



Bachelor of Arts in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Major: Journalism

2020-2021 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.50 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
AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
MCOM 119	Mass Communication Fundamentals – First Year Seminar		2	F/S	
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 #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 210-210L	Basic Newswriting and Lab	p. ENGL 101	3	F/S/SU	
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language. (SGR #4)	p. 101	4		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (SGR #2)		3		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
MCOM 220-220L	Introduction to Digital Media and Lab		3	F/S	
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	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		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 219	Social Media Strategies	MCOM 210-210L recommended preparation	3	F/S	
MCOM 270	Data Analysis in Communication		3	S	
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 201	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

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Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 265-265L	Basic Photography and Lab		3	F/S	
MCOM 331-331L	Video Production and Lab		3	F/S	
MCOM Elective	Select an approved major elective: MCOM 215, MCOM 266-266L, MCOM 311-311L, MCOM 333-333L, MCOM 336, MCOM 359-359L, MCOM 365-365L, MCOM 413, MCOM 433-433L, MCOM 438-438L, MCOM 474, PUBR 345		3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	3		
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes	3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 311-311L or MCOM 333-333L	News Editing and Lab or Broadcast Announcing and Performance and Lab	MCOM 311-311L: p. MCOM 210-210L; MCOM 333-333L: p. MCOM 210-210L & MCOM 331-331L	3	S	
MCOM 433-433L	Television News Reporting and Lab	p. MCOM 210-210L & MCOM 331-331L	3	S	
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	3		
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 394 or MCOM 494	Internship		2-3		
Total Credit Hours			2-3		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 416 or MCOM 417	Mass Media in Society or History of Journalism	MCOM 416: Fall; MCOM 417: Spring	0-3	F/S	
MCOM 430	Media Law		3	F/S	
MCOM Elective	Select an approved major elective: MCOM 215, MCOM 266-266L, MCOM 311-311L, MCOM 333-333L, MCOM 336, MCOM 359-359L, MCOM 365-365L, MCOM 413, MCOM 433-433L, MCOM 438-438L, MCOM 474, PUBR 345		3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	3		
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	0-6		
Total Credit Hours			12-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 417 or MCOM 416	History of Journalism or Mass Media in Society	MCOM 417: Spring; MCOM 416: Fall	0-3	F/S	
MCOM 434	Advanced Multiplatform Storytelling	p. MCOM 331; Capstone	3	S	
Minor/2 nd Major Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	3		
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	5-8		
Total Credit Hours			14		

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Comments/Notes

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

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
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

As part of the Journalism and Mass Communication program, students must:

- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.50 and a minimum course grade of “C” or better in all major courses
- Take a minimum of 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, and PUBR prefix

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.