

INTELLIGENCE AND CYBER OPERATIONS

Students in this major will combine scholarship in international relations with technical expertise in information technology which will prepare them for the rapidly emerging field of cyber intelligence. This interdisciplinary approach helps students develop policy-based and technical skills that can be applied to the intelligence community and is well-suited for those who plan to seek advanced degrees.

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) GENERAL OVERVIEW

Four lower-division courses:

- International Relations: Introductory Analysis
- From Hackers to CEOs: Introduction to Information Security
- Programming in Python *or* Introduction to C++ Programming
- The Global Economy *or* Principles of Microeconomics

Four upper-division courses:

- National Intelligence and the Shaping of Policy
- Technology and International Relations
- Ethical Hacking
- Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity Investigations

Select courses in the following areas:

- Security and Violence (one course)
- International Finance (one course)
- Cyber Law, Policy, and Management (one course)
- Technical Electives (two courses)

Two regional elective courses focused on the Middle East and Africa; Central and Latin America; East Asia; or Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

Center for International Studies: Established to promote advanced research and sustained discussion, CIS runs a program of frequent speakers and seminars on political and economic issues.

Teaching International Relations Program: TIRP is a community outreach program under which students plan and execute lessons on global issues in local high schools.

Study Abroad: Travel to Brussels, Belgium to focus on contemporary issues in European foreign and security policy. Students will explore how the EU is adapting to its role as a security provider beyond its borders and will be assigned an internship in an IR-related organization to complement their coursework.

CybOrg (USC's Cybersecurity Club): The Cybersecurity & Forensics Organization (CybOrg), was founded to provide students interested in learning about cybersecurity with opportunities to meet recruiters, learn about career paths in the security and digital forensics industries, and practice their Capture the Flag (CTF) skills.