

As a first-year student, there is a lot that needs to be known once you arrive here at the University of South Carolina. A few of the many aspects of this university that first-year students should have knowledge about upon their arrival here are how to get involved, taking the University 101 class, knowing what resources they should use, where to eat, and mistakes to avoid or correct.

There are plenty of ways for students here to get involved. The campus has plenty of activities throughout the semester that students can go to. These activities can range from a way to get to know a part of the campus better to a movie night. Another way to get involved is to use the Garnet Gate app. This app will allow anyone look up any campus activities that are on campus along with and clubs that may interest people.

Another great way at making sure first-year students can get involved is by taking the University 101 class. This class will teach you many skills that are work knowing. It will teach you about values and how they should shape someone's life, how to stay safe while on campus, and how to stay strong academically. This class is such a great class to take and can be a very positive experience during time at the University of South Carolina.

There are many resources to use throughout the campus. The student success center is such a great resource to have and to take advantage of. With peer leaders that attend the notoriously difficult classes along with peer tutors who can help anyone that walks in, the student success center is an amazing resource to use. Other resources to use are the numerous food places. Since all first-year students are required to purchase the meal plan, it is highly recommended that students use this as much as possible. Not only will this save money due to students being forced to pay for the meal plan, but the places students can get food are very

good. There are lots of all-you-can-eat diners scattered around campus, making it easy for all students to get all the food they could need each meal.

Out of everything said here, the biggest thing to keep in mind is to try new things as students explore this new unfamiliar place. The biggest mistake first-year students can have is to not use everything given to them. I made sure that during my time here with all of these resources that I would get the most out of everything. If students make the most out of everything given to them, they will have a much easier time throughout their time at the University of South Carolina.