The University of South Carolina Department of Athletics is operated in harmony with the University’s stated purposes and goals. The department is committed to the intellectual, cultural, physical and social development of the student-athletes excelling in their chosen athletics areas. The Athletics Department encourages attitudes of self-discipline, group loyalty, good sportsmanship, and personal integrity; an appreciation for the benefits of hard work, motivation, and perseverance; and a feeling of pride in accomplishment. It is the department’s belief that these qualities lead to accomplishment in academics and athletics and to the attainment of skills necessary for continued learning throughout life. South Carolina fields 20 intercollegiate teams and competes in the Southeastern Conference.

PRIORITIES

- In addition to competing for championships, the Athletics Department has developed the Master Plan for Athletic Facilities. This ambitious long-term plan has the approval of the university’s board of trustees and provides a blueprint that will be followed for the next decade. The master plan encompasses three distinct elements: building Carolina Stadium, the new riverfront baseball stadium that opened for the 2009 season; redeveloping the 41 acres currently known as The Roost, which has begun with the construction of the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center; and addressing present and future needs at Williams-Brice Stadium, including a new athletics training facility that was completed in fall 2008.

QUICK FACTS

- **Athletics Programs**
  - Baseball
  - Softball
  - Men’s and women’s basketball
  - Football
  - Women’s volleyball
  - Men’s and women’s soccer
  - Women’s equestrian
  - Men’s and women’s golf
  - Men’s and women’s swimming and diving
  - Men’s and women’s tennis
  - Men’s and women’s track & field
  - Women’s cross country

- **Facilities**
  - The Athletics Department’s marquee facilities include Williams-Brice Stadium, Carolina Stadium, Colonial Life Arena, Weems Baskin Track, Sam Daniels Tennis Stadium, Stone Soccer Stadium, and Beckham Field.

- **Student-Athletes**
  - 500 student athletes

  - Student-athletes are encouraged to increase their abilities not only on the field but also in the classroom. Through the program CARES – Carolina Academic Resources and Enrichment Services – student-athletes at the University of South Carolina are assisted by academic advisors who provide them advice and support in their specific degree programs.

- **Number of Coaches**
  - 58 currently

- **Championships**
  - Men’s Basketball—2005, 2006 NIT Champions
  - Women’s Golf—2002 SEC Champions
  - Men’s Soccer – 2005 Conference USA Tournament Champions