SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts
Major: English
Specialization: English Education
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.5 **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
ENGL 101	English Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
ENGL 151	Introduction to English Studies	Required during first year of program.	3	F	
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 #3		SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines: one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 283	Introduction to Creative Writing	p. ENGL 101	3		
ENGL 284	Introduction to Criticism (SGR #1)	Required during first year of program.	3	S	
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4).	p. 101	4		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education (SGR#3)		3		
EDFN 102	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		3		
ENGL 221	British Literature to 1800	p. ENGL 101	3	F	
ENGL 241	American Literature to 1865	p. ENGL 101	3	F	
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 102	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 222	British Literature since 1800	p. ENGL 101	3	S	
ENGL 242	American Literature since 1865	p. ENGL 101	3	S	
ENGL 383	Creative Writing	p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284	3	S	
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 201	3		
HIST 111 and HIST 112 or HIST 121 and HIST 122	World Civilization I and World Civilization II or Western Civilization I and Civilization II	Select either the World or Western Civilization sequence. Complete one course this semester.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts		3		
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I		1		
ENGL 445	American Indian Literature		3	F	
ENGL 479	Capstone Course and Writing in the Discipline	p. ENGL 151; Capstone	3	F	
SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352	Teaching and Learning II	Education program consent required.	3		
ENGL 240	Juvenile Literature		3		
ENGL 330	Shakespeare	p. ENGL 101, ENGL 201, ENGL 283, or ENGL 284	3	S	
LING 203		p. ENGL 101	3	S	
HIST 111 and HIST 112 or HIST 121 and HIST 122	World Civilization I and World Civilization II or Western Civilization I and Civilization II	Select either the World or Western Civilization sequence. Complete 1 course this semester.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	17		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453- 453L	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	Education program consent required.	7		
ENGL 424	7-12 Language Arts Methods		3	F	
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	Education program consent required.	2		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV	p. EDFN 453; c. SEED 456; Education program consent required; Capstone	11		
SEED 456	Capstone/Action Research	c. EDFN 454	1		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Teacher Education Program Progression Requirements

Acceptance into Teacher Education

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA in the academic major of 2.6 is required.
- Completion of program application and professional licensure location form.

Acceptance into Residency I

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis content exam.
- The teacher candidate is also required to complete a criminal background check with field placements, a TB test with negative reading, and CPR and first aid certification.

Acceptance into Residency II

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis PLT exam.

Academic Requirements

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- A grade of "C" or better is required in academic major coursework (classes with ENGL or LING prefix).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.

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

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- a minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-level

Certification and Licensure

- Completion of an approved teacher preparation program.
- Completion of an approved South Dakota Indian studies course.
- Pass the state designated content knowledge test or 2.7 GPA in content major coursework.
- Pass the state designated pedagogy test.
- Apply online with the South Dakota Department of Education.
- Written recommendation from institution of higher education (SDSU) verifying program completion.

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.