South Carolina

Major Map: Information Science – Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
College of Information and Communications
School of Library and Information Science
Bulletin Year: 2019-2020

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 (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
!	SLIS 201 Introduction to Information Science	3	C		MR		
!	SLIS 202 Introduction to Info. Lit. & Technology	3	C		MR		
	Foreign language[3] or other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] or UNIV 101 The Student in the University	3			CC/PR		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	SLIS 301 Info. Storage & Retrieval *(offered fall)* or SLIS 402 Intro. to Mgmt. Within Info. Environments *(offered spring)*	3	C		MR	SLIS 201 or concurrent enrollment	
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language[3] or other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	SLIS 301 Info. Storage & Retrieval *(offered fall)* or SLIS 402 Intro. to Mgmt. Within Info. Environments *(offered spring)*	3	C		MR	SLIS 201 or concurrent enrollment	
	STAT 201 Elementary Statistics	3			CC-ARP	Math 111or MATH 115 or STAT 110	
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
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	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	SLIS 330 Intro. to Comp. Tech. & Applications for Info. Environments	3	C		MR		
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Minor or Cognate Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	SLIS 220 Using Information Resources	3	C		MR	CSCE 101 or equivalent	
	Minor or Cognate Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Carolina Core CMS Course[7]	3			CC-CMS		
Semester Six (15-18 Credit Hours)							
	SLIS 310 Research Methods in Information Science	3	C		MR	SLIS 201, STAT 110 or 201 or concurrent enrollment	
	SLIS 410 Knowledge Management	3	C		MR	SLIS 301	
	SLIS Elective[8]	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Minor or Cognate Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] or Approved Elective *(only if needed to meet CC or hours to graduate)*	0-3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	SLIS 420 Communication & Info. Transfer *(cross-listed: JOUR 491)*	3	C		MR/ CC-INT	SLIS 201	
	SLIS Elective[8]	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Minor or Cognate Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		

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Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours)						
SLIS 494 Independent Study in Info. Science *or* SLIS 496 Internship in Info. Science	3	C		MR	SLIS 201, 202, 301, & 402; & dept. permission *(SLIS 496 only)*	
Professional Course[5]	3			PR	See Bulletin listing.	
Minor Course[6] *or* Approved Elective	3	C		PR		
Minor Course[6] *or* Approved Elective	3	C		PR		
Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Approved Elective	3			CC/PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
121	36	48-54	31-37	2.5

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative 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 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.
4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
5. Professional Courses (30 hours): Complete the required credit hours for each category below and choose two additional courses from any category.
   a. Technology/Systems (6 hours): CSCE 101, CSCE 102, MGSC 290, GEOG 363, ITEC 444
   b. Business (6 hours): ACCT 222, ACCT 225, ECON 224, MKTG 350
   c. Management/Organizations (3 hours): MGMT 371, MGMT 376, MGMT 402, MGMT 472
   d. Media/Visual Design (3 hours): JOUR 101, JOUR 203, MART 201
   e. Advanced Writing (3 hours): ENGL 460, ENGL 462, ENGL 463, ENGL 468
   f. Communications (3 hours): SPCH 140, SPCH 260, SPCH 330, SPCH 331, SPCH 380, ANTH 371, SAEL 200, LING 300
6. 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.
7. SLIS recommends one of the following: SAEL 200, SPCH 145, or SPCH 230. SAEL 200 is approved to fulfill the CC-CMS and VSR requirements. If SPCH 140, 230 or 260 is used to fulfill the CC-CMS requirement, then a separate CC-VSR course will be required. SPCH 140 and 260 cannot be used to fulfill both the CC-CMS requirement and the SLIS public speaking requirement.
8. SLIS Electives (6 hours)

Choose from the following:	
SLIS 315 – Information Policy (3)	SLIS 450 – Information Issues in Cultural Heritage Institutions (3)
SLIS 430 – User-Centered Information Architecture (3)	SLIS 480 – Emerging Topics in Information Science (3)
SLIS 434 – Introduction to Knowledge Discovery (3)	SLIS 494 – Independent Study in Info. Science (3) *–may be repeated only once*
SLIS 435 – Digital Information Infrastructure (3)	SLIS 496 – Internship in Information Science (3) *–may be repeated only once*
SLIS 440 – Competitive Intelligence (3)	Or any other SLIS course

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" form a foundation for and enhance understanding of subsequent major courses.
- Admission to the upper division is based upon a minimum 2.50 cumulative USC GPA; completion of SLIS 201 and SLIS 202 with grades of C or higher; completion of 60 or more semester hours toward the degree; completion of most content preparation requirements; selection of a particular program of study within the college; and selection and approval of a minor. All students desiring to be admitted to the upper division must formally apply for admission some time after completion of 45 semester hours and SLIS 201 and SLIS 202 and before completion of more than 75 hours of University course work.
- No Information Science course may be repeated more than once by any student.
- 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.