South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Economics
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
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics (SGR #3)		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 #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4).	p. 101	4		
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 #1	Written Communication	p. placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 210	Principles of Accounting I		3		
BADM 101	Survey of Business		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 102	3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 211	Principles of Accounting II	p. ACCT 210	3		
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	p. ECON 202, MATH 121 or 123	3	S	
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 201	3		
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics	p. MATH 103 or higher	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences - Civics Requirement	Select from the designated list of courses to fulfill civics requirement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECON elective		Choose any level ECON prefix class	3		
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	p. ECON 201, MATH 121 or 123	3	F	
ECON 319	Seminar with Industry Leaders		1		
ECON 330	Money and Banking	p. ECON 201, ECON 202	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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
AGEC, ECON or FIN elective		Choose 300+ level AGEC, ECON, or FIN prefix class	3		
ECON 428	Mathematical Economics	p. MATH 121 or MATH 123 p. or c. ECON 301, ECON 302	3	S	
ECON elective		Choose 300+ level ECON prefix class	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECON 423	Introduction to Econometrics	p. ECON 201 or 202, MATH 121 or higher, STAT 281, (recommend ECON 428)	3	F	
ECON 433 or ECON 413 or AGEC 479	Public Finance or Macroeconomic Policy or Agricultural Policy	ECON 433 p. ECON 201, ECON 202 ECON 413 p. ECON 202 AGEC 479 p. ECON 201, ECON 202	3	F F F/S	
ENGL 379	Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201, 277, 283 or 284	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ECON 485	Economics Capstone	p. ECON 301, ECON 302, ECON 423 & ECON 428, Senior Standing and majors only; Requires C or better	3		
AGEC, ECON or FIN elective		Choose 300+ level AGEC, ECON, or FIN prefix class	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

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 ECON 485 – Economics Capstone.

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

If a student chooses to double major in two majors offered through the Ness School of Management and Economics, the second major needs to have at least 15 credits that are distinct from the first major.

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.