# South Dakota State University

**Bachelor of Arts**
**Major: French Studies**
**Specialization: Teaching**
**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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AHSS 192 | Introduction to American and Global Studies | Suggested | 1 | F | |
| ENGL 101 | Composition I (SGR #1) | p. Placement | 3 | | |
| FREN 101 | Introductory French I (SGR #4) | Take placement exam to determine proper proficiency level; FREN 101 does not count towards the major | 4 | F | |
| SGR #3 | Social Sciences | SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; must fulfill civics requirement | 3 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Science | | 3-4 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 14-15 | | |

### Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AIS 211 | SD American Indian Culture and Education (SGR#3) | | 3 | | |
| FREN 102 | Introductory French II (SGR #4) | p. FREN 101 | 4 | S | |
| SGR #2 | Oral Communication | | 3 | | |
| SGR #5 | Mathematics | p. Placement | 3 | | |
| SGR #6 | Natural Sciences | | 3-4 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 16-17 | | |

## SECOND YEAR

### Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SGR #1 | Written Communication | p. ENGL 101 | 3 | | |
| FREN 201 | Intermediate French I | p. FREN 102 | 3 | F | |
| Minor/2nd Major Courses | | | 9 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 15 | | |

### Spring

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 102 | Introduction to Education | | 3 | | |
| FREN 202 | Intermediate French II | p. FREN 201 | 3 | S | |
| SPED 100 | Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities | | 3 | | |
| Minor/2nd Major Courses | | | 6 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 16 | | |

### Summer

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FREN 310 | French Language Skills | p. FREN 202 | 3 | Su | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 3 | | |

## THIRD YEAR

### Fall

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 340 | Adolescent Development in Education Contexts | | 3 | | |
| EDFN 351 | Teaching and Learning I | | 1 | | |
| FREN 333 | Topics in Francophone Culture | p. FREN 202 | 3 | F | |
| FREN 433 | French Culture and Civilization | p. FREN 310 or instructor's permission | 3 | F | |
| FREN Elective | | | 3-6 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 13-16 | | |

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

**Spring**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EDFN 352 | Teaching and Learning II | Education program consent required | 3 | | |
| FREN Elective | | | 6 | | |
| Minor/2nd Major Courses | Minor/2nd Major Courses | | 3 | | |
| MFL 420 | K-12 Foreign Language Methods | | 3 | S | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 15 | | |

**Summer**

| Prefix + Number | Course Title | Prerequisites/Comments | Credits | Semester | Grade |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FREN 385/494 or FREN 496 | International Internship or Study Abroad | Study abroad experience. Students may also choose to study abroad for one semester or year and may also transfer upper-division core courses taken abroad. You should talk to your French advisor early on to plan your study abroad experience. | 3-6 | | |
| | | **Total Credit Hours** | 3-6 | | |

## 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 | | |
| FREN Elective | | | 3 | | |
| SEED 450 | 7-12 Reading and Content Literacy | | 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 | 11 | | |
| SEED 456 | Capstone/Action Research | c. EDFN 454; Education program consent required | 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.

### 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.

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

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As part of the French Studies major, students in this program must complete:

- Major Requirements 22 credits
  - FREN 102 - Introductory French II - 4 Credits
  - FREN 201 - Intermediate French I - 3 Credits
  - FREN 202 - Intermediate French II - 3 Credits
  - FREN 310 - French Language Skills - 3 Credits
  - FREN 333 - Topics in Francophone Culture - 3 Credits
  - FREN 433 - French Culture and Civilization - 3 Credits
  - MFL 420 - K-12 Foreign Language Methods - 3 Credits
- Major Electives 14 credits
  Language, Culture, and Professional Skills. Select from the following courses.
  - FREN 211 - Intermediate Oral Practice I - 2-3 Credits
  - FREN 350 - Business Communications in French - 3 Credits
  - FREN 353 - Exploring Literature in French - 3 Credits
  - FREN 385 - Travel Study Abroad Francophone - 1-6 Credits
  - FREN 392 - Topics - 3 Credits
  - FREN 491 - Independent Study - 1-3 Credits
  - FREN 492 - Topics -1-3 Credits
  - FREN 496 - Field Experience - 1-6 Credits
- Additional credits from travel or field experience
  Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a French-speaking country.
- Oral Proficiency Interview
  An official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) certified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is required of all students majoring in French Studies. A minimum ranking of Advanced Low is the target for majors with a teaching specialization.

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 https://www.sdstate.edu/school-american-global-studies/language-placement-information. Once a student passes a higher-level course with a grade of C or better, students can be granted credit for FREN 101 and up to 202 for a nominal fee. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test and register for the appropriate course according to their language proficiency level.