



Ways to explore different majors at USCA

You should plan to declare a major by the time you earn 30 credits. Here are ideas for exploring your options:

- Take introductory courses in majors that interest you (the next page has a list of recommended courses)
- Browse the [USCA Program Search](#) page to learn more about different majors offered at USCA
- Review the [USCA Major Maps](#) page to view specific course titles included in each major
- Review the [Academic Bulletin](#) to view requirements and course options for each major
- Schedule an appointment with the [USCA Career Services Office](#) to discuss your career interests
- Attend [Academic Curricular Enrichment](#) (ACE) events to learn about different fields of study
- Attend meetings of student organizations related to majors that interest you
- Contact department chairs of majors that interest you to ask questions about those majors

General Education courses required in every major

These courses are good options to take in your first few semesters since they are required in every major:

Course	Notes
ENGL A101 Composition	
ENGL A102 Composition and Literature	Prerequisite: ENGL A101
HIST A101 or HIST A102	
Humanities course	Use the Browse Classes tool in Self Service Aiken to view Humanities course options
COMM A201 or COMM A241*	COMM A201 prerequisite: Sophomore standing COMM A241 prerequisite: ENGL A102
HIST A201 or HIST A202 or POLI A201	
Math, Statistics, or Logic course	Refer to the USCA Math Placement page to learn about the first math class required in different majors
Natural Sciences course	Some majors require a specific Natural Sciences course – refer to the Academic Bulletin or Major Maps page
Social and Behavioral Sciences course	Some majors require a specific Social Sciences course – refer to the Academic Bulletin or Major Maps page

**Mechanical Engineering requires COMM A241. Public Health requires COMM A201. All other majors can choose either COMM A201 or COMM A241 for the Oral Communications requirement.*



Introductory courses by major

Major	Recommended Introductory Course(s)
Applied Computer Science	CSCI A125 Introduction to Computer Science
Applied Mathematics	MATH A141 Calculus I
Art	ARTS A102 Digital Foundations, ARTH A105 History of Western Art I
Biology	BIOL A121 Biological Science I or BIOL A122 Biological Science II
Business Administration	BADM A101 Introduction to Business
Chemistry	CHEM A111 General Chemistry I
Clinical Laboratory Science	BIOL A121 Biological Science I or BIOL A122 Biological Science II
Communication	COMM A190 Intro. to Communication and Emerging Media Research
Cybersecurity	CSCI A125 Introduction to Computer Science
Education	EDFN A321 Dynamics of American Public Education
Electrical Engineering	ELCT A101 Introduction to Electrical Engineering I
Emerging Media	COMM A190 Intro. to Communication and Emerging Media Research
English	ENGL A280 Studies in Literature
Environmental Earth Systems	GEOL A101 Physical Geology or GEOL A103 Environ. Earth Science
Exercise and Sports Science	EXSC A198 Foundations in Exercise and Sports Science
History	HIST A101 or HIST A102 Introduction to World Civilizations
Mechanical Engineering	ENCP A101 Introduction to Engineering I
Music	MUSC A194 Intro. to Music Theory (then MUSC A196 + MUSC A197)
Nursing	BIOL A243 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
Political Science	POLI A121 Introduction to Politics
Process Engineering	ENCP A101 Introduction to Engineering I
Psychology	PSYC A101 Introductory Psychology
Public Health	PUBH A201 Introduction to Public Health
Sociology	SOCY A101 Introductory Sociology
Software Engineering	CSCI A125 Introduction to Computer Science
Spanish	SPAN A210 Intermediate Spanish (prereqs: SPAN A101 and A102)
Theatre	THEA A161 Introduction to Theatre Art
Writing	ENGL A264 Introduction to Creative Writing