South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: English
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
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
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		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
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 #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
ENGL Elective			3		
ENGL 221	British Literature to 1800	p. ENGL 101	3	F	
ENGL 241	American Literature to 1865	p. ENGL 101	3	F	
HIST 111 and HIST 112 or HIST 121 and HIST 122	World Civilization I and World Civilization II or Western Civilization I and Western Civilization II	Select the World or Western Civilization sequence. Complete one course this semester.	3		
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	
HIST 111 and HIST 112 or HIST 121 and HIST 122	World Civilization I and World Civilization II or Western Civilization I and Western Civilization II	Select the World or Western Civilization sequence. Complete one course this semester.	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language.	p. 201	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 300-400 Level Courses			6		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines: one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 300-400 Level Course			3		
ENGL Major Course		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
LING 203		p. ENGL 101	3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 379 or ENGL 383	Technical Communications or Creative Writing	p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284 ENGL 383 (spring only)	3	F/S/SU S	
ENGL 300-400 Level Course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended.	6		
ENGL 479	Capstone Course and Writing in the Discipline	p. ENGL 151; Capstone	3	F	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended.	6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits.	3-5		
		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.

Academic Requirements

To count toward the major, courses must be passed with a minimum grade of "C." Topics courses may only fulfill the specific requirements when approved by the school. All sections of ENGL 210 count as a major elective.

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. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test