The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina is a landmark in Charleston, South Carolina. The Citadel's mission is to educate and develop students to become principled leaders in all walks of life by instilling the core values of The Citadel in a disciplined and intellectually challenging environment. Founded in 1842, The Citadel has an undergraduate student body of about 2,300 students who make up the South Carolina Corps of Cadets. Another 1,000 students attend The Citadel Graduate College, a civilian evening and online program that offers graduate and professional degrees and undergraduate programs.

The Citadel has been re-designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) in 2021. The Citadel offers B. S. in Computer Science with a minor in Cybersecurity which is the Program of Study for CAE-CD. From Fall 2020, The Citadel started offering B.S. in Cyber Operations that has been designed based on NSA CAE-CO Requirements.

The Citadel established Center for Cyber, Intelligence and Security Studies in 2015. The Citadel offers an undergraduate minor in cyber inter-disciplinary studies and a graduate certificate in cybersecurity. The Citadel has been hosting GenCyber Camps since 2016. The Citadel Cyber Team participates in NCL, NCX, and SECCDC.

The Citadel was awarded DoD CySP Grant in AY 2023-24. The Citadel was awarded NSF CyberCorps ® SFS for 2020 – 2024. Citadel DoD Cyber Institute (CDCI), a joint initiative with six Senior Military Colleges (SMC), was established in Fall 2020 with a mission to prepare students for DoD Cyber Workforce. CDCI hosts Cyber Camp for SC Army National Guard and RING Cyber Camp for Teachers in summer.

The Citadel works with University of Memphis, University of West Florida, and North Carolina A&T State University on NCAE-C Grant for Cyber Education of Critical Infrastructure. The Citadel works with University of South Carolina and University of Memphis on NCAE-C Grant on Context-Aware and Adaptive Authorization Framework for Critical Infrastructure.

The Citadel hosted CyRF@C - Cyber Research Forum at Citadel for SMC Students on Apr 3-4, 2023, and Workshop on Cyber Education for Critical Infrastructure Protection on Oct 19–20, 2023.