60+ Tuition Waiver Program

Graduate Student Responsibilities

Welcome! As a USC graduate student, you have certain responsibilities to make your experience here as smooth and pleasant as possible. As a **SC Senior Citizen**, you will need to follow the steps listed below to prepare to register for classes and/or qualify for the tuition waiver. The Graduate School's **New Student Checklist** may be helpful as you work through the steps below. Contact information and helpful website links are listed with each step.

Become Familiar with University Technology

Your first responsibility is to familiarize yourself with the university's technologies including Self Service Carolina (my.sc.edu), university email and Blackboard. You will first **claim your university account** so you will have access to your university email and our systems.   Your university email address, ending in @email.sc.edu, is where campus offices and instructors will contact you. It is your responsibility to check it regularly. If you need help with university technologies, contact the DoIT help desk at 803-777-1800.

Verify Your Citizenship and Residency

It is your responsibility to complete the **U.S. Citizenship Verification Form** and the **S.C. Residency Certification Form** for the appropriate semester **plus complete the 60+ Waiver Form**. This ensures your charges and waivers are applied appropriately. If you need help with citizenship or residency verification, contact the registrar's office at 803-777-5555.

Register for Classes

You will **register for your courses** through **my.sc.edu on the first day of classes each semester**. Any questions about courses, overrides, and forms should be taken care of prior to this day to ensure a smooth registration process. Contact the program office hosting your course with these questions. Contact information for all graduate programs is on our **Degree Program** pages.

Pay Fees on Time

The **60+ waiver only applies to tuition** and does not cover books or technology, lab, matriculation, and other program fees. It is your responsibility to pay your fees in full by the deadlines set by the bursar's office or any courses you are registered for will be dropped for nonpayment. You will be charged a $75 reinstatement fee to re-register for courses. You can view your bills in **my.sc.edu**, and payment reminders will be sent to your USC email address. Bursar's Office phone, email, location and online contact form is available **here**.

Adhere to Registrar's Deadlines

If you need to add, drop, audit, or withdraw from a course, it is your responsibility to do so by the deadlines set by the registrar's office. Deadlines are listed in the academic calendar on the registrar's website at **sc.edu/registrar**.

Maintain Active Status

It is your responsibility to maintain active status as a USC student. If you miss a fall or spring semester, you will become an inactive student in the university's system. You must **re-apply** for admission, pay the application fee, and complete the residency certification process again before you can register for more courses.