SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science
Major: Conservation Planning and Park Management
Specialization: Park Administration and Management
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
BIOL 151-151L	General Biology I and Lab (SGR #6)		4	F/S(I)	
NRM 119	Orientation to Natural Resource Management		2	F	
NRM 221	Introduction to Conservation Planning		3	F Odd	
SGR #2	Oral Communication (SGR #2)	CMST 101 recommended	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences (SGR #3)	Recommended: AIS 211, CMST 201, ECON 201, GEOG 111, 200, PHIL 102, POL 100, 102, 210, PSYC 101, SOC 100, 150, 240; two disciplines needed	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CHEM 106-106L	Chemistry Survey and Lab (SGR #6)	p. Math placement	4	F/S	
MATH 114	College Algebra (SGR #5)	p. Placement	3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Composition (SGR #1)	p. Placement, ENGL 101 rec.	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences (SGR #3) – Civics Requirement	Select from the designated list of courses to fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (SGR #4)	Two different disciplines or a sequence of foreign language courses	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

SECOND YEAR

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NRM 230	Natural Resource Management Techniques	1 week summer course in person	2	SU	
		Total Credit Hours	2		

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GEOG 131-131L or GEOG 132-132L	Physical Geography: Weather and Climate and Lab or Physical Geography: Natural Landscapes and Lab		4	F/S/ SU	
NRM 276	Scientific Communications		1	F/S	
NRM 311	Principles of Ecology	p. BIOL 151 or 153	3	F	
NRM 321	Park Interpretation		3	F Even	
SGR #1	Written Composition (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
General Elective	Select from any discipline to reach 120 total credits		3		
NRM 300	Laws and Policies in Natural Resource Management		3	S	
RANG 321	Wildland Ecosystems		3	S Odd	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (SGR #4)	Two different disciplines or a sequence of foreign language courses	3		
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics	p. MATH 103 or higher	3	F/S/SU	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BOT 301-301L or BOT 405-405L or BOT 419-419L	Plant Systematics Grasses and Grasslike Plants and Lab Plant Ecology and Lab	p. BIOL 151 or 153 p. BIOL 101 or 151 p. BIOL 153 or BOT 201; Cross-Listed: RANG 419/L	3	S F F Even	
GEOG 372-372L	Intro to GIS and Lab		3	F/S/SU	
General Elective	Select from any discipline to reach 120		3		
RANG 374-374L	Habitat Conservation and Management and Lab	Sophomore standing or higher	4	F	
RECR 415	Sport and Recreation Facility Management		3	F	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 210	Principles of Accounting I		3	F/S/SU	
BOT 303-303L or HO 339	Forest Ecology and Management and Lab or Arboriculture and Urban Forestry	Cross-Listed: HO 303/L Cross-Listed: PS 339	3	F S	
General Elective	Select from any discipline to reach 120 total credits		3		
PS 213-213L	Soils and Lab	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	3	F/S	
Choose one: MGMT 360 or BLAW 350 or HRM 460 or CM 216	 Organization and Management or Legal Environment of Business or Human Resource Management or Construction Methods and Materials	 p. MGMT 360 or AGEC 371 p. MATH 103 or 114	3	 F/S/SU F/S/SU F/S/SU F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
General Elective	Select from any discipline to reach 120 total credits		6		
LDR 435	Organizational Leadership and Team Development	Junior standing	3	F/S	
GEOG 365	Land Use and Planning		3	F/S/SU	
Choose one: MGMT 360 or BLAW 350 or HRM 460 or CM 216	 Organization and Management or Legal Environment of Business or Human Resource Management or Construction Methods and Materials	 p. MGMT 360 or AGEC 371 p. MATH 103 or 114	3	 F/S/SU F/S/SU F/S/SU F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
General Elective	Select from any discipline to reach 120 total credits		3		
Choose one: MGMT 360 or BLAW 350 or HRM 460 or CM 216	 Organization and Management or Legal Environment of Business or Human Resource Management or Construction Methods and Materials	 p. MGMT 360 or AGEC 371 p. MATH 103 or 114	3	 F/S/SU F/S/SU F/S/SU F/S	
NRM 485	Integrated Natural Resource Management	Senior Standing	3	S	
WL 430	Human Dimensions in Natural Resource Management	p. NRM 230, NRM 311 and STAT 281	3	S	
		Total Credit Hours	12		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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