



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (16-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	MATH 141 Calculus 1 ³	4	C		CC-ARP	MATH 112, 115, 116 or placement through the MAP	
	STAT 515 Statistical Methods I ⁴ or STAT 509 Statistics for Engineers	3	C		PR	C or higher in MATH 112, MATH 115, MATH 122 or MATH 141; or both C or better in STAT 110 or higher and C or better in MATH 111; or placement through the MAP (STAT 515); MATH 142 or equivalent (STAT 509)	
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3-4			CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	MATH 142 Calculus II	4	C		CC-ARP	MATH 141	
	STAT 516 Stat. Methods II	3	C		MR	STAT 515, 509, 512 or equivalent	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3			CC		
	Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	MATH 241 Vector Calculus	3	C		CR	C or better in MATH 142	
	STAT 530 Applied Multivariate Stat. & Data Mining or CSCE/STAT 587 Big Data Analytics	3	C		MR	See Bulletin Listing	
	CSCE 106 Scientific Applications Programming	3	C		CR	C or better in MATH 111 or higher (or by Math Placement Test score into MATH 115 or higher)	
	Foreign language ⁵ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3-4			CC		
Semester Four (16 Credit Hours)							
	MATH 344 Applied Linear Algebra or MATH 544 Linear Algebra	3	C		PR	C or better in MATH 142 (MATH 344); C or better in MATH 241 & 300 (MATH 544)	
	MATH 344L Applied Linear Algebra Lab	1	C		PR	C or better or concurrent enrollment in MATH 344 or 544	
	STAT 542 Computing for Data Science	3	C		MR CC-INT	C or better in STAT 301, 509, or 515, or equiv.	
	ISCI 215 Ethics in the Era of Big Data or ITEC 101 Thriving in the Tech Age or PHIL 325 Engineering Ethics ⁷	3	C		CC-VSR		
	Optional Minor ⁸ or Elective ¹⁰	3	C (minor)		PR		
	History ⁹	3			CR		
Semester Five (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	MATH 374 Discrete Structures or MATH 574 Discrete Mathematics I	3	C		PR	C or better in both MATH 142 & either CSCE 146 or 106 (MATH 374); C or better in MATH 300 (MATH 574)	
	CSCE 567 Visualization Tools	3	C		MR	CSCE 145, 106 or 207	
	Optional Minor ⁸ or Elective ¹⁰	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁶	3-4			CC		
	Social Science	3			CR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	MATH/STAT 511 Probability or MATH 528 Math. Foundation of DS & Machine Learning or MATH 529 Introduction to Deep Neural Networks or MATH 572 Mathematical Foundation of Network Science	3	C		MR	See Bulletin Listing	
	STAT 531/CSCE 588 Advanced Machine Learning with Implementation	3	C		MR	C or better in CSCE 106; C or better in STAT 530 or STAT/CSCE 587; C or better in MATH 241, MATH 328, MATH 344 or MATH 544	
	Optional Minor ⁸ or Elective ¹⁰	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁶ or Elective ¹⁰	3			CC/PR		
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Semester Seven (12 Credit Hours)						
	Data Science Major Elective ¹¹	3	C		MR	
	ENGL 363 Introduction to Professional Writing or ENGL 462 Technical Writing or ENGL 463 Business Writing	3	C		CR	C or better in ENGL 101 & 102
	Optional Minor ⁸ or Elective ¹⁰	3	C (minor)		PR	
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Semester Eight (13 Credit Hours)						
	Data Science Major Elective ¹¹	3	C		MR	
	Optional Minor ⁸ or Elective ¹⁰	3	C (minor)		PR	
	Elective ¹⁰	3			PR	
	Elective ¹⁰	3			PR	
	Elective ¹⁰	1			PR	

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	24	50-62	34-46	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students who place into MATH 115 should take that in their first semester and take MATH 141 in the second semester. Students who place into MATH 111 should take that in their first semester, MATH 115 in their second semester, and MATH 141 in the summer or in their third semester.
- Students who do not satisfy the prerequisites for STAT 515 should take STAT 201, 205, or 206 as an elective in the first semester (if they meet the prerequisites for one of them and don't already have credit for any of them) and STAT 515 in the second semester. Students who do not satisfy the prerequisites for any of STAT 201, 205, 206, or 515 should take STAT 110 as an elective in their first semester and STAT 515 in the second.
- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Ethics in Data Science:** If ISCI 215 or 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 in place of an elective: CSCE 390, 581; CYBR 392; ISCI 215, 315, 415; ITEC 101; PHIL 323, 325, 326.
- This major does not require a cognate or minor. An optional minor may be added to a student's program of study. A minor is intended to develop a coherent basic preparation in a second area of study. 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. An optional additional major may also be added to a student's program of study. Additional majors must include all major courses as well as any prescribed courses noted (*) in the bulletin. Prescribed courses noted in the bulletin may be shared with Carolina Core, College requirements, and Program requirements in the primary program.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 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.
- Select two courses from the following list or from any of STAT 530, CSCE/STAT 587, MATH/STAT 511, MATH 528, or MATH 572 that were not taken as Major Courses: **BIOL/STAT 588**; **CSCE 556, 569, 580, CSCE/STAT 582, CSCE 585**; **MATH 524**; **STAT 512, 517, 519, 535, 540, 541**.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- To be retained in the program, a student must obtain a grade of C or higher in at most two attempts in all mathematics, computer science, and statistics courses required for graduation.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:	
CC	Carolina Core
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences
CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CR	College Requirement
MR	Major Requirement
PR	Program Requirement

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.