South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: German
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
AHSS 192	Intro to American & Global Studies	Suggested	2		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
GER 101	Introductory German I (SGR #4)	Take placement exam to determine proficiency level; GER 101 is not included in the major	4	F	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER 102	Introductory German II (SGR #4)	p. GER 101	4	S	
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		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER 201	Intermediate German I	p. GER 102	3	F	
Minor/2nd Major Courses		Double major encouraged	6		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER 202	Intermediate German II	p. GER 201	3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Courses			9		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER 310	Practical German Language Skills	p. GER 202	3		
GER Elective		Literature Culture and Civilization Elective recommended	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

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
GER 330	Reading and Writing for Communication	Suggested elective; p. GER 310	3		
GER Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	0-3		
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER 494	Internship	Recommended study abroad experience	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	3-6		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER Elective		Language and Professional Skills Elective recommended	3		
GER Elective		Elective suggested to meet career goals	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GER Elective		Elective suggested to meet career goals	0-3		
GLST 489	Capstone Intercultural Competencies	Capstone	3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

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
- a grade of C or better in all major coursework
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

As part of the German major, students in this program must complete 21 upper-division elective credits.

- Language and Professional Skills Electives (minimum 1 from this section)
  - GER 330 Reading and Writing for Communication 3 Credits
  - GER 350 German for Commerce
  - GER 444 German Culture and Language in Translation
  - GER 492 Topics (when topic is advanced language or professional skills) 2-3 Credits
  - GER 494 Internship 1-3 Credits
  - GER 496 Field Experience 1-6 Credits
- Literature Culture and Civilization Electives (minimum 1 from this section)
  - GER 353 Introduction to German Literature 3 Credits
  - GER 380 Deutschland Heute 3 Credits
  - GER 435 German Cultural History 3 Credits
  - GER 454 Survey of German Literature II 3 Credits
  - GER 455 German Film 3 Credits
  - GER 492 Topics 2-3 Credits (when topics is literature cultures and/or civilization)
- Additional credits from travel or field experience
  - All majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a German-speaking country in order to complete elective credits.

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. Once student passes a higher-level course with a grade of C or better, students can be granted credit for GER 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.