



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/modern-languages-global-studies/mfl-placement-information>. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.