



**Bachelor of Science
Major: Sociology
2024-2025 Sample 4-Year Plan**

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____
Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.2 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
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (SGR #3)		3		
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Total Credit Hours			14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 101 suggested	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	Must be a non-SOC course.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Electives			3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 284	Investigating the Social World		3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			6		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			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 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3		
Total Credit Hours			15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 307	Research Methods I		3	F	
SOC 403	Sociological Theory	p. SOC 100 or SOC 150	3	F	
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives			6		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 308	Research Methods II	Recommend preparatory course SOC 307 & SGR #5	3	S	
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	6		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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



Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives			3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	9		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 489	Capstone	p. SOC 307, SOC 308; Capstone	3		
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	9		
Total Credit Hours			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.