



Bachelor of Science

Major: Communication Studies

Specialization: Speech Education

2024-2025 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.5 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
EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		1		
MCOM 119	First-Year Seminar in Communication and Journalism		2	F	
MCOM 151	Introduction to Mass Communication (SGR #4)	Recommended course OR MCOM 160 Intro to Film	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 205 suggested; Grade of C or higher required	3		
SGR #3	Social Science	PSYC 101 or SOC 100 recommended	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		4		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 201	Interpersonal Communication (SGR #3)		3		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	Choose non-MCOM course	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher required	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 215 or CMST 311	Public Speaking or Business and Professional Speaking		3	F	
CMST 281	Speech and Debate Activities	3 credits required over 2 consecutive semesters	1		
CMST or MCOM Elective			3		
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	SD American Indian Culture and Education (SGR #3)		3		
CMST 281	Speech and Debate Activities	3 credits required over 2 consecutive semesters	2		
CMST 222	Argumentation and Debate		3		
CSMT 491	Independent Study: Forensics Team Management		1		
CMST or MCOM Elective			2		
Natural Science Course		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog	4		
Total Credit Hours			15		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 305	Communication Research		3	F	
CMST 470	Intercultural Communication		3	F/S	

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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



Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts		3		
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I		1		
ENGL 424	7-12 Language Arts Methods	p. Junior class standing	3	F	
MCOM 416	Mass Media and Society		3	F	
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 434	Small Group Communication		3	S	
CMST 465	Capstone in Communication Studies	Capstone	3	S	
CMST or MCOM elective	CMST 476 Teaching Methods, 7-12	suggested	3		
EDFN 352-352L	Teaching and Learning II and Lab	Education program consent required.	5		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	1		
Total Credit Hours			15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453-453L	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	Education program consent required.	7		
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	Education program consent required.	2		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV	p. EDFN 453; c. SEED 456; Education program consent required; Capstone	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](#).

A grade of “C” or better is required in all major courses.

An overall GPA of 2.5 is required to enroll in any education courses.

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 CMST 101, ENGL 101, 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.