South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science
Major: Sociology
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
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested	2		
EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		1		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (SGR #3)		3		
SOC 284	Investigating the Social World		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education		3		
SGR#2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
SOC Elective		SOC 282 or SOC 283 recommended	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 201	Composition II (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or 2 classes from a modern language sequence.	3		
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SOC 307	Research Methods I	Recommended preparatory course: SGR #5	3	F	
SOC Elective		SOC 150 recommended	3		
		Total Credit Hours	18		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SOC 308	Research Methods II	Recommended preparatory courses: SOC 307 & SGR #5	3	S	
SOC Elective			3		
Natural Science Elective		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts		3		
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I		1		
SOC 403	Sociological Theory	p. SOC 100 or 150	3	F	
SOC Electives		300-400 level course recommended.	6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352-352L	Teaching and Learning II and Lab	Education program consent required.	5		
SOC 489	Capstone	p. SOC 307, SOC 308; Capstone	3		
SOC Elective			3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits.	6		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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		
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	Education program consent required.	2		
SEED 415	7-12 Social Science Methods		3		
		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; Capstone	11		
SEED 456	Capstone/Action Research	c. EDFN 454	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.

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

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.

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.

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