

SC State University

2.10 Student Support Services

Core Requirement: The institution provides student support programs, services, and activities consistent with its mission that promotes student learning and enhance the development of its students.

X Compliance

Partial Compliance

Non-Compliance

Narrative:

The student support programs, services, and activities are consistent with the university's mission in conjunction with the mission of student affairs that promotes student learning and enhances student development.

The Division of Student Affairs embraces the core values of excellence, access and opportunity, respect and integrity as outlined above in the departments mission statement. The following are brief descriptions of programs, services, and activities related to student social and personal development. The goal of each program, service, and activity is to enhance student learning and personal development, promote the institution's mission, and meet students' needs outside of the classroom.

SC State University's Mission:

South Carolina State University, a senior comprehensive teaching institution, is committed to providing affordable and accessible quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs. This public university with a student population between 4,000 and 5,000 is located in Orangeburg, an area that has a traditional rural, agricultural economy which has expanded to include a business and industrial focus that is national and international in scope. South Carolina State University's 1890 land-grant legacy of service to the citizenry of the state is ensured through its collaborative efforts with local, rural, and statewide businesses, public education, colleges and industry. This symbiotic relationship provides a catalyst that spurs a reciprocal economic and social growth for the University, state, nation and the international community at-large.

South Carolina State University, founded in 1896 as a historically Black co-educational institution, embraces diversity among its students, faculty, staff and programs. While maintaining its traditional focus, the University is fully committed to providing life-long learning opportunities for the citizens of the state and qualified students of varied talents and backgrounds in a caring and nurturing learning environment.

South Carolina State University through instruction, research and service activities, prepares highly skilled, competent, economically and socially aware graduates to meet life's challenges and demands that enable them to work and live productively in a dynamic, global society. The University offers sixty baccalaureate programs in the areas of applied professional sciences, engineering technology, sciences, arts, humanities, education and business. A small number of programs are offered at the master's level in teaching, human services and agribusiness, and the educational specialist and doctorate programs are offered in educational administration. Faculty and students participate in research that stimulates intellectual growth, enhances and facilitates student learning and adds to the scientific knowledge base of the academy. Service activities, which are provided through programs, related to agriculture, adult and continuing education, research, cultural arts, small business development and other special interest areas, are designed to enhance the quality of life and promote economic growth. These efforts, supported by various applications of technology, are achieved in a climate of mutual trust and respect through methods of scholarly inquiry and scientific research. [1]

Division of Student Affairs Mission:

The Division of Student Affairs supports the University's mission is that each department strives to provide methods of teaching and learning through leadership and service, research, and service opportunities which contribute to the enhancement and the quality of life of our students, as well as prepares each student to depart SC State highly skilled, competent,

socially aware, and prepared for the competitive global market place. Simply stated, the Division of Student Affairs' mission is to cultivate each student's learning, provide excellence, access and opportunity, respect and integrity from application through graduation. [2]

Although the student support programs and services are designed to consistently support the university's mission and the core values (excellence, access and opportunity, respect, and integrity) of the university. SC State is in partial compliance due to program services and activities are not aligned with student learning outcomes moreover, programs and services have not been consistently assessed to determine what students have gained from their experiences while attending or being actively engaged in programs and services that have been provided.

Counseling, Testing, and Disabled Student Services

The mission of the Counseling and Self-Development Center is this:

...to provide quality mental health and testing services that enable students to define and accomplish their personal goals while coping with stresses which may arise over the course of their matriculation. [1]

The Counseling & Self-Development Center at SC State has been in existence and has maintained accreditation with the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) for over 10. [2] Staff counselors provide services that enable students to define and accomplish personal goals and to adjust to college life, major life events, and other concerns as they arise during students' matriculation.

The Counseling & Self-Development Center's staff continues to meet the many challenges and opportunities for services that the 2007-2008 academic year presented. The center served 185 students through individual counseling sessions; 94 students were seen in groups, including anger management, substance education, and the "New Beginnings" for first year students; 742 participated in campus outreach presentations, such as residence assistants training, student leadership development programming, and counseling center basics brought to the classroom. Psychiatric consultation was provided for 12 students. [3]

The Counseling Services Office also handles Student Disability Services. Students needing an accommodation for a recognized disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are encouraged visit the Office of Disabled Student Services [4] staff by calling 803-536-7245 or visiting the facilities in the Counseling and Self-Development Center located behind Bradham Hall. [5] The Assistant Director/Coordinator of Disabled Student Services assists qualifying students with special accommodation requests. Students with qualifying disabilities are required to provide evidence of their needs prior to receiving letters supporting their requests for accommodations from faculty. Approximately 37 students received special services and accommodations on campus and in classroom settings (i.e. note takers, interpreters, and tutors).

The following nationally administered standardized tests were offered at SCSU [6]:

Test	Number of Tests Administered
MAT	113
LSAT	80
WLOE	06
ACT	163
PCAT	122
Nelson-Denny	44
Total Test Administered	533