

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE CITADEL



The Citadel, founded in 1842, is a coeducational military college with a rich and storied history. Located in picturesque Charleston, South Carolina, the institution offers a classic military education for young men and women who seek a college experience that is intense, meaningful and academically strong. Most Citadel graduates say that the disciplined lifestyle and friendships they forged here have a profound, positive effect on their lives.

As a public senior military college, The Citadel has the mission of educating students to become principled leaders by instilling the core values of The Citadel in a challenging, intellectual environment. The nationally known Corps of Cadets is an undergraduate residential program, while evening undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the Citadel Graduate College (CGC).

Academic Programs

Because of the strength of the academic programs, The Citadel has repeatedly been rated as a top regional institution in the annual ranking issued by *U.S. News and World Report*. With an average of 75% of its students returning each year and 86% of their freshmen, The Citadel enjoys one of the best retention records in the country. The Citadel's fifteen academic departments offer six bachelor's degrees in 18 areas, six master's degree in 17 areas as well as specialist degrees.

Admissions

Admission to the Corps of Cadets is based on an evaluation of the student's application and supporting high school grades and SAT/ACT scores. After academic acceptance is granted, the college requires a medical and physical screening, and after complete acceptance, prospective cadets are urged to make decisions as spaces fill quickly.

Alumni

Generations of Citadel graduates have served their nation, their state and their community with distinction. The goal of The Citadel is to graduate men and women with alert minds and sound bodies, who value honor, integrity, loyalty and patriotism, and who accept the responsibilities that accompany leadership. The Citadel remains a stronghold of duty, honor, respect and high ideals in a changing American society. The Citadel has alumni who have achieved notable success in military, government, business, sports, and other fields.

Athletics

While physical fitness is an important requirement for all cadets, The Citadel also emphasizes athletic competition as a way to develop leaders, encourage teamwork, and prepare cadets for life's challenges. The Citadel offers 28 intramural sports, 15 intercollegiate club sports and 15 NCAA Division I sports. The Citadel is a national leader in the percentage of female students who are athletes. More than 50% of its female cadets compete on seven varsity teams—an outstanding achievement given the fact that female athletics only started in 1997.



South Carolina Corps of Cadets

The majority of undergraduate students at The Citadel are cadets in the South Carolina Corps of Cadets, which represents every state as well as more than 20 countries. While approximately one-third of the graduates each year go into the armed services, all cadets participate in an ROTC program. On most days, cadets have physical fitness training and military instruction in addition to their regular college classes. Weekdays end with a formation and required evening study period (ESP). The Citadel emphasizes corps unity; cadets cannot be married and all must live on campus in the barracks with their assigned company.

As a classic military college, The Citadel emphasizes a strict indoctrination for all fourth-class cadets who are called “knobs.” Despite challenges, cadets value their first year for the lessons in teamwork, self-discipline and time management. The disciplined lifestyle that begins in the knob year binds cadets into a lifelong, close-knit camaraderie that is one of the strongest forces in their lives after graduation.



Campus

The Citadel sits on a 300-acre tract of land on the Ashley River with 27 buildings grouped around a 10-acre grass parade ground. The buildings include 10 classroom buildings, an administrative building, five barracks, a student activities building, infirmary, chapel, stadium, field house, library, and military building. Just off the main campus are the football and baseball stadiums as well as the Alumni Center.

Commissioning

While Citadel cadets are not obligated to enter the military, approximately one-third of each graduating class accepts a military commission.



Enrollment

- South Carolina Corps of Cadets: 2000+
- Graduate Students: 1,000+

Graduation Rate

The Citadel leads South Carolina with the highest 4-year graduation rate of 60.2%, while the national average 4-year graduation rate is 29%. The 6-year graduation rate is 70.3%.

