Description of the major:

Students who study information systems at Coastal Carolina University will learn how to use information technology to solve real-world problems in business, industry, government agencies and other institutions. The curriculum has several different areas of focus: internet/web applications development, computer security and forensics, networking and system administration, database administration, and financial technology. Graduates will be prepared to design, implement, manage, and evaluate information systems and to integrate emerging information technologies to enable an organization to achieve its objectives effectively and efficiently. Graduates will also be prepared to pursue graduate studies in information systems.

The student experience:

- The degree program is in the process of gaining accreditation by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET).
- Because real-world experience is critical in information systems, the department offers courses that allow students to apply knowledge and skills in information systems to design and implement software projects for real-world problems.
- There are typically several internship opportunities available to information systems students, many of which qualify for academic credit (1-3 credit hours in a semester).
- Students get hands-on practice with many information systems topics through project courses and computing lab resources such as the programming lab, the security/networking lab and the high-performance computing lab.
- The department sponsors field trips, brings in guest speakers, and organizes professional and social functions for majors.

Beyond the classroom:

Information systems specialists are involved in the following industries: web/internet development, computer security and forensics, software engineering, financial engineering, database management, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and entrepreneurial pursuits.

Areas of study:

- CSCI 203 Introduction to Web Application Development
- CSCI 225 Relational Databases
- CSCI 330 Systems Analysis and Software Engineering
- CSCI 335 Software Project Management
- CSCI 370 Data Communication Systems and Networking
- CSCI 385 Information Systems Security
- CSCI 409 Advanced Internet Application Development
- CSCI 415 Systems Administration
- CSCI 434 Digital Forensics and E-Discovery

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