South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture
Major: Landscape Architecture
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.50 **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
LA 101	Ecology and the Built Environment		3	F	
LA 132	Seeing and Drawing the Land		3	F	
DSGN 121	Design I 2D (SGR #4)		3	F/S	
BIOL 101-101L	Biology Survey and Lab (SGR #6)		3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3	F/S	
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Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 231	Digital Drafting and Mapping		2	S	
DSGN 110	Creative Thinking		3	S	
GDES 101	Computer Graphics		3	F/S	
MATH 114	College Algebra (SGR #5)	p. Placement	3	F/S	
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	14		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 242	People and the Environment		3	F	
DSGN 253	Site Analysis & Surrounding		3	F	
HO 255-255L	Woody Plants and Lab	p. HO 111 or BIOL 101	4	F	
GEOG 372-372L	Introduction to GIS & Lab		3	F/S	
General Elective			3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 252	Site Planning	p. LA 253	4	S	
LA 331	Landscape Architecture Site Engineering	p. LA 252	3	S	
ARCH 230-230L	Design Material and Assembly & Lab		3	F/S	
SOD Elective	Cross Disciplinary Experience	See catalog for elective list	3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
DSGN 482 *or* LA 494 *or* LA 498	Travel Studies *or* Internship *or* Undergraduate Research/Scholarship	DSGN 482: p. LA 242 or consent	3	SU SU F/S/SU	
		Total Credit Hours	3		

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
LA 341	Public and Social Place Design	p. LA 252	3	F	
LA 352	Planting and Ecological Design	p. LA 252	4	F	
SOD Elective	Cross Disciplinary Experience	See catalog for elective list	3	F/S	
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 is satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirements.	3	F/S	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 332	Landscape Architecture Construction Detailing	p. LA 252	3	S	
LA 342	City Planning	p. LA 252	3	S	
LA 351	Community and Housing Design	p. LA 252	4	S	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	Choose non-ART, ARTH or DSGN course	3	F/S	
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 is satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirements.	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 431	Landscape Architecture Construction Processes	p. LA 332	3	F	
LA 442	Professional Development	p. LA 342	2	F	
LA 451	Urban Design Studio	p. LA 352	4	F	
Technical Elective		See catalog for elective list	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	12		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
LA 441	Recreation Design	p. LA 342	3	S	
LA 452	Capstone Studio	p. LA 451, Capstone	4	S	
DSGN 452	Design Capstone		2	S	
Technical Elective		See catalog for elective list	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	12		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Landscape Architecture students must maintain a major GPA of at least 2.6; overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for the duration of the program. A grade of "C" or better is required in all courses with ARCH, ART, ARTE, ARTH, DSGN, GDES, ID and LA prefixes.

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

Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the free modern language placement test at https://www.sdstate.edu/school-american-global-studies/language-placement-information.