INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, BARSC

The South Carolina Honors College offers an innovative and interdisciplinary degree, the Baccalaureus Artium et Scientiae, or Bachelor of Arts and Science (BARSC) degree. A student seeking the BARSC degree constructs an individualized program of study that is tailored to his or her specific interests. This allows students with interests that fall outside traditional disciplinary boundaries to pursue undergraduate studies that fit their individual interests, needs, and aptitudes. The Baccalaureus degree is most suitable for students preparing to continue their studies beyond the baccalaureate level, especially in areas expecting a broad educational experience, such as law, government service, various academic graduate programs, and medicine. Admission to this degree program is based on outstanding academic work and a commitment to developing intellectual breadth.

Learning Objectives

- Students completing the Baccalaureus Artium and Scientiae will have intellectual breadth demonstrated through completion of all general education requirements for both the BA and BS degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition, Baccalaureus students will study a foreign language at least through the fifth semester (or 300-level).
- In cooperation with their individually assembled BARSC Committees, students will develop a program of study appropriate to their particular educational needs and goals.
- Students will maintain a high level of academic performance.
- Students will be well prepared for the next stage of their academic or professional careers.