South Dakota State University

Bachelor of General Studies
Major: General 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.

SYSTEM GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

SGR #1 Written Communication

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1 Course	Written Communication	p. Placement	3		
SGR #1 Course	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
		Total Credit Hours	6		

SGR #2 Oral Communication

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #2 Course	Oral Communication		3		
		Total Credit Hours	3		

SGR #3 Social Sciences

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3 Course	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
SGR #3 Course	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	6		

SGR #4 Arts and Humanities

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #4 Course	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3-4		
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		Total Credit Hours	6-8		

SGR #5 Mathematics

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #5 Course	Mathematics	p. Placement	3-5		
		Total Credit Hours	3-5		

SGR #6 Natural Sciences

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #6 Course	Natural Sciences		3-4		
SGR #6 Course	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	6		

BGS REQUIREMENTS

Major Requirements

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GS 490	Seminar (BGS Capstone)	Final semester	3	F/S	
3 Focus Areas		Completion of 15 credits in at least 3 of the designated general focus areas. 20 credits or more of the focus area must be numbered 300 or above.	45		
		Total Credit Hours	48		

FOCUS AREAS

Focus Area 1 Requirements (15 credits required)

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

Focus Area 2 Requirements (15 credits required)

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Focus Area 3 Requirements (15 credits required)

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
		Total Credit Hours	15		

ELECTIVES

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Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
		Total Credit Hours			

Minor (Optional)

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
		Total Credit Hours			

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

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

- 45 credits of focus area coursework - 15 credits in each of 3 designated General Studies focus areas.
    - Agriculture/Natural Resource Management (Courses such as animal science, dairy science, horticulture, natural resource management, plant science)
    - Allied Health (Courses such as anatomy, athletic training, medical laboratory science, health sciences)
    - Business (Courses such as business administration, consumer affairs, economics, ag econ, entrepreneurial studies, leadership)
    - Education (Courses such as early childhood education, art education, ag education)
    - Engineering (Courses such as architecture, concrete industry management, construction management)
    - Fine Arts (Courses such as art, art history, design, theater, music)
    - Humanities (Courses such as languages, religion, philosophy, mass communication, and communication studies)
    - Mathematics (Courses such as mathematics, statistics, data science)
    - Military (Courses such as aerospace studies and military science)
    - Science (Courses such as biology, chemistry, food science, physics, dietetics)
    - Social Science (Courses such as civics, anthropology, human development, political science, psychology, sociology)
    - Technology (Courses such as agricultural systems technology, computer science, electronics technology)
    - Technical (Courses such as CTE and Aviation)
    - Wellness (Courses such as health, nutrition, physical education, and recreation)
- 20 credits or more of the focus area must be numbered 300 or above.