



Bachelor of Arts

Major: Theatre

2024-2025 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA 2.0 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 2024

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 101	Composition 1 (SGR #1)	p. Placement	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		
THEA 119	First Year Seminar		2		
THEA 131	Introduction to Acting		3		
THEA 241	Stagecraft		3		
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Spring 2025

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Suggested MATH 103	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 101	4		
THEA 240	Stage Costuming		3		
DANC 131	Movement 1	Odd Springs only	2	S	
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall 2025

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (SGR #6)	Suggested GEOG 132-132L	4		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 102	3		
THEA 250	Play Analysis	Odd Falls only	3	F	
THEA 452	Stage Management	Odd Falls only	3	F	
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			14		

Spring 2026

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #2	Oral Communication	Suggested CMST 101 or CMST 205	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	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		
THEA 364	Literature and History of Theatre II	Even Springs only	3	S	
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Summer 2026

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
THEA 480	Summer Theatre	1 credit minimum required for degree but can be taken for up to 5. No change in coursework for higher credit count. Can be taken any summer or substituted with an internship. THEA 494 – Internship must be 3 credit minimum.	1-5	SU	
Total Credit Hours			1-5		

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



THIRD YEAR

Fall 2026

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (SGR #6)	Suggested GEOG 131-131L	4		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
THEA XXX	Theatre Elective		3		
THEA 470	Portfolio and Resume Building	Capstone; Even Falls only	3	F	
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			14		

Spring 2027

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
THEA 361	Literature and History of Theatre I	Odd Springs only	3	S	
THEA XXX	THEA electives		6		
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			16		

Summer 2027

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
THEA 480	Summer Theatre	1 credit minimum required for degree but can be taken for up to 5. No change in coursework for higher credit count. Can be taken any summer or substituted with an internship. THEA 494 – Internship must be 3 credit minimum.	1-5		
Total Credit Hours			1-5		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall 2027

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			6		
THEA 351	Directing	p. THEA 131, THEA 250	3		
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Total Credit Hours			13		

Spring 2028

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120	9		
Minor/2 nd Major Course			3		
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	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](#).

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 certification

As part of the Theatre major, students in this program must complete/earn:

- a “C” or better in each major course (THEA)
- activities credit each semester to participate in theatre productions.
 - first and second year take at least four 100-level activities credits in THEA 135, THEA 145, and/or DANC 135
 - third and fourth year take at least four 300-level activities credits in THEA 135, THEA 145, and/or DANC 135
 - Over the course of the eight activity credits taken, acting, technical, and dance activity credits must all be represented at least once.
- at least 1 credit of THEA 480 – Summer Theatre; it can be taken any summer or substituted for an internship.
 - If substituted for THEA 494 – Internship, it must be taken for at least 3 credits.

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.

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