SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science
Major: Agricultural Education, Communication and Leadership
Specialization: Leadership
2026-2027 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

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

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** _____ **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
AGED 119	First Year Seminar		2	F	
BIOL 101-101L	Biology Survey I and Lab (SGR #6)		3	F/S	
SGR #2	Oral Communication (SGR #2)		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences (SGR #3) – Civics Requirement	Select from the designated list of courses to fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (SGR #4)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AS 101-101L	Introduction to Animal Science and Lab	Fall semester is for AnSci majors only	4	F/S	
PS 103-103L	Crop Production and Lab	Fall semester is for Agron majors	3	F/S	
LDR 210	Foundations of Leadership		3	F/S	
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics (SGR #5)	p. Placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AFES 203	Global Food Systems (SGR #3)		3	F/S	
CHEM 106-106L	Chemistry Survey and Lab (SGR #6)	p. MATH placement	4	F/S	
LMNO 201	Introduction to Leadership and Management of Nonprofit Organizations		3	F	
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. ENGL 101	3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Agricultural Elective	Select from: AFES, AGEC, AGED, AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, or WL.	Check for pre-requisites	3		
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics (SGR #3)		3	F/S/SU	
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (SGR #4)	p. PHIL 220 recommended	3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
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		Total Credit Hours	15		

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Agricultural Elective	Select from: AFES, AGEC, AGED, AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, or WL.	Check for pre-requisites	3		
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics (SGR #3)	Need both ECON 201 and ECON 202 as pre-req for AGEC 479	3	F/S/SU	
LMNO 301 or LMNO 305	Fundraising and Resource Development or Volunteer Management	Fall only – odd years Spring only – odd years	3	F Odd S Odd	
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Agricultural Elective	Select from: AFES, AGEC, AGED, AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, or WL.	Check for pre-requisites	3		
CMST Elective	Select any 300 or 400 level CMST course	CMST 311, 320, 410, 422, 434, 470 or others are all relevant options	3		
LDR 310	Leadership in Context		3	S	
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Upper-Level Ag Requirement: Select one	AGEC 471 Adv Farm & Ranch Mgmt	p. AGEC 271 or ACCT 210	3	F	
	AS 389 Current Issues in Animal Science		3	F/S/SU	
	DS 480-480L Dairy Farm Operations I	p. AS 218, DS 130, & ECON 201 202	4	F odd	
	DS 481-481L Dairy Farm Operations II	p. DS 130, DS 480, & ECON 201 or 202	4	S even	
	HO 434 Local Food Production and	If taking HO course, must take HO 434	2	S	
	HO 435 Local Food Production: Harvest and Storage	and HO 435 to meet credit requirement	2	F	
	HO 475 Senior Capstone	p. Senior Standing	3	F	
	NRM 485 Integrated Natural Resource Management		3	S	
	PRAG 440-440L Crop Mgmt w/ Precision Farming	p. PRAG 427	3	F/S	
	PRAG 475 Senior Capstone	p. PRAG 285 or AST 273 & STAT 281	3	F	
	RANG 374-374L Habitat Conservation and Mgmt		4	F	
LDR 435	Organizational Leadership and Team Development	p. Junior standing	3	F/S	
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

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AFES 482 or xxx 494 or xxx 498	International Agricultural Travel Experience or Internship or Undergraduate Research	p. AFES 203 recommended, 3 credits required for AFES 482	2		
AGEC 479	Agricultural Policy	p. ECON 201 and ECON 202	3	F/S	
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
Elective	General Elective- select from any discipline		3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

COMMENTS

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

Students must have at least 20 credits upper level (300/400).

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