SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science
Major: Psychology
Specialization: Teaching
2022-2023 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
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)	Grade of C or higher required	3		
ENGL 101	English Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #4	Humanities and Arts/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or a foreign language sequence.	3-4		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement, MATH 103 suggested; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L suggested	3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 367	Psychological Gender Issues	p. PSYC 101; Domain II: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture & Education (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #4	Humanities and Arts/Diversity	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or a foreign language sequence.	3-4		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-18		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 327	Child Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain II: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC 375-375L	Research Methods in Psychology and Lab	p. ENGL 101 with a C or better and (MATH 103 or MATH 114 or STAT 281 with a C or better)	4	F	
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences/Diversity	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
Natural Sciences		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 406	Cognitive Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain I: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC 376-376L	Research Methods II and Lab	p. PSYC 375-375L	4	S	
PSYC 441	Social Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain II: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC 451	Abnormal Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain III: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching & Learning		1		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

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

Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts		3		
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I		1		
General Electives			3		
PSYC 305	Learning and Conditioning	p. PSYC 101; Domain I: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC electives (Domains I & III)		p. PSYC 101; Domain I/III: complete three courses in each domain.	6		
		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; Education program consent required.	5		
PSYC 409	History and Systems of Psychology	p: PSYC 375-375L, Capstone	3		
PSYC electives (Domains I & III)		p. PSYC 101; Domain I/III: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453-453L	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	p. EDFN 352; Education program consent required.	3, 4		
SEED 415	7-12 Social Science Methods		3	F	
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	Education program consent required.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	0-4		
		Total Credit Hours	13-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV	p. EDFN 453; Education program 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.

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 ENGL 101, SGR #2 Oral Communication, 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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