SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Major: Political Science
2019-2020 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student		Student ID#		Student Phone #	
Advisor		Minimum GPA	2.0	Minor/Career Interest(s)	

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four years. For official program requirements, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog.

First Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3		
POLS 100	American Government (SGR #3)		3		
POLS 253	Current World Problems		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4).	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level.	4		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 101	English Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4).	p. 101	4		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR#3 Non POLS	3		
POLS Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 201	English Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 102	3		
POLS 388	Research Methods	p. ENGL 201 and POLS 100	3	F	
POLS Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 201	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
POLS Elective			6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
POLS Elective			6		

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Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

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POLS Elective	.		3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
POLS Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
POLS 489	Capstone	p. POLS 388	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Comments/Notes

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the Honors program requirements.

As part of the Political Science major, 18 credits must be upper division coursework. At least 3 of the 18 credits must be non-U.S.

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete:
- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)
- a capstone course in their major
- a designated diversity, equity, and inclusion course – AHSS 111 (or AIS 211 for teaching specializations students only)
- minor, second major, or teaching specialization

Testing into a higher-level language course may reduce time to graduation. To begin coursework above the 101 level, take the free modern language placement test at https://www.sdstate.edu/modern-languages-global-studies/mfl-placement-information Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.

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