

DATA ANALYTICS, B.S.

Degree Requirements (120 hours) Program of Study

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Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/>).

1. Carolina Core Requirements (32-45 hours)

CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- any CC-CMW courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6-7 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- MATH 122* or MATH 141*
- MATH 170*

SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)

- Two 4-credit hour CC-SCI courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)

Demonstration of proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the minimal passing grade on the exit examination in the 122 course is required. Students can demonstrate this proficiency by successfully completing Phase II of the Proficiency Test or by successfully completing the 122 course, including the exit exam administered as part of that course.

- CC-GFL courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

It is strongly recommended that students continuing the study of a foreign language begin college-level study of that language in their first semester and

continue in that language until their particular foreign language requirement is completed.

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- any CC-GHS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- any CC-GSS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

- any CC-AIU course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component ¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

INF – Information Literacy ¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility ¹ (0-3 hours)

- ITEC 101 or
- PHIL 325 or
- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

¹ **Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements** – Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements.

2. College Requirements (15-18 hours) Foreign Language (0-3 hours)

- only if needed to meet 122-level proficiency

Analytical Reasoning (6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- MATH 328*
- CSC 106*

History (3 hours)

The College of Arts and Sciences requires one additional GHS course beyond the Carolina Core GHS requirement.

- If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a **U.S. history** course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a **non-U.S. history** course.

- If the Carolina Core GHS requirement is fulfilled by a **non-U.S. history** course, the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement must be fulfilled by a **U.S. history** course.

Please select the College of Arts and Sciences history requirement from the approved list of U.S. and non-U.S. history courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/history-requirement/>).

Social Science and Fine Arts or Humanities (6 hours)

- **Social Science (3 hours)**
 - The College of Arts and Science requires one 3- hour Social Science Course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-social-science/>)
- **Fine Arts/Humanities (3 Hours)**
 - ENGL 363*, ENGL 462* or ENGL 463* *must be passed with a grade of C or higher OR*
 - A student who has passed MGMT 250* with a grade of C or higher may use another 3-hour Fine Arts/Humanities Course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/courses-acceptable-fine-arts-humanities/>) to satisfy this requirement.

3. Program Requirements (33-49 hours)

Supporting Courses (3-6 hours)

must be passed with a grade of C or higher

Course	Title	Credits	
Select one of the following:			
STAT 201	Elementary Statistics	3	
STAT 205	Elementary Statistics for the Biological and Life Sciences		
STAT 206	Elementary Statistics for Business		
STAT 509	Statistics for Engineers		
STAT 515	Statistical Methods I		
PSYC 220	Psychological Statistics		
SOCY 392	Elementary Statistics for Sociologists		
Ethics in Data Analysis			
0-3			
If ITEC 101 or PHIL 325 were not taken to fulfill the Carolina Core VSR requirement with a grade of C or better, then one of the following must be taken:			
CYBR 390	Special Topics in Cyber Intelligence	3-6	
CYBR 392	Special Topics in Cyber Society and Ethics		
ISCI 315	Cyberethics and Information Policy		
ISCI 415	Social Issues in Information and Communications Technologies		
ITEC 101	Thriving in the Tech Age		
PHIL 323	Ethics of Science and Technology		
PHIL 325	Engineering Ethics		
Total Credit Hours			

Minor (18 hours)

Students in the Data Analytics B.S. must complete a minor of at least 18 hours. In lieu of a minor, an additional major may be added to a student's program of study. A second major within the College of Arts and Sciences must include all major courses as well as any prescribed courses noted (*) in the bulletin. Regulations on an additional degree for a second major in another college can be found under Degree/Certificate

Conferral and Graduation Policies in the Undergraduate Academic Regulations. Prescribed courses noted in the bulletin may be shared with Carolina Core, College requirements, and Program requirements in the primary program.

The minor or second major may not be from fields closely aligned to data science theory, and the following programs are excluded:

- Actuarial Mathematics and Statistics Minor
- Computer Engineering, B.S.E
- Computer Information Systems, B.S.
- Computer Science, B.S.C.S;
- Data Science, B.S.
- Data Science, Minor
- Mathematical Biology Minor
- Mathematics B.S.,
- Mathematics, Minor
- Statistics, B.S.
- Statistics Minor

Courses applied toward general education requirements cannot be counted toward the minor. No course may satisfy both major and minor requirements. **All minor courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.** At least half of the courses in the minor must be completed in residence at the University.

A list of minor programs of study can be found at Programs A-Z (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/>).

Electives (9-28 hours)

120 (or 128) degree applicable credits are required to complete any degree at USC. After the cognate, minor or second major is complete, any additional credits needed to reach 120 (or 128) total credits can be fulfilled by electives. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

4. Major Requirements (24 hours)

a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses

Major Courses (12 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
STAT 301	Statistical Methods for Data Analytics	3
or STAT 516	Statistical Methods II	
STAT 530	Applied Multivariate Statistics and Data Mining	3
or STAT 587	Big Data Analytics	
or CSCE 587	Big Data Analytics	
STAT 542	Computing for Data Science	3
CSCE 567	Visualization Tools	3

Total Credit Hours

12

Major Electives (12 hours)

- Select four courses from the list below, or from STAT 530, or CSCE 587/STAT 587 that was not taken as a major course.

- Some of these courses have prerequisites not required in the program but may be taken as electives, as part of some minors, or to satisfy other requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
ANTH 323	Field School in Ethnography ²	3
BIOL 588	Genomic Data Science	3
STAT 588	Genomic Data Science	3
CRJU 512	Information-Based Management in Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 582	Computer Applications in Criminal Justice	3
CSCE 556	Data Analysis in Python: Application to Neuroscience	3
CSCE 585	Machine Learning Systems	3
EPID 410	Principles of Epidemiology	3
GEOG 345	Introduction to Remote Sensing	3
GEOG 263	Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 551	Remote Sensing of the Environment	3
GEOG 563	Advanced Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 564	GIS-Based Modeling	3
ISCI 310	Information Science Data Analysis and Evaluation	3
ISCI 560	Data Visualization	3
MATH 529	Introduction to Deep Neural Networks	3
MATH 572	Mathematical Foundation of Network Science	3
POLI 475	Survey Research	3
SOCY 391	Sociological Research Methods	3
SOCY 562	Advanced Sociological Research Methods	3
STAT 506	Introduction to Experimental Design	3
STAT 540	Computing in Statistics	3
STAT 541	Advanced SAS Programming	3
Courses that require prerequisite courses in that subject area:		
ANTH 550	Archaeological Laboratory Methods ³	3
ECON 336	Introduction to Data Science for Economists	3
ECON 436	Introductory Econometrics	3
ECON 594	Advanced Econometrics	3
ISCI 301	Text Mining in Big Data Analytics	3
ITEC 370	Database Systems in Information Technology	3
SOCY 561	Real World Research Experience	3
Courses that may require a Minor in Business Administration and/or MGSC 291:		
MGMT 425	Analytics for the Human Resources Professional	3
MGSC 390	Business Information Systems	3
MGSC 391	Applied Statistical Modeling	3
MGSC 394	Data Analytics for Business	3
MKTG 448	Data Science for Business Decision-Making	3
MKTG 470	Digital Marketing & Social Media Analytics	3

² This course may only be taken for 3 applicable credit hours.

³ This course may only be taken once.