South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: History
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	
HIST 111 or HIST 121	World Civilizations I or Western Civilization I (SGR #4)		3		
HIST 151	US History I (SGR #3)	Fulfills civics requirement	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level	4		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
		Total Credit Hours	14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
HIST 112 or HIST 122	World Civilizations II or Western Civilization II		3		
HIST 152	US History II		3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 101	4		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	16-17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIST 280	Writing History		3	F	
HIST Elective Course		Consult history emphasis course list to guide selection	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 102	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIST Elective Course		Consult history emphasis course list to guide selection	3		
Modern Foreign Language Course	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 201	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	Choose non-HIST course	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIST Elective Course		Consult history emphasis course list to guide selection	6		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives			6		
		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
HIST Elective Course		Consult history emphasis course list to guide selection	6		
General Electives			3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIST 494 or HIST 496 or HIST 300 or 400 Level Elective	HIST 494 Internship or HIST 496 Field Experience or HIST elective	Internship or Field Experience required; The history elective option may be available upon program approval	3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	6		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIST 480	Historical Methods and Historiography	Department Permission Required; Capstone course	3	S	
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	6-9		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
		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:

- a minimum of 33 upper division credits (300-400 level courses)
- a capstone course in their major
- a minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 6+ credits of Modern Foreign Language coursework, including completion of the 202-Level

As part of the History major, students in this program must complete 18 elective credits within one of the following emphases. A maximum of 6 credits from a non-History prefix will be accepted towards the elective requirements. All major classes must earn a grade of C or higher.

History Emphases; see catalog for course options:

- Ancient, Medieval, & Early Modern Emphasis
- Conflict & Society Emphasis
- Cultural History Emphasis
- Professional History Emphasis
- America & the World Emphasis

The History program requires students pursuing a major to complete a practical skill development experience through completion of an internship or field experience placement. In the event that students cannot complete an internship or field experience or have a specific reason otherwise such as graduate program preparation, the school will require them to complete an additional upper-level history course.

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.