



Bachelor of Science in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Major: Public Relations

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	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	MCOM 151 suggested; SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Total Credit Hours			14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
MCOM 210-210L	Basic Newswriting and Lab	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (SGR #2)		3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 201	Composition II	p. ENGL 101	3		
MCOM 220-220L	Introduction to Digital Media and Lab		3	F/S	
Natural Science Course		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course		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 270	Data Analysis in Communication		3	S	
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines. SPCM 201 recommended.	3		
Major Elective	Select an approved major elective: ADV 314, ADV 371-371L, LMNO 201, EFA-HMGT 355, MCOM 219, MCOM 265-265L, MCOM 266-266L, MCOM 359-359L, PUBR 472, SPCM 215, SPCM 311, SPCM 422		3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	6		

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



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Total Credit Hours			15		

Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ADV 411-411L	Media Analytics and Studio		3	F	
MCOM 416 or ADV 476 or SPCM 470	Mass Media and Society or Global and Multicultural Advertising or Intercultural Communication	MCOM 416: Fall; ADV 476: Spring; SPCM 470: Fall.	0-3	F/S	
PUBR 345	Public Relations Writing		3	F/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.	3-6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Major Elective	Select an approved major elective: ADV 314, 371-371L, LMNO 201, EFA-HMGY 355, MCOM 219, MCOM 265- 265L, MCOM 266-266L, MCOM 359-359L, PUBR 472, SPCM 215, SPCM 311, SPCM 422		3		
MCOM 331-331L	Video Production and Lab		3	F/S	
Minor/2 nd Major Course		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	6		
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	3		
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 430	Media Law		3	F/S	
Major Elective	Select an approved major elective: ADV 314, 371-371L, LMNO 201, EFA-HMGY 355, MCOM 219, MCOM 265- 265L, MCOM 266-266L, MCOM 359-359L, PUBR 472, SPCM 215, SPCM 311, SPCM 422		3		
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	6-9		
Total Credit Hours			12-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ADV 476 or MCOM 416 or SPCM 470	Global and Multicultural Advertising or Mass Media and Society or Intercultural Communication	ADV 476: Spring; MCOM 416: Fall; SPCM 470: Fall.	0-3	F/S	
PUBR 442-442L	Integrated Marketing Communication and Campaigns and Studio	Capstone	3	S	
General Elective		Complete 72 credit hours outside of the ADV, MCOM, & PUBR prefixes.	8-11		
Total Credit Hours			14		

Comments/Notes

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

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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.

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.