



**STUDENT LIFE**



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### Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) includes executive officers elected by the student body and senators who represent clubs, organizations, classes, and residence halls. The chief function of SGA includes providing a liaison between the administration and the students, representing student opinion to the administration of the University, and participating in the governance of the University by serving on many joint faculty-student committees.

### Student Clubs and Organizations

There are many opportunities for Coastal students to actively participate in campus life through more than one hundred student organizations. Organizations are of many types: Greek, special interest, honorary, professional, social, service, literary, and recreational. Most organizations are open to all Coastal students and meet on a regular basis.

### Coastal Productions Board

Coastal Productions Board is the campus organization which sponsors campus-wide activities such as comedians, movie nights, and concerts. The Coastal Productions Board is composed of students who volunteer their time to produce programs for their fellow students. Students interested in participating are asked to contact the Office of Student Activities located in Suite 106 of the Student Center.

### Publications

Three student publications are printed during the academic year: *The Chanticleer*, the student newspaper, is printed bi-monthly; *Archarios*, the literary and art magazine is published in the spring semester; and *Tempo* magazine, the student feature magazine, is published once in the fall and once in the spring semesters.

### Student Directory

The University publishes an electronic Student Directory (accessible through [portal.coastal.edu](http://portal.coastal.edu)) each fall and spring semester. This information can be corrected or updated by visiting the Office of the Registrar, Singleton Building 108. Students who do not wish to have information available in the Student Directory must complete a Student Directory Privacy Request Form, available in the Office of the Registrar, and must complete the form no later than 14 days after the beginning of the respective fall or spring semester.

### The Student Recreation Center and Outdoor Facilities

The Student Recreation Center (SRC) is the center of all campus recreational activity. A swimming pool with adjacent outdoor patio, auxiliary gym, racquetball courts, dance studio for aerobics, locker rooms, a weight room with the latest fitness and cardio equipment, and the Campus Recreation offices are housed here. The Joseph Holliday Tennis Courts, directly behind the SRC, features four composition courts, two of which are lighted. Intramural activities are played on the Spur fields, a large outdoor field complex which is also available to the students for pick up games. A state-of-the-art track is available for the jogging population. A ten element challenge course has been constructed to offer students,

faculty, staff and the community opportunities for team building and leadership activities. The campus community is encouraged to participate in any of these activities with a valid Coastal Carolina University I.D. Equipment is available for check out at the Campus Recreation offices.

## **Intramurals**

Flag football, basketball, softball, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, soccer, and water polo are just a few of the team sports available in men's, women's, and co-recreational divisions. Individual events include badminton, pickleball, racquetball, swimming, and tennis. All sports offer multiple playing levels to ensure participants a variety of competition. Some of our intramural teams have represented Coastal Carolina University at regional and national championship tournaments. A valid I.D., the desire to have a good time, and the desire to get a little exercise are needed to participate.

## **Mission Statement for Intercollegiate Athletics**

The Intercollegiate Athletics Program at Coastal Carolina University is an integral part of the total educational program. Its objectives are consistent with the purposes of the institution and aim to create an environment which enables students to reach their full potential.

Coastal Carolina University resolves to:

1. Maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of CCU's educational program with a clear relationship to its mission and goals.
2. Employ coaches and administrative staff capable of performing professionally in an educational community where high standards of integrity, ethical behavior, and good sportsmanship are required.
3. Recruit student-athletes capable of academic success at the university level, and operate its athletics program in a manner which does not detract from student-athletes' educational opportunities.
4. Provide financial aid to student-athletes who are willing to commit to compliance with team rules, good sportsmanship, and satisfactory academic progress toward their college degrees.
5. Provide equal opportunities and access for all students by developing and maintaining programs which meet the athletics and academic needs of the University community.
6. Develop in student-athletes the qualities of self-discipline, teamwork and loyalty, and establish an environment of competitiveness, good sportsmanship, and fair play.
7. Maintain the facilities and personnel to enhance the athletics skills of the student-athletes, to promote the recovery of those who are ill or injured, and to provide educational programs and counseling with regard to drug and alcohol abuse.
8. Operate a broadly based athletics program which is competitive within the conference in all sports, and competitive on a national basis to the extent possible utilizing the resources available.
9. Establish a tradition of athletics excellence which will increase the pride, loyalty, and enthusiasm of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local community.

## **Intercollegiate Athletics**

Intercollegiate athletic programs are recognized as valuable assets in enhancing campus spirit and fostering excellence of character, responsibility, sportsmanship, self-esteem, and physical development among its participants.

Coastal Carolina University fields 17 intercollegiate teams. The women's program includes soccer, cross country, tennis, basketball, volleyball, golf, softball, indoor track and field, and

outdoor track and field. Men compete in football, cross country, tennis, basketball, soccer, baseball, golf, and outdoor track and field. The teams are named after the Coastal Carolina University mascot, the Chanticleer, and wear the official school colors of Coastal teal and bronze.

The University is affiliated with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Division I, and is a member of the Big South Conference. These affiliations permit student-athletes to receive local, regional, and national recognition for their accomplishments.

Grants and scholarships are awarded to qualified student-athletes through the Office of Financial Aid. Questions regarding athletic scholarships should be directed to the appropriate coach in the athletics department. Recipients of aid are required to satisfy certain academic standards set by the University, the Big South, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association .

All Coastal Carolina University students are admitted without charge to all athletic events with their student identification card.

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Mission Statement for Student Services**

University student services are designed to support the educational mission of the University by fostering the development of the whole student. The Student Affairs Division promotes an environment in which the intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, recreational, and physical development of the student can thrive. The University provides a range of student services designed to facilitate fuller participation in the life of the campus, to promote a sense of civic responsibility, and to provide skills addressing the challenges of campus life and the life-long process of self-development. Through its curricular and co-curricular offerings, the University provides opportunities for learning skills such as career exploration, interpersonal communication and self-awareness, leadership, intellectual discovery, cultural appreciation, personal and ethical values clarification, social and interpersonal effectiveness, physical development, spiritual growth opportunities, and community responsibility, citizenship, and respect for individual differences.

### **Student Center**

100 Spadoni Park Circle

The Student Center provides a variety of facilities for use by all members of the University community. The Center contains meeting and conference rooms, a television lounge, a game room, and dining facilities. The Student Center also houses the Office of the Dean of Students, the Office of Student Activities, the I.D. office, Student Government Association, Coastal Productions Board, Students Taking Active Responsibility (STAR), Greek life and student publications.

### **University Dining Service - Cino Grille**

Student Center, first floor

Cino Grille offers Java City coffee, Montague's Deli, Tortilla Fresca, Grille Works and Easy Goes items daily. Hours of operation are determined each semester.

The Commons Dining Hall features an all-you-care-to-eat atmosphere. RFOC concept features made-to-order items freshly prepared especially for you! Hours of operation are determined each academic year.

### **Office of Student Activities**

Student Center, Suite 106

The Office of Student Activities provides advisement to a large number of academic, pro-

fessional, Greek fraternity and sorority, special interest and religious student organizations and is available to individual students who desire information about activities which might meet their interests. Any student interested in establishing a new club or organization may obtain information from the Office of Student Activities. Opportunities to participate in community volunteer programs and leadership development workshops are available to all students. This office coordinates Student Media, Student Government, Greek Life, Coastal Productions Board, Diversity Programs, and STAR, the University's student-driven community service and volunteer programs organization.

## **Multicultural Student Services**

Prince Building, Room 215

Multicultural Student Services, as a part of the Student Affairs Division, promotes student satisfaction and success. The overall goal of the office is to support the academic, social and cultural development of minority students through counseling and programming. The office provides a variety of programs and services related to the concerns, challenges and needs of minority students and their adjustment to university life. The office also focuses on programs designed to involve all students in multicultural education.

In addition, consultation is provided to faculty and professional staff regarding minority issues and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education's Access and Equity Program.

## **Career Services**

Indigo House (843) 349-2341

Career Resource Lab (843) 349-2358, [www.coastal.edu/career](http://www.coastal.edu/career)

Office Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Career Services are built on a four year developmental model that also includes Career Exploration services and Student Employment services. All programs are supported by the technology systems housed in the Career Resource Lab and on the CCU Career Services web site.

Career Development Services Coordinators assigned to each academic college are available to work with students by individual appointment, through structured workshops, classroom presentations, or on a walk-in basis in the Lab. Job search preparation is provided to graduating seniors through workshops, class presentations, and individual appointments. Planning job search strategies, creation and production of resumes and cover letters, and development of interviewing skills are addressed to enable students to present themselves effectively as candidates for full time employment. Students are connected with employers through career fairs, on-campus interview days, employer information sessions, direct resume referrals, and Interview TRAK, the online recruitment program. Networking is also supported through the online Career Contact and Alumni Network (CCAN), and recruitment publications. Students must register in the Monster TRAK system to participate in Career Services recruitment events.

## **Career Exploration Services**

Career Exploration Services assists students in the selection and achievement of career goals through assessment of their work values, interests, and abilities. The Myers Briggs Type Indicator, the Strong Interest Inventory, computerized exploration systems, and individual counseling are used for this exploration. Counselors assist students with review of opportunities and alternatives as early and systematically in the academic programs as possible. Career library materials, Internet resources, job shadowing, and information interviews with members of the Career Contact and Alumni Network (CCAN), and University 150 (a Career Exploration course) are used to facilitate career decision making.

## **Student Employment Services**

### Indigo House

Student Employment Services assists students with locating part-time, non-credit internships, and full-time employment opportunities. On-campus employment opportunities, including those requiring Federal Work-Study awards are posted to the CCU Career Services web site via the MonsterTRAK system. Non-credit internships, available through government agencies, not-for profit organizations, and large national or multi-national employers are also advertised through MonsterTRAK and via internet links to those organizations. Internships for academic credit are facilitated by designated faculty in each department. A list of faculty internship coordinators is provided on the Career Services web site.

## **Counseling Services**

### 204 University Boulevard

Counseling Services of Coastal Carolina University offers a variety of services for students, including personal counseling, crisis intervention, personal growth and enrichment, drug and alcohol education, stress and test anxiety management, and study skills. The services are offered via individual and group therapy and classroom presentations. Counseling Services adheres to the professional standards regarding confidentiality of information and is not part of any other Coastal Carolina University records.

Counseling Services offers a wide variety of information concerning mental health and developmental issues experienced by University students. A network of community resources and referral agencies has been established to ensure that all mental health needs of students are met. Students may schedule appointments by visiting or calling Counseling Services at (843) 349-2305.

## **Office of Disability Services**

### 204 University Boulevard

Coastal Carolina University provides a program of assistance to students with disabilities. Upon acceptance to the University, students with disabilities become eligible for support services by providing the Office of Disability Services with documentation of their disabilities. The student and counselor will develop an educational accommodation plan that may include the following: academic labs, tutorial referral, study skills, counseling, auxiliary aids, classroom accommodations, and coordination with other agencies.

Coastal Carolina University is dedicated to establishing and maintaining a barrier-free environment with all of its resources. Students with physical or learning disabilities are encouraged to contact a counselor to discuss their needs. The office is located in Counseling Services. For more information, call (843) 349-2305.

## **Alcohol and Other Drug Services**

### 204 University Boulevard

Alcohol and Other Drug Services is an integral part of the counseling services offered to students. This program is designed to offer education, prevention, and intervention services in support of student achievement. Personal assessments, classroom presentations, innovative and interactive computerized programs, and informational materials are available as requested. Referrals to community agencies are facilitated when appropriate. Confidentiality is maintained according to professional standards. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (843) 349-2305 or visiting the office in Counseling Services.

## **Support Services for Women**

### 204 University Boulevard

Counseling Services offers a variety of programs and services which address issues that are most often of concern to women, yet affect the entire campus community. Students can participate in therapy groups, educational programs, and prevention focused workshops on

issues such as abusive relationships, eating disorders, acquaintance rape and sexual assault, single parenting, assertiveness, and leadership skills. In addition, referrals can be made to off-campus agencies such as Grand Strand Community Against Rape (GSCAR), Citizens Against Spousal Abuse (CASA), and other organizations which work closely with the center.

## **Student Health Services**

204 University Boulevard

Student Health Services provides outpatient primary health care, wellness education, and specialist referral. The professional staff includes a physician and a registered nurse practitioner.

Outpatient clinic hours are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Conway Medical Center, located less than two (2) miles from campus, provides emergency care.

Student health services are provided for all students residing in University residence halls. All other students currently enrolled are eligible for services by paying a health services fee.

The Student Health Services fee covers most of the cost for services at the Health Center; however, additional fees are charged for X-ray, laboratory, and pharmacy. For more information, call (843) 347-7466.

## **Student Health Insurance**

204 University Boulevard

Coastal Carolina University participates in a voluntary student health insurance program. All full-time and part-time students of Coastal Carolina are eligible to enroll in this program at any time on a prorated basis. Additional information on coverage, benefits, and cost is contained in brochures available through the Office of Student Health Services or the Office of Counseling Services. Students may also contact Pearce & Pearce Insurance directly at 1-888-622-6001 or by visiting their website at [www.studentinsurance.com](http://www.studentinsurance.com).

International students attending on student visas are required to purchase the University insurance or show proof of a comparable plan acceptable to University personnel responsible for issuing Immigration Office certifying forms.

## **Office of International Programs and Services**

Laurel Hall

The Office of International Programs (OIPS) is the issuing office for I-20s and DS-2019s, the documents which support international students' and scholars' request for visas to study, teach or do research in the United States. In addition, the OIPS helps international students with other visa related issues such as practical training and academic advising.

The services offered by the Office of International Programs includes welcoming new international students, providing orientation, facilitating the registration process, and serving as primary contact for these students throughout their stay at Coastal. The office provides information on cultural issues; maintains applications and literature on how to obtain social security cards, drivers' licenses, health and automobile insurance; explains employment options; and serves as an on-going general information resource. Coastal has an active international club and encourages new international students, as well as Americans, to take part. Club trips and a variety of activities are organized each semester. Students may visit, at their convenience, Laurel Hall or call (843) 349- 2054.

## **Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs**

Information is available in the Financial Aid section of this catalog.

## Office of Residence Life

Santee Waccamaw Hall, Room 129

The Residence Life Program serves over 2,200 undergraduate students in a six-building complex (The Woods), a two-building complex (The Gardens), another two-building complex (The Rivers), and a "near campus" 21 building complex (University Place).

In The Woods, each three-story building contains six furnished four-person apartments per floor with four single bedrooms, living area, and bathroom facilities. The Gardens house approximately 90 upperclassmen in two-person apartments. Two students share an apartment with one large bedroom, a living room, kitchen, and bathroom. The Rivers consists mainly of four-person, two-bedroom suites sharing one bathroom. A limited number of four-bedroom suites are also available in these buildings. All residence hall units are air conditioned with local phone service and cable T.V. hookup. The Gardens utilizes a wireless internet connection. Computer hook-up is also available in The Woods and The Rivers complexes. Housing is available on a first come, first served basis. The University has trained staff to assist students in adjusting to their new environment. Various educational and recreational activities are planned throughout the year for residents.

Additional information about on-campus housing is available at the Office of Residence Life located on the first floor of Waccamaw Hall in The Rivers Complex.

**Residence Hall Application:** Any student interested in living in the residence halls must first be admitted to the University. Upon admission to the University, a student may submit a Residence Life Application/Contract to the Bursar's Office with a deposit of \$140.00. The application/contract is included in the Enrollment Handbook. Residence hall space will be assigned based on the date the application/contract and deposit is received. Once all spaces have been filled, the remaining applicants will be placed on a waiting list. The University cannot guarantee residence hall space to all who apply.

**Summer Residence:** Some space will be provided in the residence halls for those students wishing to take courses during the summer.

**Withdrawal from the Residence Halls:** A student desiring to be released from the Residence Life Contract **MUST** fill out a Request for Release from Residence Life Contract form, which is available at the Office of Residence Life. Generally, a release from the Residence Life Contract will be considered only for those residents who graduate from the University, withdraw from the University, or get married. Other requests will be reviewed on an individual basis.

## University Place

University Place is a "near campus" residence hall facility managed by the Office of Residence Life. Housing approximately 1,000 students in apartment style buildings, University Place offers a combination of 2, and 4 bedroom "garden style" suite single apartments for upperclassmen and transfer students. Each apartment is furnished with a washer/dryer, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, stove, upholstered sofa and chair, TV stand, and kitchen table and chairs. All bedrooms have private bathrooms and shared tub/shower. Each bedroom is furnished with cable TV connection, internet connection, double bed, desk and chair, chest of drawers and large mirrored closet.

The University Place facility also offers an activity house equipped with an exercise and fitness facility, pool/hot tub, social room with wide screen plasma TV, half basketball court, and full sand volleyball court.

## University Bookstore

University Hall, first floor

The CCU Bookstore has the largest selection of used and new textbooks required for CCU courses. The Bookstore also carries all course-related supplies, and offers software at educationally discounted prices. You will also find the best brand names in Coastal Carolina clothing and gifts at the CCU Bookstore. Your entertainment needs are met here with a large selection in college music and general books. The Bookstore also offers discount movie tickets through Carmike Cinemas. The Bookstore invites all students to come in and shop or study; there are many reading and entertainment lounges located throughout the store.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Student Conduct

Responsibility for good conduct rests with students as individuals. All members of the academic community are expected to use reasonable judgment in their daily campus life to show due concern for the welfare and rights of others.

Students should be aware that educational institutions are not sanctuaries from the jurisdiction of the civil and criminal laws of the communities and states wherein such institutions exist. While the rules and regulations of Coastal Carolina University are not meant to duplicate general laws, there are some respects in which the lawful interests of the institution as an academic community coincide with the broader civic interest treated in general laws. Students who commit offenses against the laws of municipalities, states, or the United States are subject to prosecution by those authorities, as well as liable for disciplinary action under University rules when their conduct violates institutional standards.

Students, no less than other citizens, are entitled to be secure in their personal safety and welfare, lodgings, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. This does not prohibit normal inspections of University facilities for maintenance, health, or safety purposes, nor does it preclude searches and seizures properly authorized by administrators in emergency situations where the welfare and safety of persons or property are involved. Approval for such procedures will be granted in strict accord with required legal standards. Searches and seizures by law enforcement personnel incident to investigations or arrests are conducted only under proper warrant and are not the responsibility of Coastal Carolina University.

Infractions of personal conduct are dealt with in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct. Conduct standards and sanctions are contained in *The Student Handbook* and *Residence Life Living Guide*.

The University reserves the right, in the interest of all its students, to decline admission to, suspend, or to require the withdrawal of a student after all appropriate University judicial procedures have been followed.

Students agree to abide by all rules and regulations of the University as a condition of admission.

### Academic Discipline

Student violations of academic discipline are dealt with in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct. Further information is contained in the current edition of *The Student Handbook*.

## **Vehicle Registration**

As a primarily non-residential or commuter campus, the University recognizes the importance of providing adequate parking for all members of the community. Regulations regarding automobile registration and parking are distributed by the Department of Public Safety. Copies are available in the Student Center. Students, faculty, and staff are required to register their vehicles each school year.

## **Identification Cards**

Identification cards are required for all members of the University community. Upon completion of their first registration, students will be issued a photo-ID card for use while enrolled at Coastal Carolina University. Valid ID cards are required for entrance to campus activities and events, for use of library materials and resources, and for use of all campus facilities. University police officers are authorized by state law to request students and staff to present identification cards on campus property at any time. Students must present an ID card when requested by any University Official.

If cards are misplaced or destroyed, ARAMARK will make replacement ID cards at a cost of fifteen dollars. For information regarding ID cards, contact the Identification Card Office, 349-2255, located in the Student Center, first floor.

## **Department of Public Safety**

The University maintains its own police department, whose public safety officers are state certified. The police force is augmented by security personnel. State laws and University rules and regulations are enforced by this department.

**Sex Offender Registry:** As required by the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, part of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, the law provides that those required to register as sex offenders under various state laws must now also provide notice when they attend or are employed by an institution of higher education. The Coastal Carolina University Department of Public Safety maintains a registry of CCU students and employees who have been convicted of sex crimes. This registry is available to any member of the public. Anyone who wishes to view the registry should contact the CCU Department of Public Safety.

## **Student Records**

Recognition by the University of every person's general right to privacy forms the basis of the policy for the release of information from student records. The policy ensures that only proper purposes are served by the release of information and that students are not inconvenienced or disadvantaged by an overprotective release policy. It is the policy to refuse release of non-public information from student records without the written consent of the student except as outlined in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. (See Notification of Student Rights under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) section of this catalog for further information.)

## UNIVERSITY POLICY FOR STUDENT COMPLAINTS

The University deems it essential that all students be provided an adequate opportunity to bring complaints and problems to the attention of the administration with the assurance that they will be treated promptly, professionally, fairly, confidentially, and without fear of reprisal. If any student believes he or she has been mistreated by any member of the faculty or staff, the procedures listed below should be followed. They are intended to simplify the proper route for students to follow in complaining about any perceived mistreatment and are not intended to replace any existing grievance process for matters that may be grieved. Students who are unsure about this complaint policy are encouraged to consult with their academic advisers.

***Complaints about faculty on academic matters*** - should be reported to the department chair or dean who supervises the professor or instructor, or inquire at the Provost's office.

***Complaints about any form of perceived discrimination, including, but not necessarily limited to racial discrimination, sex discrimination, discrimination because of a disability, or sexual harassment and complaints about improper treatment by any university employee*** - should be reported to the Vice President for Organizational Development and Human Resources.

***Complaints about admissions, any registration problem, or financial aid*** - should be reported to the office of the Vice President for Enrollment Services.

***Complaints about billings or accounts receivable*** - should be reported to the Office of the Bursar.

***All other complaints on non-academic matters, including complaints about treatment by other students*** - should be reported to the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs or the Office of the Dean of Students.

If any student with a complaint does not receive satisfaction from any of the above-listed offices, the student should bring his or her complaint directly to the office of the President of the University.

**Notes**