



Bachelor of Science

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	Suggested.	2		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
SGR#6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L recommended	3-4		
Total Credit Hours			14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Domain II Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 101 recommended	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	CJUS 201, SOC 100 or HDFS 210 suggested.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	MATH 103 or higher is required	3		
General Electives			3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

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		
Minor/ 2nd Major Courses			6		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

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		
Minor/ 2nd Major Course			3		
Natural Science Elective		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

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, MATH 114 or STAT 281 with a C or better), PSYC 101 recommended as a prerequisite.	4	F	
PSYC Major electives (Domain I-III)					
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		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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



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		
Total Credit Hours			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			3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	3-6		
Total Credit Hours			12-15		

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.	9		
Total Credit Hours			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
- Natural Sciences Coursework: 10+ credits in any two lab sciences; must include two prefixes.
- 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.