South Dakota State University

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

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.0 **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
ENGL 101	Composition 1 (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level.	4		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	Suggested CMST 101 or CMST 205	3		
THEA 119	First Year Seminar		2	FA	
THEA 131	Introduction to Acting		3		
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	p. 101	4		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Suggested MATH 103	3		
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
THEA 240	Stage Costuming		3	SP	
THEA 364	Literature of History and Theatre II	Even Springs only	3	SP	
		Total Credit Hours	17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 102	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
THEA 241	Stagecraft		3	FA	
THEA XXX	THEA elective		3		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
DANC 131	Movement Theory	Odd Springs only	2	SP	
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 201	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
THEA 135/145 or DANC 135	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
THEA 361	Literature and History of Theatre I	Odd Springs only	3	SP	
Minor/ 2nd Major Course			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
THEA 480	Summer Theatre	Only one summer needed. Can be any summer. 1 credit minimum required for degree but can be taken for up to 5. No change in coursework for higher credit count. Can be substituted with internship. THEA 494 – Internship must be 3 credit minimum.	1-5	SU	
		Total Credit Hours	1-5		

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THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 131-131L	3-4		
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
THEA 452	Stage Management	Odd Falls only	3	FA	
THEA XXX	Theatre Elective		3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6	Natural Sciences	Suggested GEOG 132-132L	3-4		
THEA 250	Play Analysis	Even Springs only	3	SP	
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
THEA XXX	THEA electives		3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
THEA 480	Summer Theatre	Only one summer needed. Can be any summer. 1 credit minimum required for degree but can be taken for up to 5. No change in coursework for higher credit count. Can be substituted with internship. THEA 494 – Internship must be 3 credit minimum.	1-5	SU	
		Total Credit Hours	1-5		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
THEA 351	Directing	p. THEA 131, THEA 250	3	FA	
THEA 470	Portfolio and Resume Building	Capstone; Even Falls only	3	FA	
Minor/2nd Major/ Elective Courses		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
THEA 336/346 or DANC 336	Activity Credits – Acting, Technical or Dance Activities	Take at least one each semester to participate in theatre productions.	1		
Minor/2nd Major/ Elective Courses		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	12		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

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 certification

As part of the Theatre major, students in this program must complete/earn:

- a "C" or better in each major course (THEA)
- activities credit each semester to participate in theatre productions.
  - First and second year take at least four 100-level activities credits in THEA 135, THEA 145, and/or DANC 135
  - Third and fourth year take at least four 300-level activities credits in THEA 135, THEA 145, and/or DANC 135
  - Over the course of the eight activity credits taken, acting, technical, and dance activity credits must all be represented at least once.
- at least 1 credit of THEA 480 – Summer Theatre; it can be taken any summer or substituted for an internship.
  - If substituted for THEA 494 – Internship, it must be taken for at least 3 credits.

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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