South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Global 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 or GER 101 or LAKL 101 or SPAN 101	Introductory French I or Introductory German I or Introductory Lakota I or Introductory Spanish I	Take placement exam to determine proficiency level	4		
REL 250	World Religions (SGR #4)	SGR#4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
GLST 201	Introduction to Global Studies		3	F	
GEOG 210	World Regional Geography (SGR #3)	SGR#3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3		
		Total Credit Hours	17		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR#3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; course must fulfill civics requirement	3		
FREN 102 or GER 102 or LAKL 102 or SPAN 102	Introductory French II or Introductory German II or Introductory Lakota II or Introductory Spanish II	p. 101	4		
HIST 112	World Civilizations II (SGR #4)	SGR#4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines	3	S	
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 201 or GER 201 or LAKL 201 or SPAN 201	Intermediate French I or Intermediate German I or Intermediate Lakota I or Intermediate Spanish I	p. 102	3		
POLS 253	Current World Issues		3	F	
Minor/2nd Major Course		Double major encouraged	3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
FREN 202 or GER 202 or LAKL 202 or SPAN 202	Intermediate French II or Intermediate German II or Intermediate Lakota II or Intermediate Spanish II	p. 201	3		
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics		3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			6		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

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

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Language Elective		Modern Languages Requirement (6 credits beyond 202 level); see notes below	3		
GLST Elective		See notes at end of guide sheet	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	6		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Language Elective		Modern Languages Requirement (6 credits beyond 202 level); see notes below	3		
GLST Elective		See notes at end of guide sheet	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		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GLST 481 or GLST 494	Travel Studies or International Internship	Required cross-cultural experience (study abroad or international internship); see notes	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	3-6		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GLST Elective		See notes at end of guide sheet	3		
GLST 401	Global Cultures and Identities	Junior standing required; taught every third term (fall/spring); complete cross-cultural experience prior to GLST 401	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
GLST 489	Capstone Intercultural Competencies	Junior standing required; Capstone	3	S	
GLST Elective		See notes at end of guide sheet	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		300-400 level course recommended	0-9		
		Total Credit Hours	6-15		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

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

- 21 credits of Modern Language
  - Option 1: 6 Credits in one language above the 202 level; FREN 300+/ GER 300+/ LAKL 300+/ SPAN 300+
  - Option 2: Two Languages (approval required)
  - Option 3: Qualified Waiver (approval required)
- 12 credits from the Global Studies electives lists
  - No more than 6 credits per prefix;
  - No more than 3 credits of lower division coursework credits (100-200 level courses)
- 3 credits of a cross-cultural experience outside of the United States (study abroad or international internship) that lasts at least 4 weeks.

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
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

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-and-global-studies/language-placement-information. Once student passes a higher-level course (except conversation) with a grade of C or better, students can be granted credit for courses in a specified language from 101 and up to 202 for a nominal fee. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test and register for the appropriate course according to their language proficiency level.

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