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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, California

Bachelor of Arts in Intelligence and Cyber Operations

August 2023-December 2026

- Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Specialization in Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics
- Relevant course work: Information Security Management, Ethical Hacking and Systems Defense, Enterprise Network Design, Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity Investigations, Apple Forensics & Security (macOS & iOS), National Intelligence and the Shaping of Policy, Technology and International Relations
- Presidential Scholar (Trojan Scholar Society), Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society Member, Executive board of the cybersecurity CTF club for USC (2023-2026), VP of Member relations for Cyborg, the premier cybersecurity club at USC (2026-current)

SKILLS

Java, Python, Hashcat, Cisco Packet Tracer, Metasploit, Kali Linux, Japanese (Intermediate), Chinese (Advanced)

Collaborated on 19,000 word holistically secure ISMS in compliance with PCI-DSS, CPRA, and GDPR for a theoretical client

Produced 10+ sound Computer Forensics reports on provided .E01 files using Encase, Autopsy, Cellebrite Inspector, and FTK Imager

Conducted novel forensics research on the iOS Facebook Marketplace app, creating a IEEE White paper and presenting findings to a panel of industry leaders

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

USC Viterbi Information Technology Program

Los Angeles, California

TA for Accelerated Programming in Python (TAC 115 & TAC 116)

January 2024-Present

- As head TA, manages a team of graders to manage grading and facilitate learning programming
- Grades a cohort of 30 students and assists professor during and after lecture
- Holds Lab Session for individual tutoring with students to elaborate on coding ideas

Co-Op Aid Inc.

Remote

Website Admin and Technology Head for Medical Nonprofit

July 2025-August 2025

- Volunteered for Medical Nonprofit as Technology Head and Maintained Website to encourage donations (<https://coopaidinc.org/>)
- Increased website traffic with Wordpress and Elementor, improved user experience, leading to more donations

theCoderSchool

Yorba Linda, California

Coding Tutor Intern

July 2022-August 2022

- Led and assisted groups of 20-30 students through coding summer programs
- Collaborated with a small team to develop and publish a novel Java + CSS camp

PROJECTS

Website Design for Client

June 2024-Present

- Designed a website for client desiring a sleek portfolio showcasing engineering and theater projects (rijiyodf.elementor.cloud/)
- Collaborated with a client over 3 months with prototypes and discussions, resulting in a satisfying product

Nonprofit OC Families for Ukraine

March 2022-Present

- Co-founded and was Co-president for OC Families for Ukraine, along with being Creator and manager of website (OCUkraine.com)
- Raised more than 30,000 dollars for World Central Kitchen, Global First Responders, and CERT by leveraging Lions Club connections

Packet Sniffer

August 2022

- Built Packet Sniffer with a Raspberry Pi Zero W using an algorithm to capture TCP Three-Way Handshakes
- Utilized Hashcat to crack MD5 hashes with dictionary and brute force attacks