South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Major: Agricultural Business
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ **Student ID#** _____ **Student Phone #** _____

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** _____ **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
BADM 101	Survey of Business		3		
ECON 119	First Year Seminar		1		
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #4	Arts & Humanities (SGR #4)	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (SGR #6)		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AFES 203	Global Food Systems		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)	p. MATH 114, 115, 120 or placement p. MATH 115, 120 or placement	4-5		
SGR #2	Oral Communication (SGR #2)		3		
SGR #4	Arts & Humanities (SGR #4)	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 210	Principles of Accounting I		3		
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics		3		
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)		3		
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics	p. MATH 103 or higher	3		
CAFES course	Select credits with the prefix of: AFES (excluding AFES 203), AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, WL		2-3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 211	Principles of Accounting II	p. ACCT 210	3		
AGEC 354	Agricultural Marketing and Prices	p. ECON 201 or ECON 202	3		
BLAW 350	Legal Environment of Business		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (SGR #6)		3-4		
SGR #3	Social Sciences- Civics Requirement	Select from the designated list of courses to fulfill civics requirement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

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Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECON 301 or ECON 431	Intermediate Microeconomics or Managerial Economics	p. ECON 201, MATH 121 or 123 p. ECON 201, STAT 281	3	F F/S	
ECON 319	Seminar with Industry Leaders		1		
FIN 310	Business Finance	p. ACCT 211; Requires C or better	3		
MGMT 360 or AGEC 371	Organization and Management or Agricultural Business Management	Requires C or better	3		
CAFES course	Select credits with the prefix of: AFES (excluding AFES 203), AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, WL		2-3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC or OM elective	Choose any course with an AGEC or OM prefix	any level (100-400)	3		
CSC 325	Management Information Systems	Requires C or better	3		
ECON 302 or ECON 330	Intermediate Macroeconomics or Money and Banking	p. ECON 202, MATH 121 or 123 p. ECON 201, ECON 202	3	S F/S	
ENGL 379	Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201,277, 283 or 284	3		
MKTG 370	Marketing		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC or OM elective	Choose any course with an AGEC or OM prefix	any level (100-400)	3		
DSCI 424 or BADM 321	Operations Research or Business Statistics II	p. STAT 281 p. STAT 281	3		
HRM 460	Human Resource Management	p. MGMT 360 or AGEC 371; Requires C or better;	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BADM 485	Strategic Management	p. FIN 310, BLAW 350, MGMT 360/AGEC 371, MKTG 370; Senior Standing and majors only; Requires C or better	3		
AGEC 479	Agricultural Policy	p. ECON 201, ECON 202	3		
AGEC or OM elective	Choose any course with an AGEC or OM prefix	any level (100-400)	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

COMMENTS

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

A grade of "C" or better in CSC/MGMT 325 - Management Information Systems, FIN 310 - Business Finance, HRM 460 - Human Resource Management, MGMT 360 - Organization and Management or AGEC 371 – Agricultural Business Management, and BADM 485-Strategic Management

CAFES course: Must complete a minimum of 2 classes (4-6 credits) from the approved subjects within the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (must be different than those used for the major)

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).

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