

# Applied Computer Security

**Introduction** Study the theoretical concepts and technical skills — including hacking, ethics, and forensics — to create and maintain secure computer systems and networks.

 <p><b>Careers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Security Manager</li> <li>Network Architect</li> <li>Consultant</li> <li>Threat Investigator</li> </ul>	 <p><b>Skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hacking</li> <li>Ethics</li> <li>Security management</li> <li>Network design</li> <li>Encryption</li> <li>Investigation techniques</li> </ul>
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**Good to know** There were 178.96 million records exposed in 1,579 discovered data breaches in the U.S. in 2017.

**Related programs** Computer and Digital Forensics, Intelligence and Cyber Security (major)

**Selecting courses** An asterisk (\*) next to a course name means that the course has a prerequisite.

## Minor Requirements

**MINIMUM UNITS: 18**

**MINIMUM SEMESTERS: 4**

Complete the following (14 units)

Course	Title	Units	✓
ITP-125	From Hackers to CEOs: An Introduction to Information Security	2	
ITP-325	Ethical Hacking and Systems Defense*	3	
ITP-357	Enterprise Network Design*	3	
ITP-370	Information Security Management*	3	
ITP-375	Digital Forensics*	3	

Choose from the following electives (4 units)

ITP-425	Web Application Security*	4	
ITP-457	Network Security*	4	
ITP-475	Advanced Digital Forensics*	4	

## Specialization Requirements

**MINIMUM UNITS: 12**

**MINIMUM SEMESTERS: 3**

Complete the following (8 units)

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ITP-325	Ethical Hacking and Systems Defense*	3	
ITP-357	Enterprise Network Design*	3	

Choose from the following electives (4 units)

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ITP-457	Network Security*	4	

**How to declare** In order to officially declare one of our minors or specializations, please schedule an appointment to meet with a member of our advisement team. During your appointment, you'll discuss the program requirements, create a course plan, and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. There is not an application, but you must be in good academic standing.

**Curriculum and course offerings** Based on the availability of faculty, students and classroom space, we are able to offer a wide selection of courses every fall and spring semester. However, we are not always able to offer every course. If you are registering for your final semester and the course you need to graduate isn't offered, please contact our advisement team. Additionally, if there are any future changes to the curriculum on this document, students will be provided the option to follow: (a) the degree requirements in the catalogue current in their first term of enrollment after admission or readmission at USC or (b) degree requirements in a subsequent catalogue as long as they were enrolled in a term in which it was in effect.

## ABOUT ITP

We offer a challenging, state-of-the-art education for those interested in learning about the dynamic and growing field of information technology (IT) — which includes computers, mobile apps, data analytics, smart devices, cyber security, and more.

Our classes offer students practical, hands-on experience with the latest tools, programming languages, and applications.

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## Minor policies

- You must be an undergraduate student at USC in order to declare a minor.
- You must have a declared major in order to declare a minor.
- Each minor at USC requires that at least 16 units be unique to the minor and not count toward any other requirement, including GE, major, or another minor.
- All courses completed for a minor must be completed for a letter grade.
- A minimum cumulative 2.0 GPA must be achieved in the courses applied toward the minor requirements.
- Your minor will appear on your STARS report and your official transcript.
- Students who successfully complete a minor will receive a certificate upon graduation.

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- Specializations are available to undergraduate students, graduate students, and guests enrolled on a limited status basis.
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# USC Viterbi

*Information Technology Program*



3D Computer Graphics and Modeling



Applied Analytics



Applied Computer Security



Computer and Digital Forensics



Connected Devices and Making



Computer Programming



Innovation: The Digital Entrepreneur



Enterprise Information Systems



Mobile App Development



Video Game Design and Management



Video Game Programming



Web Technologies and Applications