South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: American Indian and Indigenous Studies
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
AHSS 192	Introduction to American and Global Studies	Suggested	1	F	
AIS 100	Introduction to American Indian and Indigenous Studies		3	F	
AIS/LAKL 101	Introductory Lakota I (SGR #4)	p. Placement	4	F	
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS/LAKL 102	Introductory Lakota II (SGR #4)	p. AIS/LAKL 101	4	S	
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS/LAKL 201	Intermediate Lakota I	p. AIS/LAKL 102	3	F	
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS/LAKL 202	Intermediate Lakota II	p. AIS/LAKL 201	3	S	
AIS Elective Course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Elective		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
AIS elective		300-400 level course recommended	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

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
AIS Elective Course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS Elective Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 490	Seminar	Capstone	3		
AIS Elective Course		Suggested AIS 496 Field Experience	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	6-8		
		Total Credit Hours	12-14		

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
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

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. For Lakota/Dakota/Nakota, contact the School of American and Global Studies for a placement assessment. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.