South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science
Major: English
Specialization: Writing
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	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	Courses taken to meet this requirement must be from two different disciplines or a sequence of courses in modern languages.	3-4		
General Electives			3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

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	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	Courses taken to meet this requirement must be from two different disciplines or a sequence of courses in modern languages.	3-4		
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	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL Elective			3		
ENGL 221 or ENGL 241	British Literature to 1800 or 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		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
Natural Sciences	AHSS BS Science Requirement	See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog	3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 222 or ENGL 242	British Literature since 1800 or American Literature since 1865	p. ENGL 101	3	F	
ENGL 379	Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284	3		
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		
ENGL or LING Elective	English or Linguistics Elective		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

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
ENGL 300-400 Level Literature Course		p. ENGL 101	3		
ENGL Writing Course			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines: one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
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 Literature Course			3		
ENGL 383	Creative Writing	p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284	3	S	
LING 203	English Grammar	p. ENGL 101	3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended.	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL Writing Course		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		
ENGL Writing Course		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper level credits.	3-5		
		Total Credit Hours	9-14		

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
- 10 + credits in Natural Sciences including two lab science courses and courses in at least two prefixes

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.