



Bachelor of Science

Major: Psychology

Specialization: Teaching

2023-2024 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
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		1		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)	Grade of C or higher required	3		
SGR #4	Humanities and Arts	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or a foreign language sequence.	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
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture & Education (SGR #3)		3		
PSYC 441	Social Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain II: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	Grade of C or higher required. CMST 101 recommended	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

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	
Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Natural Sciences		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended	3		
Total Credit Hours			16-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts	Department Permission Required	3		
PSYC 367	Psychological Gender Issues	p. PSYC 101; Domain II: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC 376-376L	Research Methods II and Lab	p. PSYC 375-375L	4	S	
Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
SGR #4	Humanities and Arts	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or a foreign language sequence.	3		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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



Third Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I	Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	1		
PSYC 305	Learning and Conditioning	p. PSYC 101; Domain I: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC 451	Abnormal Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain III: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; Domain I: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
General Electives			3		
General Elective		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	3		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352	Teaching and Learning II	p. EDFN 351; Department consent required.	3		
EDFN 352L	Teaching and Learning II Lab		2		
PSYC 406	Cognitive Psychology	p. PSYC 101; Domain I: complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC 409	History and Systems of Psychology	p: PSYC 375-375L, Capstone, online	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	6		
Total Credit Hours			17		

Fourth Year

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	p. EDFN 352; Department consent required.	3		
EDFN 453L	Teaching and Learning III Lab		4		
SEED 415	7-12 Social Science Methods		3	F	
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	p. Teaching, Learning and Leadership department consent required.	2		
Total Credit Hours			12		

Spring

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