South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Architecture
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.50 **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
ARCH 101	Drawing Architecture		3	F	
ARCH 241	Construction History (SGR #4)		3	F	
DSGN 121	Design I 2D (SGR #4)		3	F/S	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3	F	
General Elective			3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 250	Design Practice	repeat twice for credit	5	F/S	
DSGN 110	Creative Cognition		3	S	
MATH 120	Trigonometry (SGR #5)	p. MATH 114 or placement	3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3	F/S	
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 is satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirements.	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 250	Design Practice	repeat twice for credit	5	F/S	
DSGN 253	Site Analysis & Surrounding		3	F	
SOD Elective	Cross Disciplinary Experience	See catalog for elective list	3	F/S	
PHYS 111-111L	Introduction to Physics and Lab (SGR #6)		4	F/S	
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	18		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 230	Design Material and Assembly		2	F/S	
ARCH 230L	Design Material and Assembly Lab		1	F/S	
ARCH 255	Building Studio	p. ARCH 250	5	S	
ARCH 255L	Building Lab	p. ARCH 250	2	S	
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3	F/S	
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 is satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirements.	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 354	Research Studio	p. ARCH 250	5	F	
ARCH 354L	Research Lab	p. ARCH 250	2	F	
LA 242	People and the Environment		3	F	
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 355	Building Studio	p. ARCH 250	5	S	
ARCH 355L	Building Lab	p. ARCH 250	2	S	
ARCH 433	Technology of Structure	p. PHYS 111-111L	3	S	
SOD Elective	Cross Disciplinary Experience	See catalog for elective list	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	13		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 402	Reading Architecture	p. ARCH 101	3	F	
ARCH 443	Urban History		3	F	
ARCH 454	Research Studio	p. ARCH 250	5	F	
ARCH 454L	Research Lab	p. ARCH 250	2	F	
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ARCH 401	Writing Architecture	p. ARCH 402	3	S	
ARCH 434	Technology of Systems	p. PHYS 111-111L	3	S	
ARCH 455	Building Studio	p. ARCH 250	5	S	
ARCH 455L	Building Lab	p. ARCH 250	2	S	
DSGN 452	Design Capstone	Capstone	2	S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Architecture students must maintain a major GPA of at least 2.6; overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the duration of the program. A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses with ARCH, ART, ARTE, ARTH, DSGN, GDES, ID and LA prefixes.

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

Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the free modern language placement test at https://www.sdstate.edu/school-american-global-studies/language-placement-information.