



Bachelor of Science 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		
MCOM 151	Introduction to Mass Communication (SGR #4)		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	SPCM 205 suggested; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #3	Social Science/Diversity	PSYC 101 or SOC 100 recommended	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		4		
Total Credit Hours			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		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	Choose non-MCOM course.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SPCM 201	Interpersonal Communication (SGR #3)		3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
SPCM 215 or SPCM 311	Public Speaking or Business and Professional Speaking		3	F	
SPCM 281	Speech and Debate Activities	3 credits required over two consecutive semesters.	1		
SPCM or MCOM Elective		Take at least five credits for the major	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

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AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education		3		
SPCM 281	Speech and Debate Activities	3 credits required over two consecutive semesters.	2		
SPCM 434	Small Group Communication		3		
SPCM 491	Independent Study: Forensics Team Management		1		
SPCM or MCOM Elective		Take at least five for the major	2		

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Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer



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Natural Science Course		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	4		
Total Credit Hours			15		

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	
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
Total Credit Hours			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		3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	1		
Total Credit Hours			15		

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 Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV	p. EDFN 453; Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	11		
SEED 456	Capstone: Action Research	c. EDFN 454	1		
Total Credit Hours			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 –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
- Natural Sciences Coursework: 10+ credits in any two lab sciences; must include two prefixes.

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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