

Faculty Spotlight Series:

5 questions with Darris Hassell.

1. What is your role at USC Lancaster, and how long have you worked here? I have been with the USCL family since 1997. I have served as Spanish Instructor, Coordinator of Foreign Language Placement Testing, and Associate Head Volleyball Coach here on campus.

2. Where did you go to college, and what attracted you to the education field? I attended Wofford College for my Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and also attended USC Columbia for my Master of Arts in Spanish Literature. My travel abroad experience in The Dominican Republic during my undergraduate years and my teaching assistantship at USC Columbia during my graduate studies really opened my eyes to becoming a lifetime educator.

3. What is your favorite thing about USC Lancaster? By far, my favorite part of my job is being in the position to influence students towards achieving their various academic and life goals. Interacting with students on campus is very rewarding for me.

4. What are your hobbies/interests? I am most happy when involved with activities related to travel, volleyball, gospel music, and food.

5. What advice would you give current students or prospective students? I would advise both current and prospective students to relish the early college years here at USCL. So many resources and opportunities are available to all here that don't present themselves (as easily) on other campuses. Take the time to visit with your professors, visit the career and counseling center, make appointments with the on-campus tutors, get involved with campus organizations that meet your own interests, and learn as much as you can in your area of studies. Most of all . . . I would advise that you invest yourselves 110% in your work.



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