South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science
Major: History
Specialization: Teaching
2026-2027 Sample 4-Year Plan
Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ **Student ID#** _____ **Student Phone #** _____

Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.5 **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		
HIST 111 or HIST 121	World Civilizations I or Western Civilization I (SGR #4)	HIST 111 recommended	3		
HIST 151	US History I (SGR #3)	Fulfills civics requirement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
AIS 211	SD American Indian Culture and Education (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
HIST 112 or HIST 122	World Civilizations II or Western Civilization II	HIST 112 recommended	3		
HIST 152	US History II		3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 102	Exploration of Teaching and Learning		3		
HIST 280	Writing History		3	F	
HIST 300 or 400 Level Elective Course		See elective requirements below	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
HIST 300 or 400 Level Elective Courses		See elective requirements below	6		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	Choose non-HIST course	3-4		
Natural Sciences		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog	3-4		
SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-17		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts		3		
EDFN 351	Teaching & Learning I		1		
HIST 300 or 400 Level Elective Course		See elective requirements below	6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements; consider adding a minor	6		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 352	Teaching and Learning II	Education program consent required	3		
HIST 476	South Dakota History	Required; offered every other spring	3	S	
HIST 480	Historical Methods and Historiography	Capstone	3	S	
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 453-453L	Teaching and Learning III and Lab	Education program consent required	7		
SEED 415	7-12 Social Science Methods		3	F	
SEED 450	Reading and Content Literacy		2		
General Electives		Taken as needed to complete degree requirements	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
EDFN 454	Teaching and Learning IV: Student Teaching	p. EDFN 453; c. SEED 456; Education program consent required	11		
SEED 456	Capstone/Action Research	c. EDFN 454; Education program consent required	1		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Teacher Education Program Progression Requirements

Acceptance into Teacher Education

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA in the academic major of 2.6 is required.
- Completion of program application and professional licensure location form.

Acceptance into Residency I

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis content exam.
- The teacher candidate is also required to complete a criminal background check with field placements, a TB test with negative reading, and CPR and first aid certification.

Acceptance into Residency II

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis PLT exam.

Certification and Licensure

- Completion of an approved teacher preparation program.
- Completion of an approved South Dakota Indian studies course.
- Pass the state designated content knowledge test or 2.7 GPA in content major coursework.
- Pass the state designated pedagogy test.
- Apply online with the South Dakota Department of Education.
- Written recommendation from institution of higher education (SDSU) verifying program completion.

Academic Requirements

- A grade of "C" or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- A grade of "C" or better is required in academic major coursework (classes with GEOG, HIST, or POLS prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.

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 their major
- a grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major
- minor, second major, or teaching specialization
- 10 + credits in Natural Sciences including two lab science courses and courses in at least two prefixes

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

- 6 credits of 300-400 level U.S. History,
- 6 credits of 300-400 level World History, and
- 3 additional credits of 300-400 level History from the US or World History Electives list.

See catalog for further details and a list of courses for each area. A maximum of 6 credits from a non-History prefix will be accepted toward the upper-level elective requirements.

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.