



Bachelor of Science

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 | Suggested. | 2 | | |
| ENGL 101 | Composition I (SGR #1) | p. Placement | 3 | | |
| PSYC 101 | General Psychology (SGR #3) | | 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 recommended | 3-4 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 14-15 | | |

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 | | |
| SGR #2 | Oral Communication | CMST 101 recommended | 3 | | |
| SGR #3 | Social Sciences | CJUS 201, SOC 100 or HDFS 210 suggested. | 3 | | |
| SGR #5 | Mathematics | MATH 103 or higher is required | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

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 | | |
| Minor/ 2nd Major Courses | | | 6 | | |
| SGR #1 | Written Communication | p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended. | 3 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Sciences | | 3-4 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15-16 | | |

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 | | |
| Minor/ 2nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| Natural Science Elective | | See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog. | 3-4 | | |
| SGR #4 | Humanities and Arts | SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or a foreign language sequence. | 3 | | |
| General Electives | | Taken as need to reach 120 credits. | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15-16 | | |



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, MATH 114 or STAT 281 with a C or better), PSYC 101 recommended as a prerequisite. | 4 | F | |
| PSYC Major electives (Domain I-III) | | | | | |
| 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 | | | 3 | | |
| General Electives | | Taken as need to reach 120 credits. | 6 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 12-15 | | |

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. | 9 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 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
- 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.