

Frequently Asked Questions

Inter-Curricular Enrichment Program

USC Aiken

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- How many ICE events must undergraduate students attend in order to graduate?
 - Freshmen entering USCA in Fall 2009 and thereafter, and those who select the 2009- 2010 Bulletin must attend a total of 16 ICE events in order to graduate. Freshman Convocation will count as an ICE event.
 - Transfer students and change of campus students will be awarded ICE credits based on the number of credit hours they bring to USC Aiken, and must subsequently attend ICE events until they reach a total of 16.
 - Returning students who have been away from USC Aiken for more than 36 months and who return in Fall 2009 or thereafter must fulfill the same ICE requirements as transfer students.
 - It is strongly suggested that students attend at least 2 ICE events per semester in order to facilitate graduation.

- How will students know which events they can attend for ICE credit?
 - An up-to-date ICE calendar will be available on the USCA Academic Affairs website: <http://web.usca.edu/academic-affairs/general-education/ICE/>.
 - Only events that are approved by the General Education Committee count for ICE credit.
 - Only events that appear on the ICE calendar will count for ICE credit.

- Can students attend the same event twice and receive credit for both?
 - No. Students will only be given credit for attending the event once.

- Can students receive ICE credit for events attended off campus?
 - No, unless the student is enrolled in an approved study abroad program that yields transferable college credit.
 - Students participating in Study Abroad programs may earn up to 4 ICE credits while overseas by participating in pre-approved inter-curricular academic events. All such special requests must be approved by the Gen Ed Committee. Students participating in semester long exchange programs may earn up to 4 ICE credits by attending appropriate inter-curricular events or venues, writing a one page summary of their experience, and providing attendance documentation. (This could include a ticket stub, a program, personal photos (if allowed), or other evidence). Students on shorter study abroad programs may earn 2 ICE credits using the same criteria as the semester long programs.

- Will students enrolled in degree programs delivered only online have other options for ICE events (rather than on-campus events)?
 - Yes. A list of possible online options will be made available to students who qualify.

- Can students whose professor requires attendance at events that also have been approved for ICE credit go to the event and get credit for both?
 - ⊖ Yes

- Can students “bank” ICE credits or put them off until the last semester?
 - Yes, although students are encouraged to attend at least 2 ICE events each semester throughout their four years.
 - Advisors should monitor students’ attendance at ICE events and remind them of their responsibility re. ICE credits. Seniors will not be able to graduate without 16 ICE credits awarded.

- If a student must attend a number of ICE events at the end of their senior year, will they receive priority status should the event be full?
 - No. Students have four years to attend events, and therefore should not take the chance that they cannot get into events at the end of their academic careers.

- How will students’ attendance at events be monitored?
 - Upon arriving at the event, students will have their student IDs scanned. To be counted as present, a student must have their ID scanned twice at the event (once at the beginning and once at the end). For unique situations, an ICE ticket will also still be available, which a student will fill out and turn in at the end of the event.

- How do we keep students from arriving late and/or leaving an event early?
 - IDs will be scanned only up to the start of the event and again after completion of the event.
 - If a student uses a ticket, these tickets will be distributed only up to the start of the event, and will be collected ONLY at the end of an event.
 - Students may not turn in a ticket for another student, or have an ID scanned for another student.

- How will advisors and students keep track of events attended?
 - Attendance at ICE events can be checked in Degree Works in SSC.

- What if a student attends an event but the attendance is not recorded?
 - Students should contact Dr. Tim Lintner (tlintner@usca.edu) if they do not see a record of their attendance within two weeks of the event. Tickets for all ICE events will be kept until the end of the semester only.

- If I try to attend an ICE event that gets cancelled can I still get credit for it?
 - No. Occasionally ICE events are cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a presenter falling ill or inclement weather. While we understand the inconvenience, students will not receive credit for trying to attend an event that does not take place.

- How will student behavior at ICE events be monitored?
 - At each event a faculty or staff member will be responsible for monitoring student behavior. Students whose behavior is deemed unacceptable will be asked to leave the event and will receive no ICE credit. Expectations for student behavior are the same at ICE events as in the classroom, including adherence to the USCA Policy for Portable Electronic Devices.