



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 <sup>1</sup>	Major GPA <sup>2</sup>	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
<b>Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)</b>							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign Language <sup>3</sup> or other Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3			CC		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3			PR/CC		
<b>Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)</b>							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign Language <sup>3</sup> or other Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3			CC		
	History <sup>5</sup>	3			CR		
<b>Semester Three (16-17 Credit Hours)</b>							
	HIST 300 Intro. to the History Major: The Historian's Craft	3	C		MR/CC-INT		
	Cognate or Minor Course <sup>6</sup>	3	C		PR		
	Foreign Language <sup>3</sup> or Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3-4			CC		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
<b>Semester Four (15-16 Credit Hours)</b>							
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course <sup>6</sup>	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup>	3-4			CC		
<b>Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)</b>							
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course <sup>6</sup>	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup> or Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			CC/PR		
<b>Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)</b>							
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course <sup>6</sup>	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement <sup>4</sup> or Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			CC/PR		
	Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			PR		
<b>Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)</b>							
	HIST 497 Senior Seminar <sup>7</sup> or HIST 498 Senior Seminar <sup>7</sup> or HIST 499 Senior Thesis <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR/CC-INT	HIST 300	
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course <sup>6</sup> or Elective <sup>8</sup>	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			PR		
	Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			PR		
<b>Semester Eight (13-15 Credit Hours)</b>							
	History Major Course <sup>7</sup>	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course <sup>6</sup> or Elective <sup>8</sup>	3	C (minor)		PR		
	Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			PR		
	Elective <sup>8</sup>	3			PR		
	Elective <sup>8</sup> (only if needed to meet hours to graduate)	1-3			PR		

## Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	27	49-61	32-44	2.000

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 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 McCausland 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 McCausland 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. 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.
7. History major courses include:
  - a. 1 course from U.S. History 300-level or above (3 hours)
  - b. 1 course from European History 300-level or above (3 hours)
  - c. 1 course from World History 300-level or above (3 hours) –Select from African, Middle Eastern, Asian, or Latin American History
  - d. Chronological Breadth (overlay: the same courses that fulfill these requirements may also fulfill other major requirements)
    - i. 1 course that substantially covers pre-modern societies (3 hours)
    - ii. 1 course that substantially covers modern societies (3 hours)
  - e. Senior Seminar or Thesis (3 hours): HIST 497 – Senior Seminar, HIST 498 – Senior Seminar, or HIST 499 – Senior Thesis (SCHC 499 Honors Thesis may substitute if this thesis is directed by a member of the history faculty)
  - f. 4 additional history electives 200-level or above (12 hours): The Assistant Chair and Undergraduate Director will determine into which groups specific History courses fall in consultation with the faculty member teaching the class. The Undergraduate Committee of the History Department must approve exceptions to the distribution requirements.
8. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the McCausland College of Arts and Sciences. The McCausland 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 McCausland 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.
- 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](#).
- Students who fulfill the requirements for the general major may earn a B.A. with Distinction upon the completion of the following additional requirements: 1) Declare their intention to pursue a degree with distinction before the beginning of their senior year (before beginning the last 30 units of the undergraduate degree); 2) Have a minimum 3.60 GPA in the major and 3.5 overall GPA at the time of declaration of intent and maintain these GPA requirements; 3) Complete an additional 9 hours of History courses at the 200-level or higher (only 6 hours of 200-level History courses may count towards the requirements for the major and graduation with distinction); 4) Notify the professor of their Senior Seminar or Thesis course in writing by the end of the first week of class that they intend to pursue a degree “with distinction” and complete to the professor’s satisfaction the additional research necessary for work “with distinction”; 5) Public presentation of their research at Discovery Day. (Students who want a degree “with distinction” from the History Department and a degree “with honors from the South Carolina Honors College” must complete two separate research projects).
- 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.