U of SC South Carolina

Major Map: Interdisciplinary Studies – Bachelor of Arts (B.A.I.S.)
College of Arts and Sciences
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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		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		
	History[5]	3			CR		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
	Foreign language[4] *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
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Semester Four (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
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	Cognate *or* Minor Course[7]	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[7]	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Approved Elective[8]	3			CC/PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[7]	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Approved Elective[8]	3	C		CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[7]	3	C		PR		
	Approved Elective[8]	3			PR		
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Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours)							
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Interdisciplinary Studies Major Course[6]	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course[7] *or* Approved Elective[8]	3	C *(minor)*		PR		
	Minor Course[7] *or* Approved Elective[8]	3	C *(minor)*		PR		
	Approved Elective[8] *(only if needed to meet hours to graduate)*	3			PR		

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Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	36	39-51	32-44	2.000

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
2. Some programs 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 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. 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.
6. Each student must complete a program of studies designed by an interdisciplinary program committee appointed by the College Academic Affairs and Advising Office. The program shall include a minimum of 36 semester hours of credit, 12 of which may be from outside of the College of Arts and Sciences, in major eligible courses in two or more fields. No course submitted in fulfillment of the general education requirements may be included in the program requirements. A maximum of 15 semester hours of independent study courses may be applied to the interdisciplinary studies program requirement. If a topics course is included in the program of study, this course may be repeated within the program of study, as long as the topics are applicable to the degree.
7. The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
8. 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.

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.
- To be considered for this major, a student must have a 3.0 GPA and 30 hours earned at USC.
- The following procedures shall be followed in designing a program of interdisciplinary studies:
  - The candidate shall apply to the College Academic Affairs and Advising Office for declaration of an interdisciplinary studies program.
  - The candidate must submit to the College Academic Affairs and Advising Office a written statement of goals concerning a potential interdisciplinary studies program.
  - The College Academic Affairs and Advising Office will help the candidate formulate an interdisciplinary program committee, which shall consist of faculty members from the student's areas of interdisciplinary interest. The members of the interdisciplinary program committee shall be appointed by the College Academic Affairs and Advising Office, who will designate one member as chair and as the student's academic advisor.
  - The interdisciplinary program committee shall meet with the student and prepare a program of studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. This program shall include a written justification for the specific program of studies designed with the student. The program of study must be approved by the committee prior to the completion of 75 hours. The committee and College Academic Affairs and Advising Office must approve any subsequent changes in the student's program.
  - The candidate's academic advisor shall advise the student each semester and shall sign the necessary registration and other advisor's forms. Advising shall adhere to the student's approved program of studies. The academic advisor shall consult with the interdisciplinary program committee for approval should deviation from the original program become necessary or advisable. All changes shall be registered with the College Academic Affairs and Advising Office.
- 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.