Program of Study: Information Science – Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
College of Information and Communications
School of Library and Information Science
Catalog Year: 2018-2019

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Program of Study

Degree Requirements (121 hours)

1. **Carolina Core (31-43 hours)**
   a. **CMW** (6 hours) –*must be passed with a grade of C or higher*
      i. ENGL 101 - Critical Reading and Composition
      ii. ENGL 102 - Rhetoric and Composition
   b. **ARP** (6-7 hours)
      i. STAT 201 - Elementary Statistics
      ii. Any approved CC-ARP course
   c. **SCI** (7 hours): Two approved CC-SCI courses from the natural sciences, including one laboratory science
   d. **GFL** (0-6 hours): Students in the School of Library and Information Science are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
   e. **GHS** (3 hours): any approved CC-GHS course
   f. **GSS** (3 hours): any approved CC-GSS course
   g. **AIU** (3 hours): any approved CC-AIU course

   Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements:
   Up to two of these requirements may be met in overlay courses. At least one of these requirements must be satisfied by a course not applied elsewhere in general education. (3-9 Hours)

   h. **CMS** (0-3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (SLIS recommends one of the following: SAEL 200, SPCH 145, or SPCH 230)
   i. **INF** (0-3 hours): ENGL 102 - Rhetoric and Composition –*must be passed with a grade of C or higher* (SLIS 202 may not be used to fulfill the INF Carolina Core requirement)
   j. **VSR** (0-3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (SLIS recommends SAEL 200 - Social Advocacy and Ethical Life)

2. **College Requirements:** None required by the College of Information and Communications for this program.

3. **Program Requirements (42-54 hours)**
   a. **Supporting Courses** (30 hours)
      i. **Professional Courses** (30 hours): Complete the required credit hours for each category below and choose two additional courses from any category.
         1. **Technology/Systems** (6 hours)
            a. CSCE 101 - Introduction to Computer Concepts
            b. CSCE 102 - General Applications Programming
            c. MGSC 290 - Computer Information Systems in Business
            d. GEOG 363 - Geographic Information Systems
            e. ITEC 444 - Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction
         2. **Business** (6 hours)
            a. ACCT 222 - Introduction to Accounting
            b. ACCT 225 - Introduction to Financial Accounting
            c. ECON 224 - Introduction to Economics
            d. MKTG 350 - Principles of Marketing
         3. **Management/Organizations** (3 hours)
            a. MGMT 371 - Principles of Management
            b. MGMT 376 - Organization Behavior
            c. MGMT 402 - Managing Teams in the Workspace
            d. MGMT 472 - Entrepreneurship and Small Business

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4. **Media/Visual Design** (3 hours)
   a. JOUR 101 - Media and Society
   b. JOUR 203 - Principles for Visual Communications
   c. MART 201 - Introduction to Media Development
5. **Advanced Writing** (3 hours)
   a. ENGL 460 - Advanced Writing
   b. ENGL 462 - Technical Writing
   c. ENGL 463 - Business Writing
   d. ENGL 468 - Digital Writing
6. **Communications** (3 hours)
   a. SPCH 140 - Public Communication
   b. SPCH 260 - Argumentation and Debate
   c. SPCH 330 - Small Group Communications
   d. SPCH 331 - Organizational Communications
   e. SPCH 380 - Persuasive Communications
   f. ANTH 371 - Ethnography of Communication
   g. SAEL 200 - Social Advocacy and Ethical Life
   h. LING 300 - Introduction to Language Science
7. **Additional Professional Courses** (6 hours): Choose two from any of the courses listed in the categories above.

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

b. **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 a cognate instead of a minor. The cognate is usually twelve hours of course work and two approved electives for a total of eighteen hours. Only six hours of lower division class credits can be applied to the cognate or approved electives. All cognates and electives will be approved by the BSIS sub-committee usually by the second semester of the Junior year of a BSIS student if not earlier.

c. **Electives** (0-12 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 fulfill approved electives.

4. **Major Requirements (36 hours)** *–a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses*
   a. **Major Courses** (30 hours)
      i. SLIS 201 - Introduction to Information Science
      ii. SLIS 202 - Introduction to Information Literacy and Technology
      iii. SLIS 220 - Using Information Resources
      iv. SLIS 301 - Information Storage and Retrieval
      v. SLIS 310 - Research Methods in Information Science
      vi. SLIS 330 - Introduction to Computer Technology and Applications for Information Environments
      vii. SLIS 402 - Introduction to Management Within Information Environments
      viii. SLIS 410 - Knowledge Management
      ix. SLIS 420 - Communication and Information Transfer
      x. SLIS 494 - Independent Study in Information Science *or* SLIS 496 - Internship in Information Science
   b. **Major Electives** (6 hours) Choose two:
      i. SLIS 315 - Information Policy
      ii. SLIS 430 - User-Centered Information Architecture
      iii. SLIS 434 - Introduction to Knowledge Discovery
      iv. SLIS 435 - Digital Information Infrastructure
      v. SLIS 440 - Competitive Intelligence
      vi. SLIS 450 - Information Issues in Cultural Heritage Institutions

    vii.   SLIS 480 - Emerging Topics in Information Science
   viii.   SLIS 494 - Independent Study in Information Science
    ix.   SLIS 496 - Internship in Information Science
     x.   Or any other SLIS course