South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Fine Arts
Major: Studio Art
Specialization: Ceramics
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
ART 111	Drawing I		3	F	
MCOM 265	Basic Photography		3	F/S	
DSGN 121	Design I 2D		3	F	
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. Placement	3	F/S	
General Electives			3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 112	Drawing II	p. ART 111	3	S	
ART 122	Design II Color		3	F/S	
ART 123	Three-Dimensional Design		3	S	
DSGN 110	Creative Thinking		3	S	
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 251	Ceramics I		3	F/S	
ART 231	Painting I		3	F/S	
ARTH 211	History of World Art I (SGR #4)		3	F	
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3	F/S	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 201	First Review	p. ART 112, DSGN 121, ART 122, ART 123 (or four Studio Arts studios)	1	S	
ART 241	Sculpture I		3	F/S	
ART 281	Printmaking I		3	F/S	
ARTH 212	History of World Art II		3	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	Travel Studies		1		
		Total Credit Hours	1		

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 351	Ceramics II	p. ART 251	3	F/S	
ARTH 320	Modern Art and Architecture	p. ARTH 212 (every other fall semester)	3	F	
GDES 101	Computer Graphics		3	F/S	
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	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 211	Drawing III: Figurative	p. ART 111 (every other spring)	3	S	
ART 301	Second Review	p. ART 201	1	S	
ART 352	Ceramics III	p. ART 351	3	F/S	
ART 3XX	300 Level Studio Elective	Not to include 3xx level ceramics	3	F/S	
ARTH 490	Seminar: History of Modern Art and Design		3	S	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	16		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 3XX	300 Level Studio Elective	Not to include 3XX level ceramics	3	F/S	
ART 451	Ceramics IV	p. ART 352	3	F/S	
ART/ARTH/GDES	SOD Elective	ART/ARTH/GDES/AHSS 110	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 #4	Arts and Humanities	Choose non-ART, ARTH or DSGN course	3	F/S	
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ART 212	Drawing IV: Mixed Media	(every other spring semester)	3	S	
ART 401	Thesis Exhibition	Capstone	1	F/S	
ART 453	Ceramics V	p. ART 451	3	F/S	
DSGN 452	Design Capstone		2	S	
General Electives	Taken as needed to reach 120 credits		3		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

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

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.

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