**Bachelor of Science** 

Major: Early Childhood Education Specialization: Birth to Age 8 (Grade 3)

2024-2025 Sample 4-Year Plan Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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Student _			Student ID#	Student Phone #	
Advisor _			Minimum GPA	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 <u>Undergraduate Catalog</u>.

# **FIRST YEAR**

## Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIOL 101/L	Biology Survey I and Lab	SGR #6	3		
ECE 150/L	Early Experience and Lab		2		
EHS 119	EHS Seminar		2		
ENGL 101	Composition I	p. Placement, SGR #1	3		
HDFS 210	Lifespan Development	SGR #3	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 101	Foundations of Communication OR Other SGR #2	SGR #2	3		
EPSY 201	The Science of Learning		3		
GEOG 131/L OR	Physical Geography: Weather & Climate and Lab OR	SGR #6	4		
GEOG 132/L	Physical Geography: Natural Landscapes				
MATH 114 or	College Algebra OR	SGR #5	3		
MATH 103	Mathematical Reasoning				
PSYC 101	General Psychology	SGR #3	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

# SECOND YEAR

## Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
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AIS 211	SD American Indian Culture and Education	Teacher certification requirement	3		
EDFN 475	Human Relations		3		
ENGL 201	Composition II	p. ENGL 101, SGR #1	3		
ENGL 240	Juvenile Literature	SGR #4	3		
HDFS 241	Family Relations		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

**Spring** 

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 196	Field Experience: Infants/Toddlers *	*Courses must be taken together	1		
ECE 240	Child Development I: Prenatal to 2*		3		
ECE 241	Child Development II: 3 to 8 Years*		3		
ECE 325	Inclusion and the Diverse Learner		3		
MATH 245	Mathematics for Primary Grades I	Spring Only; p. MATH 103 or higher	3	S	
PHYS 216/L	Physical Science for Early Childhood and Lab	Spring Only	3	S	
	ECE program application - Praxis Core, 2.5 GPA Required	Total Credit Hours	16		

#### THIRD YEAR

#### Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 320/L	Pedagogy and Curriculum and Lab*	*Courses must be taken together	4		
ECE 360/L	Play and Inquiry and Lab*		4		
ECE 455	Administration & Supervision of Early Childhood Settings		3		
MATH 345/L	Mathematics for Primary Grades II	p. MATH 103 or higher	4		
		Total Credit Hours	15		_

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 321	Learner-Centered Assessment*	*Courses must be taken together	3		
ECE 322	Contemporary Curriculum Perspectives*		3		
ECE 412	Kindergarten Education*		2		
ECE 466	Literacy in ECE*		3		
ECE 495	Practicum (Kindergarten)*		1		
EHS 319	Life, Love and Money	Spring/Summer Only	2		
	Take Praxis ECE Content Exam	Total Credit Hours	14		

#### **FOURTH YEAR**

#### Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 470	Inclusion Strategies*	*Courses must be taken together	3		
ECE 471	Foundations of Reading*		3		
ECE 475	Pedagogy and Guidance in ECE*		3		
ECE 488	Student Teaching (PreK-K) *		6		
	Take Praxis PLT Exam	Total Credit Hours	15		

**Spring** 

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECE 441	Professional Issues in ECE*		2		1
ECE 488	Student Teaching (K-3)*		10		
ECE 495	Practicum: SPED		1		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

#### **COMMENTS/NOTES**

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the Honors program requirements.

All semesters starting in Year 2 Spring Semester must follow one another in the sequence shown unless determined otherwise by advisor. ECE courses have to be taken together in the designated semester.

#### **Early Childhood Education Notes**

- A grade of "C" or better is required in PSYC 101, ENGL 101, CMST 101/SGR #2, MATH 114/103, and all major courses with an EDFN, HDFS or ECE prefix. An overall GPA of 2.5 is required to enroll in any education courses.
- Students must meet all GPA Requirements (2.5 for graduation, 2.7 in major courses including ECE, HDFS, and EDFN) and pass the Praxis Core exam to be accepted into the ECE Teacher Education program.
- Students will be required to pass the PRAXIS content and Principles of Teaching and Learning exams to be eligible for teacher certification/educator licensing.
- At beginning of graduation semester, a graduation application must be completed.

### South Dakota Certification requirements

- Completion of an approved bachelor's Early Childhood Education Birth Age 8 preparation program.
- Completion of an approved South Dakota Indian Studies course with a C letter grade or better (i.e. AIS 211 or equivalent)
- Pass the state designated content knowledge test.
- Pass the state designated pedagogy test.
- Completion of a Suicide Awareness and Prevention training, available free online through the South Dakota Department of Education.
- Apply online with the South Dakota Department of Education.

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

Verification of program completion by SDSU Certifying Officer.

<sup>\*</sup>Courses must be taken concurrently in the semester chosen.