



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 | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3-4 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| | UNIV 101 The Student in the University <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3 | | | PR/CC | | |
| Semester Two (15-17 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition | 3 | C | | CC-CMW CC-INF | | |
| | Carolina Core ARP Requirement | 3-4 | | | CC-ARP | | |
| | Foreign language ⁴ or other Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3 | | | CC-GFL | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3-4 | | | CC | | |
| Semester Three (15-16 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | Arts and Sciences Elective ⁶ | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3 | | | CC | | |
| | Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> Carolina Core Requirement ³ | 3 | | | CR/CC | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ³ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁸ | 3-4 | | | CC/PR | | |
| | Carolina Core Requirement ³ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁸ | 3 | | | CC/PR | | |
| Semester Four (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | Arts and Sciences Elective ⁶ | 3 | | | CR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁸ | 3 | | | PR | | |
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| Semester Five (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate Course ⁷ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | PHIL 102 Introduction to Philosophy | 3 | | | CR | | |
| Semester Six (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | PALM 493 South Carolina Studies | 3 | C | | MR/CC-INT | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate Course ⁷ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁸ | 3 | | | PR | | |
| Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | PALM 494 Internship <i>or</i> PALM 495 Service-Learning | 3 | C | | MR | PALM 493 | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate Course ⁷ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁸ | 3 | | | PR | | |
| Semester Eight (13 Credit Hours) | | | | | | | |
| | UNIV 401 Senior Capstone Experience | 3 | C | | MR | Junior or Senior standing | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Liberal Studies Major Course ⁵ | 3 | C | | MR | | |
| | Cognate Course ⁷ | 3 | C | | PR | | |
| | Approved Elective ⁸ | 1 | | | PR | | |

Graduation Requirements Summary

| Minimum Total Hours | Minimum Major Requirements Hours | College & Program Requirements Hours | Carolina Core Hours | Minimum Institutional GPA |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 120 | 36 | 40-52 | 32-44 | 2.00 |

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.00 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.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Students in Palmetto College are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- Liberal Studies major courses (27 hours) must be at the upper level, with at least 15 hours at the 400-level or above, with the exception of Sociology, in which the following 300-level courses may be substituted for 400-level courses: SOCY 304, 305, 312, 320, 323, 340. At least 15 hours must be USC courses. No more than hours of the major will be accepted in transfer. The student's major will be chosen from **TWO of the following disciplines**, with a minimum of 12 hours required in each of the two disciplines:

Anthropology

Art

Astronomy

Biological Sciences

Chemistry

Criminology & Criminal Justice

Economics

English

Environmental Studies

Geography

Geological Sciences

Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior

History

Languages

Marine Science

Mathematics

Native American Studies*

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Statistics

Theatre

*Courses designated as fulfilling the **Native American Studies** option include:

ANTH 209 Introduction to Folklore

ANTH 317 American Indian Nations

ANTH 321 South Carolina Archaeology

ANTH 333 North American Prehistory

ANTH 391 Selected Topics in Anthropology**

ANTH 399 Independent Study**

ANTH 499 In the Trad. of Anthropology**

ENGL 399 Independent Study**

ENGL 429 Topics in American Literature**

ENGL 438A South Carolina Writers**

ENGL 439 Selected Topics**

ENGL 449 Special Topics in Theory**

ENGL 455 Language in Society

ENGL 490 Topics in Advanced Study**

HIST 401 The Dev. of the Amer. People to 1789

HIST 409 History of South Carolina, 1670-1865

LING 405 Topics in Linguistics**

ENGL 438A South Carolina Writers**

**When topics are relevant to Native American Studies

- The Arts and Sciences electives must include two disciplines.
- The cognate cannot be a discipline included in the student's major option. No more than 6 hours of transfer work may be applied to the cognate. A minimum of 12 hours of course work at the 300-level or above from one of the following disciplines: **African-American Studies; Anthropology; Art; Business; Criminal Justice; Dance; Economics; Education; English; Geography; History; Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior; Languages; Mathematics; Native American Studies*; Philosophy; Political Science; Psychology; Physical and/or Biological Sciences; Religious Studies; Social Work; Sociology; Theatre**, or any other discipline approved by the Associate Provost.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in Palmetto College.

Program Notes:

- The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies is designed for students who want to pursue liberal studies without a major in a single discipline.
- A specific Program of Study is developed by the student and the student's advisor and approved by the Associate Provost. Any changes to the Program of Study must be approved by the advisor and Associate Provost.
- 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-AIU | Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding |
| CC-ARP | Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving |
| CC-CMS | Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component |
| CC-CMW | Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component |
| CC-GFL | Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language |
| CC-GHS | Carolina Core – Historical Thinking |
| CC-GSS | Carolina Core – Social Sciences |
| CC-INF | Carolina Core – Information Literacy |
| CC-INT | Carolina Core – Integrative Course |
| CC-SCI | Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy |
| CC-VSR | Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility |
| CR | College Requirement |
| MR | Major Requirement |
| PR | Program Requirement |

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.