

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN CYBERSECURITY

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Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Science, Major in Cybersecurity		
Core Curriculum (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
	Component Area I (Communications)	6
	Component Area II (Mathematics) ^{1, 2}	3
	Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)	8
	Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)	3
	Component Area V (Creative Arts)	3
	Component Area VI (U.S. History)	6
	Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)	6
	Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
	Component Area IX (Component Area Option) ¹	4
Degree Specific Requirements:		
MATH 1420	Calculus I ^{1, 2}	4
MATH 1430	Calculus II	4
MATH 2395	Discrete Mathematics	3
MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	3
Major: Foundation		
COSC 1436	Programming Fundamentals I	4
COSC 1437	Programming Fundamentals II	4
COSC 2327	Introduction to Computer Networks	3
COSC 2329	Computer Organization & Machine Language	3
COSC 3312	Numerical Methods	3
COSC 3318	Data Base Management Systems	3
COSC 3319	Data Structures and Algorithms	3
COSC 3321	Digital System Design	3
COSC 4314	Data Mining	3
COSC 4319	Software Engineering	3
COSC 4349	Professionalism and Ethics	3
DFSC 1316	Digital Forensics & Information Assurance Fundamentals I	3
DFSC 2316	Digital Forensics & Information Assurance Fundamentals II	3
DFSC 2320	Hardware Forensics	3
DFSC 3316	Cryptography and Network Security	3
DFSC 4317	Information Security	3
DFSC 4318	Malware	3
DFSC 4338	Cyber Warfare	3
Major: Prescribed Electives		6
COSC 3327	Computer Architecture	
COSC 3331	Human-Computer Interaction	
COSC 4318	Advanced Language Concepts	
COSC 4326	Network Theory	
COSC 4327	Computer Operating Systems	
COSC 4332	Computer Graphics	
COSC 4337	Digital Signal Processing	
COSC 4340	Special Topics in Computer Science	
DFSC 4319	Principles of Data Quality	
Electives: General		

General Electives

6

Minor: Not Required^{3,4}**Total Hours****120**

- ¹ MATH 1420 satisfies the requirement for Component Area II (Mathematics) and 1 semester credit hour for Component Area IX (Component Area Option) as well as the major.
- ² Students who are not eligible for enrollment in MATH 1420 will have additional mathematics requirements.
- ³ A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so additional semester credits hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.
- ⁴ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

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First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area I (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai)		3 Component Area I (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareai)	3
Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
Component Area VI (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi)		3 Component Area VI (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavi)	3
MATH 1420 ^{1,2}		4 MATH 1430	4
	14		14

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IV (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiiv)		3 Component Area VII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii)	3
Component Area V (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)		3 Component Area VIII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaviii)	3
Component Area VII (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareavii)		3 Component Area IX (https://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) ¹	3
COSC 1436		4 COSC 1437	4
MATH 2395		3 MATH 3379	3
	16		16

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
COSC 2327		3 COSC 3318	3
COSC 2329		3 DFSC 2316	3
COSC 3312		3 DFSC 2320	3
DFSC 1316		3 DFSC 3316	3
Electives: General		3 Electives: General	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
DFSC 4317		3 COSC 4319	3
COSC 4314		3 COSC 4349	3
COSC 3321		3 DFSC 4318	3
COSC 3319		3 DFSC 4338	3
Prescribed Advanced Elective ³		3 Prescribed Advanced Elective ³	3
		15	15

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³ Select one of the Prescribed Electives from the below course listing.

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The BS in Cybersecurity is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- [Information Security](#)
- [Hardware and Network Security](#)

- Digital Forensics Investigation.
- Incident Response.
- Penetration Testing.
- Solve complex technology-related problems.
- Technical communication.