

University Budget Basics

Budget/Accounting Structure



Operating Unit – Highlights campus and responsibility (e.g. Columbia/President's Office)

- **<u>Fund</u>** Highlights the location of funding (e.g. Educational and General funds)
- **Department** Highlights who is spending the funds (e.g. Special Events Office)
- <u>Account</u> Highlights what we are doing with our dollars natural classification (e.g. Contractual Services)
- <u>Class</u> Highlights what we are doing with our dollars functional classification (e.g. Instruction)
- Product* Highlights term of related transaction (e.g. fall)
- **<u>Project</u>**^{*} Highlights costs related to a specific project

* Used only with certain transactions

Operating Units by System Institution



Unit	System InstitutionSystem InstitutionCategory		
CLXXX	USC Columbia	Flagship/Research Institution	
MC000	School of Medicine – Columbia	Medical School	USC SOM Greenville
MG000	School of Medicine – Greenville	Medical School	USC
AK000	USC Aiken	Comprehensive University	
BF000	USC Beaufort	Comprehensive University	
UP000	USC Upstate	Comprehensive University	
LA000	USC Lancaster	Regional Palmetto College	
SA000	USC Salkehatchie	Regional Palmetto College	
SM000	USC Sumter	Regional Palmetto College	
UN000	USC Union	Regional Palmetto College	





Columbia Operating Units

USC Columbia Academic Units		
Unit	Description	
CL031	Nursing	
CL032	Pharmacy	
CL034	Arnold School of Public Health	
CL037	Hospitality Retail and Sports Management	
CL038	Darla Moore School of Business	
CL039	Education	
CL040	Engineering & Computing	
CL043	Law	
CL044/ CL061	Social Work/Institute for Families In Society	
CL059	Music	
CL070	Information & Communications	
CL071	Arts & Sciences	

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Columbia Operating Units

USC Columbia Auxiliary Units		
Unit	Description	
CL003	Athletics	
CL008-BH	Student Health	
CL008-BR	Housing and Residence Life	
CL088	Parking Services	

USC Columbia Pass Through Unit		
Unit Description		
CL028	Small Business Development Center	

Columbia Operating Units – Pooled Reporting



USC Columbia Support Units (Based on New Budget Model)			
Pool	Units Included in Pool/Description		
Academic Affairs	Provost (CL002), Grad School (CL045), University Press (CL048), OIRAA (CL056), Faculty Senate (CL062), International Programs (CL072)		
Honors College	Honor's College (CL025)		
Academic Access & Degree Completion	On Your Time (CL020), Distributed Learning (CL057), Palmetto College Administration (CL089)		
Enrollment & Scholarships	Enrollment Management Services (CL085), Scholarships (CL091)		
Executive Affairs	President (CL001), Equal Opportunity Programs (CL005), Legal Affairs (CL006), Economic Engagement (CL007), Board of Trustees (CL009), Audit and Advisory Services (CL082)		
Information Technology	Department of Information Technology (CL014), OneCarolina (CL083)		
Library	Library (CL029)		
Facilities	Facilities Planning (CL013), Facility Services (CL068), Utilities (CL081), Facilities Operating Projects (CL084)		

Columbia Operating Units – Pooled Reporting



USC Columbia Support Units (Based on New Budget Model)			
Pool	Units Included in Pool/Description		
Research	Research (CL049)		
Academic Support & Student Services	Student Affairs (CL008 – not including Auxiliary Portion), Residential Learning Centers (CL064), University 101 (CL067), Academic Support Service (CL086)		
Central Services & Administration	General Fund (CL000), Administration & Finance (CL004), Finance (CL010), Law Enforcement & Safety (CL011), Business Affairs (CL012), Human Resources (CL016), University Development (CL018), Institutional Support (CL019), Koger Center (CL058), General Fund – Allocated (CL060 – not including Excellence and Efficiency portions), University Communications (CL078), University Advancement (CL079), Postal Services (CL080),		
Excellence & Efficiency Initiatives	Portions of CL060 (see reference in Central Services & Administration Units included above.)		

Fund Classifications



<u>Current Funds</u> – Economic resources both unrestricted and restricted available to support the general operations of the University in carrying out its primary mission of instruction, research, and public service. Current funds fall into two major categories – Unrestricted and Restricted.

- <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> Current fund resources received by an institution that have no limitations or stipulations placed on them by external agencies or donors, and that have not been set aside for loans, endowments, or plant. These resources are normally derived from state appropriations, student fees, institutional revenues, and auxiliary operations.
- <u>Restricted Funds</u> Current fund resources received by an institution that have limitations or stipulations placed on their use by external agencies or donors. These resources are normally derived from gifts, grants, and contracts and used predominantly for research and student scholarship activities.

<u>Noncurrent Funds</u> – Due to underlying obligations, these funds are specified in purpose and are not available to support the general obligations of the University. These resources include student loan, institutional loan, endowment, unexpended plant, debt service and fixed asset funds.

Current Funds = "Operating" = Typical Budget Reporting

Current Funds + Noncurrent Funds = Typical Financial Statement Reporting

Fund Types



Fund		Current		
Туре	Definition	Unrestricted	Restricted	Noncurrent
А	Education and General	Х		
В	Auxiliaries - Student Health, Housing and Food Service	х		
С	Auxiliaries – Bookstores, Vending and Concessions, Athletics and Parking	x		
D	Student Activity Fees	Х		
E	Department Generated Self-Supporting Activities	Х		
F	Federal Grants & Contracts		Х	
G	State Government Grants & Contracts		Х	
Н	Local Government Grants & Contracts		Х	
J	Commercial Grants & Contracts		Х	
K	Philanthropic Grants & Contracts		Х	
L	Other Restricted Activity		Х	
N	Internal Projects (Generally funded by "A" or "E" funds)	Х		

Fund Types - Continued



Fund		Current		
Туре	Definition	Unrestricted	Restricted	Noncurrent
R	Designated Funds (Funded by Auxiliaries)/ Unrestricted Gifts	Х		
SR	Scholarships – Restricted		Х	
SU	Auxiliaries – Bookstores, Vending and Concessions, Athletics and Parking	X		
Т	Loan Funds			Х
V	Endowment Funds			Х
W	Capital Project Funds/Unexpended Plant (Construction)			Х
X	Debt Service Funds			Х
Y	Fixed Asset Funds			Х
Z	Agency Funds	Not University Funds – Custodial Activity Only		
1	Financial Statement Activity Funds			Х

Revenue Classifications



<u>Tuition and Fees</u> – Revenues collected from students for regular courses provided in the fall, spring, and summer sessions.

<u>State Appropriations</u> – Legislative appropriations received from the State of South Carolina General Fund for the current operations of the University. All State appropriations are assumed to be recurring unless directly linked to a proviso designating them as non-recurring.

<u>Grants, Contracts, and Gifts</u> – Revenues awarded by federal, state, local, non-governmental, and private organizations intended for the current operations of the University.

<u>Sales & Services of Education and Other</u> Sources – Revenues generated primarily from department specific charges for enrichment fees, laboratory fees, sales and services, and other miscellaneous items.

<u>Sales & Services Auxiliary Enterprises</u> – Auxiliary enterprise revenues generated by charges for sales and services and other miscellaneous items.

<u>Contras & Recoveries</u> – Revenues received from another unit for an expense incurred directly by the receiving unit.

<u>Non-Mandatory Transfers</u> – Voluntary transfers not required by a legal covenant between fund groups.

<u>Mandatory Transfers</u> – Transfers required by a legal covenant for the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt and loan fund matching.

Expenditure Classifications



<u>Education and General</u> – Activities that directly support the primary mission of the University to educate the state's diverse citizens through teaching, research and creative activity, and service. These activities include both unrestricted and restricted expenses normally categorized as:

Instruction – Credit and non-credit courses for academic, occupational, technical and vocational instruction, and for continuing education.

<u>Research</u> – Costs associated with activities specifically organized to produce research outcomes, commissioned either by external entities or through a separate budget process of an organizational unit within the institution.

<u>Public Service</u> – Funds expended for activities that are primarily established to provide non-instructional services beneficial to individuals and groups external to the institution.

<u>Academic Support</u> – Supports the areas of the University that are primarily responsible for instruction, research and public service, to include libraries, computing support, and academic administration.

<u>Student Services</u> – Funds expended for the admissions office, registrar, student-aid administration, counseling, and other services for the benefit of students.

Expenditure Classifications (cont')



<u>Institutional Support</u> – Costs associated with fiscal operations, executive management, personnel services, administrative computing, public relations, development, and campus security.

<u>Operational and Maintenance of Plant</u> – Funds expended for physical plant administration, building and grounds maintenance, utilities, landscape and grounds maintenance, and major repairs and renovations.

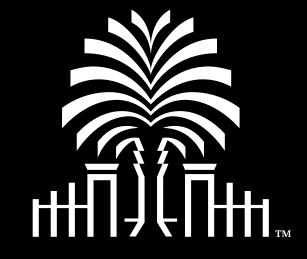
<u>Scholarships and Fellowships</u> – Expenditures for scholarships and fellowships in the form of outright grants to students selected by the institution and financed in the form of current funds, both restricted and unrestricted.

<u>Auxiliary Enterprises</u> – Self-supporting activities that exist to furnish goods and services to students, faculty, or staff, and charge a fee directly related to, although not necessarily equal to, the cost of the goods or services. These activities include both unrestricted and restricted expenses normally categorized as student health, student housing, food service, bookstore, vending and concessions, athletics, parking, and other services.

FUND BALANCE & UNIT MARGIN

<u>Fund Balance</u> – The unexpended resources at the end of any given fiscal year available to support non-recurring activities in the new year.

<u>Unit Margin</u> – The net impact of revenues, expenses, contras, and transfers for a particular unit. The increase or decrease in fund balance.



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