-state tuition 2025-2026 \$3,579/per semester

Faculty-to-Student Ratio 1:20

Faculty Full-time 59; Part-time 42

Student Ethnic Diversity (Fall 2023) 46.1%

State appropriation, 2025-2026 \$10,535,634 (includes base appropriation, tuition mitigation, pay plan allocation, fringe allocation)

State appropriation as % of operating 53.6%

Operating budget \$18,803,290 (total revenue + transfers in)

3-year Success Rate 76% consistently ranked one of the top two-year campuses in SC.

(Graduate or transfer to another campus)

Program Spotlight

- Lancer Scholars—Premium Scholarship Program
- Native American Studies Center—only center in SC devoted to the culture and history of Native Americans
- Gregory Family YMCA—on-campus recreation serving students, faculty, and staff as well as the community
- Indian Land Location—serving students of all kinds in the growing panhandle of Lancaster County adjacent to Charlotte, NC
- Ranked number 1 two-year campus in South Carolina for nine years running by niche.com.