



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: English**

**Specialization: Writing**

**2023-2024 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 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---------|----------|-------|
| ACS 119                        | First Year Seminar  | Suggested   | 2       |          |       |
| General Electives              |   |   | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL 101                       | English Composition I (SGR #1)  | p. Placement  | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL 151                       | Introduction to English Studies   | Required during first year of program.                        | 3       | F        |       |
| 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       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>      |   |   | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                | Course Title  | Prerequisites/Comments                                       | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 284                       | Introduction to Criticism (SGR #1)  | Required during first year of program.                       | 3       | S        |       |
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4). | p. 101   | 4       |          |       |
| CMST 101                       | Foundations of Communication (SGR #2)   |  | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #3                         | Social Sciences   | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines. | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #5                         | Mathematics   | p. Placement   | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>      |   |  | 16      |          |       |

**Second Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                                | Course Title   | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--|--|---|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL Elective                                  |  |   | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL 221 or ENGL 241                           | British Literature I or American Literature I  | p. ENGL 101   | 3       | F        |       |
| HIST 111 and HIST 112 or HIST 121 and HIST 122 | World Civilization I and World Civilization II or Western Civilization I and Western Civilization II | Select the World or Western Civilization sequence. Complete one course this semester. | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course             |  |   | 3       |          |       |
| Modern Foreign Language Course                 | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.                         | p. 102  | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                      |  |   | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                                | Course Title   | Prerequisites/Comments  | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--|--|---|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 222 or ENGL 242                           | British Literature II or American Literature II  | p. ENGL 101   | 3       | F        |       |
| ENGL 379                                       | Technical Communication  | p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284   | 3       |          |       |
| HIST 111 and HIST 112 or HIST 121 and HIST 122 | World Civilization I and World Civilization II or Western Civilization I and Western Civilization II | Select the World or Western Civilization sequence. Complete one course this semester. | 3       |          |       |
| Modern Foreign Language Course                 | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.                         | p. 201  | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #6   | Natural Sciences   |   | 3-4     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                      |  |   | 15-16   |          |       |

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

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



**Third Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                    | Course Title     | Prerequisites/Comments                                       | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 100-200 Level Elective        |                  | p. ENGL 101  | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL Writing Course                |                  |  | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course |                  | 300-400 level course recommended.                            | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #3                             | Social Sciences  | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines. | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #6                             | Natural Sciences |  | 3-4     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>          |                  |  | 15-16   |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                      | Course Title     | Prerequisites/Comments              | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 300-400 Level Literature Course |                  |                                     | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL 383                             | Creative Writing | p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284 | 3       | S        |       |
| LING 203                             |                  | p. ENGL 101                         | 3       | S        |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course   |                  | 300-400 level course recommended.   | 6       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>            |                  |                                     | 15      |          |       |

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                                  | Prerequisites/Comments            | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL Writing Course                 |   | 300-400 level course.             | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |   | 300-400 level course recommended. | 6       |          |       |
| ENGL 479                            | Capstone Course and Writing in the Discipline | p. ENGL 151; Capstone             | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |   |                                   | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments   | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL Elective             |              |  | 3       |          |       |
| ENGL Writing Course       |              | 300-400 level course recommended.                                | 3       |          |       |
| General Electives         |              | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits. | 3-5     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |              |  | 9-14    |          |       |

**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 minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level
- a “C” or better in each major course

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/school-american-and-global-studies/language-placement-information> Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.