



**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major: Psychology**

**2024-2025 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		2		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or Higher is needed	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level.	4		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L suggested	3-4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15-16		

**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		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 101	4		
SGR #5	Mathematics	MATH 103 or higher required	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L suggested	3-4		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16-17		

**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		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 102	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended.	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines.	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15		

**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		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 201	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 101 suggested.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			15		



**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 or MATH 114 or STAT 281 with a C or better)	4	F	
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		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**Spring**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 376-376L	Research Methods II and Lab	p. PSYC 375	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		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			16		

**FOURTH YEAR**

**Fall**

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 409	History & Systems of Psychology	p. PSYC 375; Capstone	3		
Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level recommended	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits	3		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			12		

**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	7-9		
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			13-15		

**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
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level
- a “C” or better in major coursework

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.