South Dakota State University

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

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.2 **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	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 101 suggested	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Electives			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended	3		
SOC 284	Investigating the Social World		3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3		
SOC Elective			3		
Minor/2nd Major Class			3		
Natural Science elective		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 307	Research Methods I		3	F	
SOC 403	Sociological Theory	p. SOC 100 or SOC 150	3	F	
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives			6		
		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
SOC 308	Research Methods II	Recommend preparatory course SOC 307 & SGR #5	3	S	
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	6		
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Class		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 489	Capstone	p. SOC 307, SOC 308; Capstone	3		
SOC Elective		300-400 level course recommended.	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Academic Requirements

- A minimum GPA of 2.2.
- A grade of C or better in all SOC courses.
- SOC courses applied to the Sociology major requirements (including the required 15 credit core and 18 credit SOC/ANTH electives) may not be applied to the Criminal Justice minor.

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
- Natural Sciences Coursework: 10+ credits in any two lab sciences; must include 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.