

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 |
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| 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 or Math placement test score | |
| | CHEM 111 & CHEM 111L – General Chemistry I | 4 | C | | CC-SCI | MATH 111, 115 or Math placement test score | |
| ! | PHYS 199 Measurement & Analysis in Physics <i>(offered fall only)</i> | 2 | C | | PR | C or better in MATH 115 or higher | |
| | UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | PR/CC | | |
| Semester Two (17 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| ! | ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition | 3 | C | | CC-CMW CC-INF | C or better in ENGL 101 | |
| ! | MATH 142 Calculus II | 4 | C | | CC-ARP | MATH 141 | |
| | CHEM 112 & CHEM 112L – General Chemistry II | 4 | C | | PR | CHEM 111 or 141 & MATH 111, 115 or higher math; Prereq or Coreq: MATH 122, 141 or 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 | | PR | MATH 142 | |
| ! | PHYS 212 Essentials of Physics II | 3 | C | | PR | PHYS 211 & MATH 142 | |
| | CSCE 145 Algorithmic Design I | 4 | C | | CR | Prereq or Coreq: MATH 111 or 115 | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3-4 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| Semester Four (18 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| ! | MATH 242 Elementary Differential Equations or MATH 520 Ordinary Differential Equations | 3 | C | | PR | MATH 142 (MATH 242); C or better in MATH 344 or 544 (MATH 520) | |
| ! | PHYS 307 Introduction to Modern Physics <i>(offered spring only)</i> | 3 | C | | MR | C or better in PHYS 112 & MATH 241 | |
| | STAT 509 Statistics for Engineers or STAT 515 Statistical Methods I | 3 | C | | CR | MATH 142 or equiv. (STAT 509); C or better in MATH 122 or 141, or both MATH 111 or higher & any stat. class (STAT 515) | |
| | ELCT 102 Electrical Science | 3 | C | | MR | Prereq or Coreq: MATH 141 | |
| | History ⁶ | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Foreign language ⁵ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| Semester Five (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | MATH 300 Transition to Adv. Mathematics or MATH 344 Applied Linear Algebra or MATH course (500-level or above) | 3 | C | | PR | C or better in MATH 142 (MATH 300 and 344) | |
| | PHYS 306 Principles of Physics III <i>(offered fall only)</i> | 3 | C | | PR | PHYS 212 & MATH 142; Prereq or Coreq: MATH 241 | |
| | PHYS 311 Intro. to Applied Numerical Methods <i>(cross-listed: EMCH 201, ENCP 201)</i> | 3 | C | | MR | MATH 141; Prereq or Co-reg: MATH 142 | |
| | PHYS 501 Quantum Physics I <i>(offered fall only)</i> | 3 | C | | MR | PHYS 307 & MATH 242 | |
| | Foreign language ⁵ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ | 3 | | | CR/CC | | |
| Semester Six (16 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | MATH course (500-level or above) | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | PHYS 310 Intermediate Experimental Physics | 4 | C | | MR | C or better in PHYS 212 | |
| | PHYS 506 Thermal Physics & Statistical Mechanics <i>(offered spring only)</i> | 3 | C | | MR | C or better in PHYS 306 | |
| | ELCT 221 Circuits | 3 | C | | MR | C or better in MATH 142 & ELCT 102 or D or better in ELCT 220 | |
| | CSCE 211 Digital Logic Design | 3 | C | | MR | MATH 141 | |
| Semester Seven (17 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | PHYS 503 Mechanics <i>(offered fall only)</i> | 4 | C | | MR | PHYS 211 & MATH 242 or 520 | |
| | ELCT 222 Signals and Systems | 3 | C | | MR | C or better in ELCT 221 & MATH 242 | |
| | ELCT 201 Introductory Electrical Engineering Lab | 3 | C | | MR | C or better in ENGL 102 & CSCE 211; Prereq or Coreq: ELCT 222 | |
| | PHYS 541 Advanced Experimental Physics I | 4 | C | | MR | C or better in PHYS 310 | |
| | Humanities or Fine Arts | 3 | | | CR | | |

| Semester Eight (16-19 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
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| | PHYS 504 Electromagnetic Theory (<i>offered spring only</i>) | 4 | C | | MR | C or better in PHYS 503 | |
| | ELCT 301 Electronics Lab | 3 | C | | MR | D or better in ELCT 201; Prereq or Coreq: D or better in ELCT 371 | |
| | ELCT 371 Electronics | 3 | C | | MR | C or better in ELCT 222 | |
| | Engineering Physics Concentration course ⁷ | 3 | C | | MR | See Bulletin listing | |
| | Social Science | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ (<i>only if needed to meet CC requirements</i>) | 0-3 | | | CC | | |

Graduation Requirements Summary

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Major Requirements Hours | College & Program Requirements Hours | Carolina Core Hours | Minimum Institutional GPA |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 122 | 52 | 40-46 | 33-39 | 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.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 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 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.
- Engineering Physics Concentration courses (3-4 hours):

| Choose two from the following: | |
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| PHYS 502 Quantum Physics II (3) | PHYS 514 Optics, Theory, & Applications (4) |
| PHYS 509 Solid State Electronics (4) | PHYS 521 Biophysics (4) |
| PHYS 511 Nuclear Physics (4) | PHYS 542 Advanced Experimental Physics II (4) |
| PHYS 512 Solid State Physics (4) | |

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.
- 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: | | | |
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| 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.