



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Psychology

2023-2024 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.00 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		2		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or Higher is needed	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Modern Foreign Language 101 (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required; Students must complete the 202 level in an approved language.	4		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L suggested	3-4		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
General Electives			3		
Domain II Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Modern Foreign Language 102 (SGR #4)	p. Modern Foreign Language 101; Students must complete the 202 level in an approved language.	4		
SGR #5	Mathematics	MATH 103 or higher required	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L suggested	3-4		
Total Credit Hours			16-17		

Second Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Modern Foreign Language 201	p. Modern Foreign Language 102; Students must complete the 202 level in an approved language.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended.	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Modern Foreign Language 202	p. Modern Foreign Language 201; Students must complete the 202 level in an approved language.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 101 suggested.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	3		
Total Credit Hours			15		



Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
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	
Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	6		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 376-376L	Research Methods II and Lab	p. PSYC 375-375L	4	S	
Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	3		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 409	History & Systems of Psychology	p. PSYC 375-375L, Capstone	3		
Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level recommended	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	3		
Total Credit Hours			12		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	7-9		
Total Credit Hours			13-15		

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

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.