INFORMATION SCIENCE, B.S.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

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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 (31-44 hours)

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

* must be passed with a grade of C or higher

- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102

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

- STAT 201
- any CC-ARP course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/)

SCI – Scientific Literacy (7 hours)

- Two approved Carolina Core Scientific Literacy courses (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/) from the natural sciences, including one laboratory course

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

Students in the School of Library and Information Science are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 121 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.

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

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/) ISCI recommends one of the following:
  - SAEL 200
  - SPCH 145
  - SPCH 230

INF – Information Literacy 1 (0-3 hours)

- ENGL 102 - must be passed with a grade of C or higher

Note: ISCI 202 may not be used to fulfill the INF Carolina Core requirement

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

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/) (ISCI recommends SAEL 200)

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 (0 hours)

No college-required courses for this program.

3. Program Requirements (41-53 hours)

Supporting Courses (30 hours)

Complete the required credit hours for each category below.

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<td>Technology/Systems</td>
<td>Select six hours of the following:</td>
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<td>CSCE 101</td>
<td>Introduction to Computer Concepts</td>
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<td>CSCE 102</td>
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<td>MGSC 290</td>
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<td>GEOG 363</td>
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ITEC 444  Introduction to Human Computer Interaction

**Business/Management**
Select nine hours of the following:
- ACCT 222  Survey of Accounting
- ACCT 225  Introduction to Financial Accounting
- ECON 224  Introduction to Economics
- MKTG 350  Principles of Marketing
- MGMT 371  Principles of Management
- ISCI 402  Introduction to Management Within Information Environments

**Media/Visual Design**
Select three hours of the following:
- JOUR 101  Media and Society
- MART 201  Foundations of Media Arts Production
- MART 210  Digital Media Arts Fundamentals

**Advanced Writing**
Select three hours of the following:
- ENGL 460  Advanced Writing
- ENGL 462  Technical Writing
- ENGL 463  Business Writing
- ENGL 468  Digital Writing

**Communications**
Select three hours of the following:
- SPCH 140  Public Communication
- SPCH 260  Argumentation and Debate
- SPCH 330  Small Group Communication
- SPCH 331  Organizational Communication
- SPCH 380  Persuasive Communication
- ANTH 371  Ethnography of Communication
- SAEL 200  Social Advocacy and Ethical Life
- LING 300  Introduction to Language Sciences

**Additional Professional Courses**
Select two from any of the courses listed in the categories above

**Total Credit Hours** 30

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1  SPCH 140, SPCH 260, or SAEL 200 may not be selected if they were used to satisfy any requirements in the Carolina Core.

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**Minor or Cognate (12-18 hours)**
A minor is eighteen credit hours or more. BSIS students are encouraged to pursue one of the sanctioned USC minors in over a hundred different subject areas. BSIS students, with an approval from the BSIS committee, may choose to complete a cognate instead of a minor. The cognate is usually twelve hours of course work. Only six hours of lower division class credits can be applied to the cognate. All cognates will be approved by the BSIS sub-committee usually by the second semester of the Junior year of a BSIS student if not earlier.

**Electives (0-11 hours)**
Choose any course with approval of an academic advisor, to reach hours to graduate.

Note: Courses used to satisfy Carolina Core requirements may not also count as electives.