South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Major: Economics
Specialization: Agricultural Economics
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
ECON 119	First Year Seminar		1		
ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication (SGR #2)	Select from CMST 101, 215 or 222	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (SGR #4)	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (SGR #6)		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AFES 203	Global Food Systems		3		
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics		3		
MATH 121-121L or MATH 123	Survey of Calculus and Lab (SGR #5) or Calculus I (SGR #5)	p. MATH 114, 115, 120 or placement p. MATH 115, 120 or placement	5 4		
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (SGR #4)	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 210	Principles of Accounting I		3		
BADM 101	Survey of Business		3		
CAFES course	Select credits with prefix: AFES (excluding AFES 203), AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, WL		2-3		
SGR #1	Written Communication (SGR #1)		3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences (SGR #6)		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	14-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACCT 211	Principles of Accounting II	p. ACCT 210	3		
CAFES course	See above list for course prefix options		2-3		
ECON 302	Intermediate Macroeconomics	p. ECON 202, MATH 121 or 123	3	S	
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics	p. MATH 103 or higher	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences - Civics Requirement	Select from CIV 100, HIST 151, 152, POLS 100, 210	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC 354	Agricultural Marketing and Prices	p. ECON 201 or ECON 202	3		
AGEC Elective		Choose 300+ level AGEC prefix class	3		
ECON 301	Intermediate Microeconomics	p. ECON 201, MATH 121 or 123	3	F	
ECON 319	Seminar with Industry Leaders		1		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	4		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC, ECON or FIN Elective		Choose 300+ level AGEC, ECON, or FIN prefix class	3		
ENGL 379	Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201, 277, 283, or 284	3		
ECON 428	Mathematical Economics	p. MATH 121 or MATH 123 p. or c. ECON 301, ECON 302	3	S	
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC 479 or ECON 413 or ECON 433	Agricultural Policy or Macroeconomic Policy or Public Finance	p. ECON 201, 202 p. ECON 202 p. ECON 201, 202	3	F/S F	
ECON 423	Introduction to Econometrics	p. ECON 201 or 202, MATH 121 or higher, STAT 281, (recommend ECON 428)	3	F	
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AGEC Elective		Choose 300+ level AGEC prefix class	3		
AGEC, ECON or FIN Elective		Choose 300+ level AGEC, ECON, or FIN prefix class	3		
ECON 485	Economics Capstone	p. senior class standing; economics majors only; ECON 301, ECON 302, ECON 423 & ECON 428	3	S	
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	6-7		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ECON 485 – Economics Capstone

CAFES course: Must complete a minimum of 2 classes (4-6 credits) from the approved subjects within the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences (must be different than those used for the major)

If a student chooses to double major in two or more majors offered through the Ness School of Management and Economics, each major needs to have at least 15 credits that are distinct from the other major(s).