



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 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 <i>or</i> Math placement test score	
	CHEM 111 & CHEM 111L – General Chemistry I	4	C		CC-SCI	MATH 111, 115 <i>or</i> Math placement test score	
!	PHYS 199 Meas. & Analysis in Physics (<i>offered fall only</i>)	2	C		PR	C or better in MATH 115 <i>or</i> Math placement test score	
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF		
!	MATH 142 Calculus II	4	C		CC-ARP	MATH 141	
	CHEM 112 & CHEM 112L – General Chemistry II	4	C		PR	CHEM 111 <i>or</i> 141 & MATH 111, 115 <i>or</i> higher math; Prereq <i>or</i> Coreq: MATH 122, 141 <i>or</i> higher & CHEM 112L	
!	PHYS 211 Essentials of Physics I	3	C		CC-SCI	MATH 141	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
Semester Three (16-17 Credit Hours)							
!	MATH 241 Vector Calculus	3	C		CR	MATH 142	
!	PHYS 212 Essentials of Physics II	3	C		PR	PHYS 211 & MATH 142	
	CSCE 145 Algorithmic Design I	4	C		CR	Prereq <i>or</i> Coreq: MATH 111 <i>or</i> 115	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	Foreign language ⁵ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC-GFL		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
!	MATH 242 Elementary Differential Equations	3	C		PR	MATH 142	
!	PHYS 307 Intro. to Modern Physics (<i>offered spring only</i>)	3	C		MR	C or better in PHYS 112 & MATH 241	
	Social Science	3			CR		
	History ⁶	3			CR		
	Foreign language ⁵ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Five (16 Credit Hours)							
	MATH 300 Transition to Adv. Mathematics <i>or</i> MATH 344 Applied Linear Algebra <i>or</i> MATH course (500-level <i>or</i> above)	3	C		PR	C or better in MATH 142 (<i>MATH 300 and 344</i>)	
	PHYS 306 Principles of Physics III (<i>offered fall only</i>)	3	C		PR	PHYS 207 <i>or</i> 212 & MATH 142; Prereq <i>or</i> Co-req: MATH 241	
	PHYS 310 Intermediate Exper. Physics	4	C		MR	C or better in PHYS 212	
	PHYS 501 Quantum Physics I (<i>offered fall only</i>)	3	C		MR	PHYS 307 <i>and</i> MATH 242	
	Foreign language ⁵ <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC		
Semester Six (13 Credit Hours)							
	PHYS 541 Advanced Experimental Physics I	4	C		MR	C or better in PHYS 310	
	PHYS 502 Quantum Physics II (<i>offered spring only</i>)	3	C		MR	C or better in PHYS 501	
	PHYS 506 Thermal Physics & Statistical Mechanics (<i>offered spring only</i>)	3	C		MR	C or better in PHYS 306	
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁶ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (13 Credit Hours)							
	PHYS 503 Mechanics (<i>offered fall only</i>)	4	C		MR	PHYS 206 <i>or</i> 211 & MATH 242 <i>or</i> 520	
	MATH course (500-level <i>or</i> above)	3	C		PR		
	Humanities <i>or</i> Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁶ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR		
Semester Eight (13-14 Credit Hours)							
	Experimental Physics Elective ⁸	4	C		MR CC-INT		
	PHYS 504 Electromagnetic Theory (<i>offered spring only</i>)	4	C		MR	C or better in PHYS 503	
	Approved Elective ⁷	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁷	2-3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Overall GPA
120	32	42-54	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 do not place into MATH 141 will be required to successfully complete MATH 112, 115, or 116 before taking MATH 141.
- 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.
- 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.
- Experimental Physics electives include but are not limited to:

Choose from the following (4 hours):	
PHYS 509 Solid State Electronics (4) <i>(offered spring only)</i>	PHYS 514 Optics, Theory, and Applications (4) <i>(offered fall only)</i>
PHYS 510 Digital Electronics (3)	PHYS 521 Biophysics (4)
PHYS 511 Nuclear Physics (4) <i>(offered spring only)</i>	PHYS 542 Advanced Experimental Physics II (4)
PHYS 512 Solid State Physics (4) <i>(offered spring only)</i>	

Program Notes:

- ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation. Other courses designated as critical are prerequisites for subsequent courses, and a delay in completion of these courses may affect time to 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-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.