SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science
Major: Natural Resource Law Enforcement
2025-2026 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** _____ **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
BIOL 151-151L	General Biology I and Lab (SGR #6)		4	F/S(I)	
CJUS 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice		3	F/S(I)	
NRM 119	Orientation to Natural Resource Management		2	F	
SGR #2	Oral Communication (SGR #2)	CMST 101 recommended	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics (SGR #5)	p. Placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BOT 201-201L or BOT 405-405L or BOT 419-419L or PS 255-255L	General Botany and Lab (3cr) or Grasses and Grasslike Plants and Lab (3cr) or Plant Ecology and Lab (3cr) or Woody Plants and Lab (4cr)	p. BIOL 101/L or BIOL 151/L p. BIOL 101/L or BIOL 151/L p. BIOL 153/L or BOT 201/L; Cross-Listed: RANG 419-419L p. HO 111 or BIOL 101/L for PS 255	3-4	S F F Even F	
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. Placement, ENGL 101 rec.	3		
SGR #3	Select from: SOC 100, SOC 150, SOC 240 (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities, recommended: PHIL 100, PHIL 220, MCOM 151, SPAN 101, or SPAN 102	Two different disciplines or a sequence of foreign language courses	3		
WL 220	Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries Management		3	S	
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NRM 230	Natural Resource Management Techniques	1 week summer course in person	2	SU	
		Total Credit Hours	2		

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CHEM 106-106L	Chemistry Survey and Lab (SGR #6)	p. MATH 101 or higher	4	F/S	
NRM 276	Scientific Communications		1	F/S	
NRM 311	Principles of Ecology	p. BIOL 151/L or BIOL 153/L	3	F	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	See recommendations above	3		
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics	p. MATH 103 or higher	3	F/S/SU	
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CJUS 334	Criminal Investigation		3	F(I)/S	
NRM 300	Laws and Policies in Natural Resource Management		3	S	
PS 213-213L	Soils and Lab	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
WL 355-355L	Mammalogy and Lab	p. BIOL 151/L or BIOL153/L	4	S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3	Social Sciences (SGR #3) – Civics Requirement	Select from the designated list of courses to fulfill civics requirement	3		
NRLE Emphasis Elective	Regulation, Law and Policy Emphasis from: AGEC 352, CJUS 203, POLS 210, 225, 337, PUBR 243, SOC 350, 354, 455 OR Natural Resource Science Emphasis from: BIOL 373, EES 430, NRM 350, NRM 410, NRM 450/L, 464, 482/L, RANG 421, WL 415/L, 417/L, 419/L, 427/L, or 431/L	Consult catalog and with advisor for pre-requisites and semester offerings, 9 cr total required from one area	3		
SOC 351	Criminology	p. SOC 100 or SOC 150	3	F/S(I)	
WL 367-367L	Ichthyology and Lab	p. BIOL 151/L or BIOL 153/L	3	F	
WL 420	Wildlife Law Enforcement	p. NRM 230, NRM 311 and STAT 281	3	F	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CJUS 338 or SOC 325	Constitutional Law: Civil Rights and Liberties or Domestic and Intimate Violence	Cross-Listed: POLS 338 Cross-Listed: WMST 325	3	F/S F/SU(I)	
CJUS 431	Criminal Law		3	F/S	
NRLE Emphasis Elective	Regulation, Law and Policy Emphasis or Natural Resource Science Emphasis	See lists above	3		
WL 363-363L	Ornithology and Lab	p. BIOL 151/L or BIOL 153/L	4	S	
WL 412-412L	Principles of Fisheries Management and Lab	p. NRM 230, NRM 276, NRM 311 and STAT 281	3	S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

FOURTH YEAR

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NRM 476	Law Enforcement Techniques for Natural Resource Officers	p. WL 420; 1 week summer course in person	3	SU	
		Total Credit Hours	3		

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
General Elective	Take as needed to reach 120 total credit hours		2		
NRM 475-475L	Natural Resource Law Enforcement Investigations and Report Writing and Lab	p. WL 420	3	F	
RANG 374-374L	Habitat Conservation and Management and Lab	Sophomore standing or higher	4	F	
WL 411-411L	Principles of Wildlife Management and Lab	p. NRM 230, NRM 276, NRM 311, and STAT 281	3	F	
		Total **Credit Hours**	12		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CJUS 412	Criminal Prosecution and Defense		3	F/S	
GEOG 372-372L	Introduction to GIS and Lab		3	F/S/SU	
NRLE Emphasis Elective	Regulation, Law and Policy Emphasis OR Natural Resource Science Emphasis	See above for list of courses	3		
WL 430	Human Dimensions in Natural Resource Management	p. NRM 230, NRM 311, and STAT 281	3	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.