What is CofC SAS?
The College of Charleston Semester Abroad in the South (CofC SAS) offers an opportunity for university students to participate in the Intensive English Program at the CofC English Language Institute.

What is the goal of the program?
The program allows international students to refine their English language skills in an academic setting, while gaining an appreciation for the culture of the American South.

What is the duration of the program?
Programs are generally 17 weeks in length (two 8-week sessions, with a week off in between); beginning in August, May, and January of each academic year.

What will the students study?
The English Language Institute (ELI) offers both skill-based and content-based courses. Through experiential classes, students will study basics such as Writing, Reading, and Speaking; as well as cultural topics, such as Film Studies. Ample opportunities for guided practice are offered, including role-play, group discussions and public presentations.

How are students evaluated?
The ELI uses standard methods of evaluation, including tests, classroom performance, presentations, homework, and essays. Students will receive a progress report at the end of each eight-week session; a copy is also sent to the home university.

Will the students take regular CofC credit classes?
No. Students in the SAS program will work solely with specifically-trained instructors, who can best address the needs of second language learners.

Can the students obtain college credit for the program?
Students' home universities must independently assess the content and contact hours of the ELI curriculum to determine equivalencies in their own curriculum. The ELI works closely with universities to provide information about our curricular materials, textbook references, and assessment methods.

Who are the SAS instructors?
The SAS program is taught by the regular faculty of the English Language Institute, all of whom are seasoned ESL instructors with experience working both in the United States and abroad. Many of our instructors are TESOL certified, and most hold a Masters or PhD degree.

Are there any special events/activities held through the English Language Institute?
Every eight weeks, the CofC ELI hosts a student excursion. These faculty-supervised field trips are designed to highlight an aspect of Charleston’s unique cultural heritage. Students also participate in a university-hosted certificate ceremony at the end of each eight-week session.

Are there any special services specifically for the SAS students?
Specific services for SAS students include airport pickup, campus orientation, placement testing, and shopping.
SAS students are integrated into the regular program and may enjoy all the benefits of campus services and student life. Students may also choose to participate in clubs, sports and cultural events.

**Where will the students live?**
The students will be housed in university dorms and affiliated apartments. Our housing facilities are fully furnished and include Internet, cable, and laundry facilities.

**How can my university learn more about future participation?**
Contact David McIntosh [insert e-mail link], the Director of the English Language Institute.