The **University of South Alabama** School of Computing has been a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance / Cyber Defense Education since 2011 and was re-designated in 2014 under the new program criteria. USA School of Computing is unique to the state where all computing disciplines are housed in the same academic unit. This centralization allows for faculty and students unique opportunities to collaborate through academics, research, internships, and technology transfer. The School offers ABET accredited degrees in Computer Science, Information Systems, and Information Technology, as well as a degree in Health Informatics.

At the graduate level, Master’s students are awarded a degree in Computer and Information Sciences with a focus in Computer Science or Information Systems. Our PhD in Computing degree integrates coursework and research projects from computer science, information systems, and information technology, merging different perspectives and creating impactful advancements in areas such as cybersecurity, digital forensics, big data, and cloud computing. Students gain sound preparation for a wide variety of information assurance careers and for continuing their education to the terminal degree.

Our programs provide both a strong theoretical foundation and practical hands-on experience in the core aspects of security. In coordination with our Center for Forensics, Information Technology and Security, students at all levels can participate in research and internships beginning as early as the freshman year. Students completing the mapped CAE curriculum are awarded IA certificates upon completion of the program.

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