



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

**Major: Communication Studies**

**2020-2021 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
MCOM 119	Mass Communication Fundamentals—First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	SPCM 205 suggested.	3	F	
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			14		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
SPCM 201	Interpersonal Communication (SGR #3)		3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			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 Communication		3	F	
SPCM Elective			3		
Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course			3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPCM 222	Argumentation and Debate		3	S	
SPCM Elective			3		
SPCM 434	Small Group Communication		3	S	
Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course			3		
Natural Science Course		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.**

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



Third Year

Fall

Table with 6 columns: Prefix + Number, Course Title, Prerequisites/Comments, Credits, Semester, Grade. Rows include SPCM 305, SPCM 422, Minor/2nd Major Course, General Elective, and Total Credit Hours (15).

Spring

Table with 6 columns: Prefix + Number, Course Title, Prerequisites/Comments, Credits, Semester, Grade. Rows include SPCM 410, SPCM 405, Minor/2nd Major Course, General Elective, and Total Credit Hours (15).

Fourth Year

Fall

Table with 6 columns: Prefix + Number, Course Title, Prerequisites/Comments, Credits, Semester, Grade. Rows include SPCM 470, Minor/2nd Major Course, SPCM Elective, General Electives, and Total Credit Hours (15).

Spring

Table with 6 columns: Prefix + Number, Course Title, Prerequisites/Comments, Credits, Semester, Grade. Rows include SPCM 465, Minor/2nd Major Course, General Electives, and Total Credit Hours (15).

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 above is required in all courses in the major.

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 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.