South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Spanish
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
AHSS 192	Introduction to American and Global Studies	Suggested	1	F	
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; course must fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		4		
SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I (SGR #4)	p. SPAN 102; Take placement exam to determine proficiency level. Heritage speakers of Spanish may begin instead with SPAN 315 - Spanish for Heritage Speakers (fall only) upon approval.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II (SGR #4)	p. SPAN 201	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN 310	Conversation and Culture for Proficiency	p. SPAN 202; Heritage speakers of Spanish may take SPAN 315 (fall only) in lieu of SPAN 310 upon approval. SPAN 330 may also be taken concurrently. Consult with your Spanish advisor.	3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
EDFN 102	Introduction to Education		3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		Optional minor/double major encouraged	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities		3		
SPAN 330	Reading and Writing for Communication	p. SPAN 310; May also be taken concurrently with SPAN 310	3		
SPAN Electives		See note below for Spanish elective course requirements for the Spanish Teaching Specialization	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts		3		

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Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 351	Teaching and Learning I		1		
SPAN Electives		See note below for Spanish elective course requirements for the Spanish Teaching Specialization	6-9		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352	Teaching and Learning II	Education program consent required	3		
MFL 420	K-12 Foreign Language Methods		3	S	
SPAN Electives		See note below for Spanish elective course requirements for the Spanish Teaching Specialization	3-6		
General Electives			3		
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN 396/496 Or SPAN 494	International Internship or Study Abroad	Study abroad experience. Students may also choose to study abroad for one semester or year and may also transfer upper-division core courses taken abroad. You should talk to your Spanish advisor early on to plan your study abroad experience.	4-12		
		Total Credit Hours	4-12		

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		
SPAN Electives		See note below for Spanish elective course requirements for the Spanish Teaching Specialization	0-3		
General Electives			0-3		
SEED 450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy		2		
		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; Education program consent required	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.

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.

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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 SPAN or MFL 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
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-level

Students pursuing a major in Spanish with Teacher Specialization must complete:

- Major Core: 12 credits
- Major Electives: 24 credits, 15 of which must be at the 300 and 400 level.
  - The Spanish Teaching Specialization requires 24 credits from the following 3 elective categories:
    - Advanced Language/Linguistics Electives: 3+ credits, or minimum one course;
    - Literature and Culture Electives: 12+ credits, or minimum four courses;
    - Applied and Experiential Learning Electives 0-9 credits
- Oral Proficiency Interview
  An official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) certified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is required of all students majoring in Spanish. A minimum ranking of Advanced Low is the target for majors with a teaching specialization.

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 a student passes a higher-level course (except conversation) with a grade of C or better, students can be granted credit for SPAN 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.