



Bachelor of Science
Major: Criminology
2022-2023 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____
Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.2 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
CJUS 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice (SGR #3)		3		
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested.	2		
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 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3-4		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Total Credit Hours			14-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (SGR #3)		3		
AHSS 111	Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity		3		
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 283	Working with Diverse Populations	p. SOC 100	3		
CMST 101	Fundamentals of Speech (SGR #2)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3-4		
Minor/2nd Major Class			3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 351	Criminology	p. SOC 100 or SOC 150	3		
Major Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			3		
Natural Science elective		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		



Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 307	Research Methods I		3	F	
Major Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			3		
General Electives			6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CJUS 431	Criminal Law		3		
SOC 308	Research Methods II	Recommend preparatory course SOC 307	3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		300-400 level course recommended.	6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 400	Social Policy	p. SOC 100 or SOC 150	3		
Major Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CJUS/SOC 460	Advanced Criminology	p. SOC 351 Capstone	3		
Major Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3-6		
Total Credit Hours			12-15		

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
- 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.