



**Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences**

**Major: Communication Studies**

**Specialization: Speech Education**

**2020-2021 Sample 4-Year Plan**

**Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum GPA 2.5 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
MCOM 119	Mass Communication Fundamentals — First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		1		
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		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	SPCM 205 suggested; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #3	Social Science/Diversity	PSYC 101 or SOC recommended.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 101	4		
MCOM 151	Introduction to Mass Communication		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SPCM 201	Interpersonal Communication (SGR #3)		3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Second Year**

**Fall**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
SPCM, MCOM or General Elective			3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 102	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
SPCM 215 or SPCM 311	Public Speaking or Business and Professional Speaking		3		
SPCM 281	Speech and Debate Activities	3 credits required over two consecutive semesters.	1		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 201	3		
SPCM 281	Speech and Debate Activities	3 credits required over two consecutive semesters.	2		



Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPCM 434	Small Group Communication		3		
SPCM 491	Independent Study: Forensics Team Management		1		
SPCM or MCOM Elective		Take at least five credits for the major.	2		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14		

**Third Year**

**Fall**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I	Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	1		
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts	Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	3		
MCOM 416	Mass Media and Society		3	F	
SPCM 305	Communication Research		3	F	
SPCM 470	Intercultural Communication		3	F	
SPCM or MCOM Elective		Take at least five credits for the major	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352-352L	Teaching and Learning II and Lab	p. EDFN 351; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	5		
SPCM 222	Argumentation and Debate		3	S	
SPCM 465	Capstone in Communication Studies	Capstone	3	S	
SPCM 476	Teaching Methods, 7-12 Speech Methods		3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14		

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453-453L	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	p. EDFN 352; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	7		
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	p. Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	2		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	7		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV: Student Teaching	p. EDFN 453; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	11		
SEED 456	Capstone: Action Research	c. EDFN 454	1		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			12		

**Comments/Notes**

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

A grade of “C” or better is required in all major courses.

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete/earn:

- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)
- a capstone course in the major
- a designated diversity, equity, and inclusion course – AHSS 111 (or AIS 211 for teaching specialization students only)
- a grade of C or better is required in SPCM 101, ENGL 101, SGR #5 Mathematics, and in all education coursework
- a minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

Testing into a higher-level language course may reduce time to graduation. To begin coursework above the 101 level, take the free modern language

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p. = Course Prerequisite c. = Course Corequisite  
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer



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.