South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Accounting
2025-2026 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

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 210	Principles of Accounting I		3		
BADM 101	Introduction to Business		3		
ECON 119	First Year Seminar		1		
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		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences - Civics Requirement	Select from the designated list of courses to fulfill civics requirement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 211	Principles of Accounting II	p. ACCT 210	3		
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics (SGR #3)		3		
MATH 121-121L or MATH 123	Survey of Calculus and Lab (SGR #5) (5cr) or Calculus I (SGR #5) (4cr)	MATH 121: p. MATH 114, 115, 120 or placement MATH 123: p. MATH 115, 120 or placement	4-5		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4).	p. 101	4		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 310	Intermediate Accounting I	p. ACCT 211	3	F	
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics		3		
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics	p. MATH 103 or higher	3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 102	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 311	Intermediate Accounting II	p. ACCT 310	3	S	
BLAW 350	Legal Environment of Business		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 201	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 320	Cost Accounting	p. ACCT 211	3	F	
ECON 301 or ECON 431	Intermediate Microeconomics or Managerial Economics	ECON 301: p. ECON 201, MATH 121 or 123 ECON 431: p. ECON 201, STAT 281	3	F F/S	
MKTG 370	Marketing		3		
ECON 319	Seminar with Industry Leaders		1		
MGMT 360	Organization and Management	Requires C or better	3		
BLAW 351	Business Law	p. BLAW 350	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 430	Income Tax Accounting	p. ACCT 211	3	S	
FIN 310	Business Finance	p. ACCT 211, Requires C or better	3		
ECON 302 or ECON 330	Intermediate Macroeconomics or Money and Banking	ECON 302: p. ECON 202, MATH 121 or 123 ECON 330: p. ECON 201, ECON 202	3	S F/S	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 360	Accounting Systems	p. ACCT 211	3	F	
DSCI 424 or BADM 321	Operations Research or Business Statistics II	DSCI 424 p. STAT 281 or BADM 321 p. STAT 281	3		
HRM 460	Human Resources Management	p. MGMT 360; Requires C or better	3		
CSC/MGMT 325	Management Information Systems	Requires C or better	3		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 450	Auditing	p. ACCT 311	3	S	
BADM 485	Strategic Management	p. FIN 310, BLAW 350, MGMT 360, MKTG 370, Senior Standing and majors only; Requires C or better	3		
ENGL 379	Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201, 277, 283 or 284	3		
General Elective		Taken if needed to reach 120 credits	3		
General Elective		Taken if needed to reach 120 credits	2		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in BADM 485 - Strategic Management, CSC/MGMT 325 - Management Information Systems (COM), FIN 310 - Business Finance (COM), HRM 460 - Human Resource Management (COM), and MGMT 360 - Organization and Management (COM).

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
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level
- This major is excluded from the requirement of one declared minor outside of the major discipline OR a second major OR a teaching specialization.

If a student chooses to double major in two or more majors offered through the Ness School of Management and Economics, each major needs to have at least 15 credits that are distinct from the other major(s).

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/school-american-global-studies/language-placement-information. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.

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