



CHARLESTON
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY

CSU

FAST FACTS

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KEY MESSAGES

- **Vision:** Integrating Faith in Learning, Leading, and Serving
- **Mission:** Promoting Academic Excellence in a Christian Environment
- **Impact Statement:** Preparing Servant Leaders to Pursue Significant Lives

Founded: 1964

CSU awarded more than \$103 million in financial aid for academic year 2024-2025.

12:1 ratio of students-to-faculty

Enrollment: **4,000+**

More than **60 undergraduate, 20 graduate, and two doctoral programs**

Every student gains real-world experiences through **Experiential Learning Requirements.**

Buccaneer athletics plays at the **NCAA Division 1** level, fielding 16 teams, while still enjoying the advantages of a small university.

Students are equipped with a biblical worldview at the **Lowcountry's only faith-based university.**

CSU packed more boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program than any other university in the U.S. in 2019: 5,249 boxes, in 2020: 7,100+, 2021: 10,942, 2022: 13,019, 2023: 13,601, and **2024: 13,670**

Beautiful Location – CSU is located in the historic Lowcountry region, near South Carolina's beautiful beaches. Charleston has been named the **No. 1 City in the U.S. 12 years in a row** by *Travel + Leisure magazine*.

Charleston Southern University has **nearly a quarter of a billion-dollar impact annually** in the state of South Carolina. (Economic Impact Study, Lilly Consulting Group, 2025)

Using a passport to depict a student's progression through the university years reflects CSU's work as a system. As freshmen students **Discover Their Passion**; as sophomores they **Design Their Pathway**; as juniors they **Develop Their Potential**; and as seniors they **Declare Their Purpose**.

Opportunities found only at CSU:

- South Carolina's only collegiate aeronautics program
- The Center for Global Leadership and Ministry, in association with Dr. Jay Strack
- The CSU Center for Chaplaincy
- The Community Research Institute, in association with Abbey Research
- The Center for Personal Financial Management, in association with the Ron Blue Institute
- The Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership

National recognitions:

U.S. News & World Report:

- Best Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs
- Best Physician Assistant Programs
- Best Online Bachelor's Programs
- Best Online Bachelor's Programs for Veterans (top-ranked in S.C.)
- Best Online Bachelor's Programs in Business
- Best Online Master's Business Degree (non-MBA)
- Best Online MBA Programs

VA Yellow Ribbon Program

Washington Monthly's Best Bang for the Buck, Southeast

Niche.com Safest College Campuses in S.C.

Purple Heart University

Military Friendly® School - Silver, Military Friendly® Spouse School

