



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Theatre

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 |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Electives | | | 3 | | |
| ENGL 101 | Composition I (SGR #1) | p. Placement | 3 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Sciences (SGR #6) | Suggested GEOG 131-131L | 4 | | |
| THEA 119 | First Year Seminar | | 2 | | |
| THEA 131 | Introduction to Acting | | 3 | | |
| THEA 135/145 or DANC 135 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 16 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Minor/ 2nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| SGR #2 | Oral Communication | Suggested CMST 101 | 3 | | |
| SGR #3 | Social Sciences (SGR #3) | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines | 3 | | |
| SGR #5 | Mathematics | p. Placement; Suggested MATH 103 | 3 | | |
| THEA 135/145 or DANC 135 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA 240 | Stage Costuming | | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 16 | | |

Second Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Modern Foreign Language | Student must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4) | Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level. | 4 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Sciences (SGR #6) | Suggested GEOG 132-132L | 4 | | |
| THEA 135/145 or DANC 135 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA 241 | Stagecraft | | 3 | | |
| THEA 250 | Play Analysis | | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 15 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| DANC 131 | Movement Theory | | 2 | | |
| Modern Foreign Language | Student must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4) | p. 101 | 4 | | |
| SGR #1 | Written Communication | p. ENGL 101 | 3 | | |
| SGR #3 | Social Sciences (SGR #3) | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines | 3 | | |
| THEA 135/145 or DANC 135 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA 364 | Literature and History of Theatre II | Spring even | 3 | S | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 16 | | |



Summer

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| THEA 480 | Summer Theatre | At least 3 credits required, may be taken any summer or substituted for an internship. | 1 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 1 | | |

Third Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language. | p. 102 | 3 | | |
| THEA 336/346 or DANC 336 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA 452 | Stage Management | | 3 | | |
| THEA 470 | Portfolio and Resume Building | Capstone | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 13 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| Modern Foreign Language Course | Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language. | p. 201 | 3 | | |
| THEA 336/346 or DANC 336 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA 361 | Literature and History of Theatre I | Spring odd | 3 | S | |
| THEA elective | | | 6 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 16 | | |

Summer

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|---------|----------|-------|
| THEA 480 | Summer Theatre | At least 3 credits required, may be taken any summer or substituted for an internship. | 2 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 2 | | |

Fourth Year

Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Electives | | Taken as needed to reach 120 credits | 3 | | |
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 6 | | |
| THEA 336/346 or DANC 336 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA 351 | Directing | | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 13 | | |

Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---------|----------|-------|
| Electives | | Taken as needed to reach 120 | 6 | | |
| Minor/2 nd Major Course | | | 3 | | |
| THEA 336/346 or DANC 336 | Activity Credits – Acting and Technical OR Dance Activities | Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions. | 1 | | |
| THEA elective | | | 3 | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | | 13 | | |



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 certification

As part of the Theatre major, students in this program must complete/earn:

- a "C" or better in each major course (THEA)
- activities credit each semester to participate in theatre productions.
 - first and second year take at least four activities credits in THEA 135/145 & DANC 135
 - third and fourth year take at least four activities credits in THEA 336/346 & DANC 336
 - a total of four are required: one acting credit, one technical credit, and one dance credit required
 - the fourth can be either acting or technical.
- at least 3 credits of THEA 480 – Summer Theatre; it can be taken any summer or substituted for an internship.

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.