



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: German**

**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 |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| General Elective          |                                    |   | 3       | S/F      |       |
| ENGL 101                  | Composition I (SGR #1)             | p. Placement  | 3       |          |       |
| GER 101                   | Introductory German I (SGR #4)     | Take placement exam to determine proficiency level. GER 101 is not included in the major. | 4       | F        |       |
| AHSS 192                  | Intro to American & Global Studies | Suggested   | 2       |          |       |
| SGR #6                    | Natural Sciences                   |   | 3-4     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |                                    |   | 15-16   |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title                          | Prerequisites/Comments                                       | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| CMST 101                  | Foundations of Communication (SGR #2) |  | 3       |          |       |
| GER 102                   | Introductory German II (SGR #4)       | p. GER 101   | 4       | S        |       |
| SGR #3                    | Social Sciences                       | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines. | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #5                    | Mathematics                           | p. Placement   | 3       |          |       |
| SGR #6                    | Natural Sciences                      |  | 3-4     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |                                       |  | 16-17   |          |       |

**Second Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                   | Prerequisites/Comments                                       | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| ENGL 201                            | Composition II (SGR #1)        | p. ENGL 101  | 3       |          |       |
| GER 201                             | Intermediate German I (SGR #4) | p. GER 102   | 3       | F        |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                                | Double major encouraged.                                     | 6       |          |       |
| SGR #3                              | Social Sciences                | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines. | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                                |  | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                    | Prerequisites/Comments   | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| GER 202                             | Intermediate German II (SGR #4) | p. GER 201   | 3       | S        |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                                 |  | 9       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |                                 | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits. | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                                 |  | 15      |          |       |

**Third Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                    | Course Title                     | Prerequisites/Comments   | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| GER 310                            | Practical German Language Skills | p. GER 202   | 3       |          |       |
| GER Elective                       |                                  | Literature and Culture Elective suggested                        | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Course |                                  | 300-400 level course recommended.                                | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                   |                                  | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits. | 3       |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>          |                                  |  | 15      |          |       |



**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                          | Prerequisites/Comments   | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| GER 330                             | Reading and Writing for Communication | Suggested elective; p. GER 310                                   | 3       |          |       |
| GER Elective                        |                                       | Literature Culture and Civilization Electives                    | 3       |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                                       | 300-400 level course recommended.                                | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |                                       | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits. | 0-3     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                                       |  | 12-15   |          |       |

**Summer**

| Prefix + Number           | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments             | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| GER 494                   | Internship   | Suggested study abroad experience. | 3-6     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b> |              |                                    | 3-6     |          |       |

**Fourth Year**

**Fall**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments   | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| GER Elective                        |              | Language and Professional Skills Electives                       | 3       |          |       |
| GER Elective                        |              | Elective suggested to meet career goals                          | 0-3     |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |              | 300-400 level course recommended.                                | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |              | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits. | 3-9     |          |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |              |  | 15      |          |       |

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number                     | Course Title                        | Prerequisites/Comments   | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| GER Elective                        |                                     | Elective suggested to meet career goals                          | 0-3     |          |       |
| Minor/2 <sup>nd</sup> Major Courses |                                     | 300-400 level course recommended.                                | 6       |          |       |
| General Elective                    |                                     | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits. | 3-6     |          |       |
| GLST 489                            | Capstone Intercultural Competencies | Capstone   | 3       | S        |       |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>           |                                     |  | 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 minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

As part of the German major, students in this program must complete 23 major elective credits and select at least 21 upper-division credits.

The following is a suggested sequence.

- Composition and Conversation 3 Credits
  - GER 330 Reading and Writing for Communication 3 Credits
- Language and Professional Skills Electives (minimum 1 from this section)
  - GER 310 Practical Language Skills
  - GER 392 & 492 Topics (when topic is advanced language or professional skills) 2-3 Credits
  - GER 494 Internship 1-3 Credits
  - GER 496 Field Experience 1-6 Credits
- Literature Culture and Civilization Electives (minimum 1 from this section)
  - GER 353 Introduction to German Literature 3 Credits
  - GER 380 Deutschland Heute 3 Credits
  - GER 435 German Cultural History 3 Credits
  - GER 454 Survey of German Literature II 3 Credits
  - GER 455 German Film 3 Credits
  - GER 392 & 492 Topics 2-3 Credits (when topics is literature cultures and/or civilization)
- Additional credits from travel or field experience
  - All majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a German-speaking country in order to complete elective credits.

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.