

CYBERSECURITY, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BS) - CONCENTRATION IN SECURE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Program Learning Outcomes

- **Problem Solving and Critical Thinking**
 - Formulate project requirements and alternative solutions appropriate to the problem in a secure manner
 - Integrate design and implementation principles to develop effective software without introduction of vulnerabilities
 - Perform analyze software security and the efficiency of algorithms
 - Implement computing solutions that consist of system and application software written for modern computing platforms
 - Use appropriate tools and techniques for identifying malware and other vulnerabilities
- **Communication and Interpersonal Skills**
 - Document all aspects of secure software precisely and clearly
 - Use written, oral, and electronic communication to convey technical information effectively
 - Accurately communicate security analyses, policies, and methodologies
 - Work cooperatively in teams and with others
- **Ethical and Professional Responsibilities**
 - Determine the effects of security policy models in a global society
 - Recognize the important legal and policy issues in the development of secure systems
 - Demonstrate an awareness of the codes of professional ethics in the information technology industry
 - Plan for and ensure the security, privacy, and integrity of data
 - Recognize the need for continuing professional development

Related Links

Cybersecurity - Secure Software Development, BS Program Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/cybersecurity/>)

Computer Science Department Page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/colleges-and-departments/ches/departments/computer-science/>)

Professional Licensure/Certification Page (<https://www.sru.edu/students/student-consumer-information/professional-licensure/>)

Curriculum Guide

GPA Requirement

Major GPA: 2.0 or higher

Overall GPA: 2.0 or higher

Summary*

Code	Title	Hours
	Rock Studies Requirements	43
	Other Basic Requirements	0-3
	Computer Competency	0-3

Major Requirements	60
Electives	17

* All undergraduate degree programs require a minimum of 120 credits.

Some courses meet multiple requirements, but are only counted once toward the 120 credit total required to graduate.

Rock Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
The Rock		
SUBJ 139	University Seminar ¹	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 125	Precalculus	4
Select one of the following:		3
COMM 200	Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110	Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235	Civil Discourse and Democracy	
Subtotal		16
Integrated Inquiry		
<i>Creative and Aesthetic Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
<i>Humanities Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
<i>Social Science Inquiry</i>		
Select 3 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)		3
<i>Natural Sciences Inquiry</i>		
SCI 101	Science of Life	3
<i>Physical Science Inquiry</i>		
SCI 102	Understanding the Physical World	3
Subtotal		15
Thematic Thread		
Select 12 Credits (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/) ²		12
Total Hours		43

¹ Course offered in multiple subjects; cannot take course in first major subject

² From at least 3 categories; no more than 6 credits from one department; 6 credits must be 300-level or above.

Basic Math Requirement

Check with your adviser or a current degree audit report to see if you have been exempted from this course. The credit earned in this course will not be counted toward the 120 credit hour minimum needed to earn a degree.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following:		0-3
Meet required minimum SAT or ACT math score OR		
ESAP 110	Beginning Algebra	
Total Hours		0-3

Computer Competency

Code	Title	Hours
Demonstrate "computer competency" by one of the following:		0-3
Pass Computer Competency Exam OR		
Select one of the following at SRU or another post-secondary institution:		
CPSC 100	Introduction to Computing for Liberal Arts	
CPSC 110	Computer Concepts	
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	
PE 202	Technology for Wellness	
Total Hours		0-3

Major/Concentration Requirements

- 30 major credits must be taken at SRU or PASSHE
- 30 major credits must be taken at the 300 level or above

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming ¹	3
CPSC 146	Programming Principles ¹	3
CPSC 207	Shell Commands and Scripting ¹	3
CPSC 300	Challenges of Computer Technology ¹	3
CPSC 301	Practical Computer Security ¹	3
CPSC 311	Discrete Computational Structures ¹	3
CPSC 323	Fundamentals of Database Systems ¹	3
CPSC 327	Administration and Security ¹	3
CPSC 423	Computer Networks ¹	3
CYBR 101	Cybersecurity in the Era of Evolving Technology ¹	3
Subtotal		30
Secure Software Development Required Courses		
CPSC 246	Advanced Programming Principles ¹	3
CPSC 374	Algorithms and Data Structures ¹	3
CPSC 376	Programming Language and Theory ¹	3
CYBR 301	Secure Programming	3
CYBR 353	Software Assurance ¹	3
CYBR 401	Software Security Analysis ¹	3
CYBR 471	Malware Analysis ¹	3
CPSC 488	Software Engineering ¹	3
Subtotal		24
Secure Software Development Electives		
Select two of the following:		6
CPSC 333	Introduction to Computer Forensics ¹	
CPSC 370	Computer Organization and Architecture ¹	
CPSC 450	Internship ¹	
CPSC 474	Advanced Architecture & Parallel Computing ¹	
CPSC 478	Analysis of Algorithms ¹	
Subtotal		6
Total Hours		60

¹ Course counts for 50% of Major requirements and Major GPA

* Some courses may require pre-requisites. Please see course descriptions to determine if there are any pre-requisites for that specific course.

Co-curricular and Experiential Learning

Students are encouraged to explore additional curricular and co-curricular opportunities. There is a strong correlation between long-term student success and participation in the following types of programs and activities:

1. High-Impact Practice (HIP) designated classes (Learning Community, Cap-Stone Course, Semester Projects)
2. Student-faculty research
3. Service Learning Courses
4. Internships
5. Volunteering (Summer Day Camps, Semester Workshops for K-12 students, Robot demos for visitors/local school districts)
6. Industry Awareness Night

Important Curriculum Guide Notes

This Curriculum Guide is provided to help SRU students and prospective students better understand their intended major curriculum. Enrolled SRU students should note that the My Rock Audit may place already-earned and/or in progress courses in different, yet valid, curriculum categories. Enrolled SRU students should use the My Rock Audit Report and materials and information provided by their faculty advisers to ensure accurate progress towards degree completion. *The information on this guide is current as of the date listed. Students are responsible for curriculum requirements at the time of enrollment at the University.*

PASSHE - Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Institutions

CYBERSECURITY (6421)

Concentration in Secure Software Development (SSDE)

This program is effective as of Fall 2019.

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Recommended Four-Year Plan

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
CPSC 130	Introduction to Computing and Programming	3
CYBR 101	Cybersecurity in the Era of Evolving Technology	3
ENGL 102	Critical Writing	3
MATH 120 or SCI 101	Intermediate Algebra or Science of Life	3
INDS 101	FYRST Seminar	1
SUBJ 139	University Seminar ¹	3
Hours		16
Spring		
CPSC 146	Programming Principles	3
CPSC 301	Practical Computer Security	3
ENGL 104	Critical Reading	3
MATH 125	Precalculus	4

Select one of the following:	3
COMM 200 Civil Discourse: Theory & Practice	
PHIL 110 Ethics and Civil Discourse	
POLS 235 Civil Discourse and Democracy	

Hours 16

Second Year**Fall**

CPSC 207 Shell Commands and Scripting	3
CPSC 246 Advanced Programming Principles	3
SCI 101 Science of Life (or CE Elective)	3
Creative & Aesthetic Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3
Social Science Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3

Declare a Thematic Thread²

Hours 15

Spring

CPSC 323 Fundamentals of Database Systems	3
CYBR 301 Secure Programming	3
CPSC 300 Challenges of Computer Technology	3
Humanities Inquiry (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3
SCI 102 Understanding the Physical World (or Cybersecurity Elective)	3

Hours 15

Third Year**Fall**

CPSC 311 Discrete Computational Structures	3
CYBR 353 Software Assurance	3
CPSC 376 Programming Language and Theory	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3
Cyber Elective or Free Elective (p. 3)	3

Hours 15

Spring

CPSC 327 Administration and Security	3
CPSC 374 Algorithms and Data Structures	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3
Cyber Elective or Free Elective (p. 3)	3
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Hours 15

Fourth Year**Fall**

CPSC 423 Computer Networks	3
CYBR 401 Software Security Analysis	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3
Cyber Elective or Free Elective (p. 3)	3
Cyber Elective or Free Elective (p. 3)	3

Hours 15

Spring

CPSC 488 Software Engineering	3
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CYBR 471 Malware Analysis	3
Thematic Thread Requirement (https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/rock-studies/rock-studies-quick-guide/)	3
Cyber Elective or Free Elective (p. 3)	3
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Hours 15

Total Hours 122**

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² Work with your Academic Adviser to declare a Thematic Thread by the end of your fall semester in your second year. Click here (<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ul1VhjsH90-30bc6d8W9kIM7Wtmwv-VJnD6riXkdMh1UNEFHMUNHOEi5TkJOWIRHVzRCMzI3UldNTi4u>) to declare a thread.

* Students are encouraged to take INDS 101 as a Free Elective.

Cyber Elective - CE Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Select six credits		
CPSC 333	Introduction to Computer Forensics	3
CPSC 370	Computer Organization and Architecture	3
CPSC 474	Advanced Architecture & Parallel Computing	3
CPSC 450	Internship ¹	1-12
CPSC 478	Analysis of Algorithms	3

¹ Jr. or Sr. Computing major with 3.0 GPA. Application required

** This document is meant to serve as a guide. Some planners may show more than 120 credits because faculty have created flexibility in choosing courses. However, only 120 credits are required to obtain a degree. Please consult with your academic adviser and refer to your curriculum guide prior to registering for courses. This plan should be reviewed, and verified, by you and your academic adviser at least once each academic year.

Major Code: 6421

Concentration: SSDE

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