



UNIVERSITY OF
South Carolina

Major Map: Cyber Policy and Ethics
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
McCausland College of Arts and Sciences
Bulletin Year: 2026-2027

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 (15-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	MATH 122 Calculus for Bus. Admin. & Soc. Sci. or MATH 141 Calculus I	3-4	C		CC-ARP	C or better in MATH 111/111I/115 (MATH 122); C or better in MATH 112/115/116 (MATH 141); or placement through the MAP	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Foreign Language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Req. ³	3-4			CC-GFL		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	MATH 142 Calculus II or MATH 170 Finite Mathematics or MATH 172 Math. Modeling for the Life Sci. or MATH 174 Discrete Math. for Computer Sci.	3-4	C		CC-ARP	C or better in MATH 141 (MATH 142); C or better in MATH 111/111I/122 or placement through MAP (MATH 170); C or better in MATH 122 or 141 (MATH 172); C or better in MATH 112 or above, or placement through the MAP (MATH 174)	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3			CC		
	Social Science	3	C		CR		
	Foreign Language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Req. ³	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	CSCE 102 Web Design & Development using AI Tools or higher (except CSCE 587)	3	C		CR		
	ISCI 201 Data, Information & Society or ITEC 233 Intro. to Comp. Hardware & Software	3			PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	STAT 201 Elementary Statistics or higher	3	C		CR	C or better in MATH 111 or higher or in STAT 110 or 112; or placement through the MAP	
	Foreign Language ⁴ or Carolina Core Req. ³	3			CR/CC		
Semester Four (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	PHIL 114 Introduction to Formal Logic I	3			PR		
	200-level Foreign Language ⁶	3			PR	See Bulletin listing	
	Carolina Core Requirement ³	3-4			CC		
	Carolina Core Req. ³ or Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	GEOG 105 The Digital Earth	3			PR		
	200-level Foreign Language ⁶	3			PR	See Bulletin listing	
	Carolina Core Req. ³ or Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	300-level Foreign Language or 2 nd Foreign Language 100-level ⁶	3			PR	See Bulletin listing	
	Fine Arts or Humanities	3	C		CR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	CYBR 393 Special Topics in Global Cyber Cultures	3	C		MR		
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	300-level Foreign Language or 2 nd Foreign Language 100-level ⁶	3			PR		
	History ⁸	3			CR		
Semester Eight (13 Credit Hours)							
	CYBR 390 Special Topics in Cyber Intelligence or CYBR 498 Internship: Global Experience in Cyber Policy & Ethics or CYBR 499 Internship: Cyberintelligence	3	C		MR		
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cyber Policy & Ethics Major Course ⁵	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Elective ⁷ or 2 nd Foreign Language 100-level (if needed) ⁶	3			PR		
	Elective ⁷	1			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	36	40-52	32-44	2.000

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 institutional GPA.
2. 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.
3. Students in the McCausland 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.
4. The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
5. Cyber Policy and Ethics Major Courses: Students must fulfill the hours for each category below (see bulletin for course options). No more than 9 credit hours at the 200-level may be taken for credit towards the major requirements. Selection of major course must include at least one Carolina Core Integrative course: **CYBR** 399, 498, 499; **POLI** 315, 451; **PYSC** 430 or 440.
 - Cyber Tools and Digital Skills (9 hours)
 - Global Cyber Cultures (3 hours)
 - Governance and Policy (9 hours)
 - Society and Ethics (9 hours)
6. Students may not use courses in foreign language towards the Fine Arts of Humanities requirement, as those courses will count toward the Supporting Courses Foreign Language requirement. Students in the Cyber Policy and Ethics major must complete foreign language(s) beyond the 122-level required by the McCausland College of Arts and Sciences. Students may meet this requirement in two ways:
 - One language completed through 6 hours at the 300 level, or
 - Two languages distributed as follows:
 - Carolina Core GFL language continued through 6 hours at the 200 level, and a
 - Second language completed through the 122 level, which may require from 6 to 9 hours, depending on whether the language begins with 109 or 121.

Note: The number of hours that students must take to fulfill this requirement will depend upon their proficiency in the language, e.g. students who test into 300-level of a language would not need to take the 200-level prerequisites and would only need 6 hours to meet this requirement. Additionally, should students choose to add a foreign language minor or foreign language as a second major and successfully complete course requirements, then this will satisfy the foreign language requirement for the Cyber Policy and Ethics major. This requirement may be satisfied through foreign language placement tests.
7. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the McCausland College of Arts and Sciences. The McCausland 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 McCausland College of Arts and Sciences.
8. The McCausland 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.

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

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.