

Inter-Curricular Enrichment (ICE) Goals and Requirements

Goals

- Support USC Aiken’s mission as a comprehensive liberal arts institution that aims to produce “engaged learners and principled citizens”
- Support the faculty-identified goals of broadening students’ cultural and intellectual perspectives, and promoting lifelong learning
- Support the University of South Carolina Aiken General Education Goals and Outcomes and the AACU LEAP Objectives

Requirements of the ICE Program

- USC Aiken undergraduate students who are admitted in Fall 2009 and thereafter will attend a total of 16 ICE events over their 4-year college career. Freshman Convocation will constitute the first ICE event for entering freshmen.
- Participation in ICE events will be recorded and monitored under the supervision of the Office of Academic Affairs.
- The USCA General Education Committee will approve events for ICE credit, and the Office of Academic Affairs will develop a calendar for each academic semester and for the summer session of approved ICE events that are scheduled over a wide range of days and times. A generous number of free events and events with a nominal admission fee will be included on the calendar.
- The calendar of ICE events will be available online on the ICE website and the calendar updated twice a month.
- Seniors must complete all ICE requirements prior to graduation.
- 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 credits.
- Students admitted to and enrolled in degree programs delivered entirely online will be given online options to earn ICE credits.
- Students participating in Study Abroad programs may earn up to 4 ICE credits while overseas by participating in pre-approved inter-curricular academic events. 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. The student must be enrolled in an approved study abroad or internship program that yields transferable college credit for ICE credit to be approved during the time period. All such special requests must be approved by the Gen Ed Committee.
- Because the intent of the program is fundamentally academic, service activities will not count for ICE credit, e.g., fund-raising for charitable causes.
- Students may not miss regularly scheduled classes to participate in an ICE event.

- Expectations for student behavior are the same at ICE events as in the classroom, including adherence to the USCA Policy for Portable Electronic Devices. Students can be asked to leave the event if they are disruptive. This will result in no ICE credit awarded.

Assessment of the ICE Program

Effectiveness of the ICE requirement will be assessed through questions on the NSSE, senior exit surveys, student focus groups, etc. and reviewed by the General Education Committee.