South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: French Studies
2026-2027 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
AHSS 192	Introduction to American and Global Studies	Suggested	1	F	
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
FREN 101	Introductory French I (SGR #4)	Take placement exam to determine proficiency level; FREN 101 does not count toward the French Studies major	4	F	
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 102	Introductory French II (SGR #4)	p. FREN 101	4	S	
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 201	Intermediate French I	p. FREN 102	3	F	
Minor/2nd Major Courses		Double major encouraged	6		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 202	Intermediate French II	p. FREN 201	3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Courses			9		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 310	French Language Skills	p. FREN 202	3	Su	
		Total Credit Hours	3		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 333	Topics in Francophone Culture	p. FREN 202	3	F	
FREN Elective		p. FREN 202	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN Elective		p. FREN 202	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper-level credits	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 385/FREN 496	Travel Study Abroad Francophone/ Field Experience	Suggested study abroad experience	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	3-6		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 433	French Culture and Civilization	p. FREN 310	3	F	
FREN Elective		p. FREN 202	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN Elective		p. FREN 202	0-3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits; 33 upper-level credits	3-6		
GLST 489	Capstone Intercultural Competencies	Junior standing required; Capstone	3	S	
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

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 specialization
- a grade of C or better in all major coursework
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

As part of the French Studies major, students in this program must complete:

- Major Requirements 22 credits
  - FREN 102 - Introductory French II - 4 Credits
  - FREN 201 - Intermediate French I - 3 Credits
  - FREN 202 - Intermediate French II - 3 Credits
  - FREN 310 - French Language Skills - 3 Credits
  - FREN 333 - Topics in Francophone Culture – 3 Credits
  - FREN 433 - French Culture and Civilization – 3 Credit
  - GLST 489 - Capstone Intercultural Competencies – 3 Credits (Capstone)
- Major Electives 14 credits
  Language, Culture, and Professional Skills. Select from the following courses.
  - FREN 211 - Intermediate Oral Practice I – 2-3 Credits
  - FREN 350 - Business Communications in French – 3 Credits
  - FREN 353 - Exploring Literature in French – 3 Credits
  - FREN 385 - Travel Study Abroad Francophone – 1-6 Credits
  - FREN 392 - Topics – 3 Credits
  - FREN 491 - Independent Study – 1-3 Credits
  - FREN 492 - Topics -1-3 Credits
  - FREN 496 - Field Experience – 1-6 Credits
- Majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad in a French-speaking country.

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.