South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Interdisciplinary 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

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ENGL 101	English Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement	3		
Modern Language Courses	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language (SGR #4)	Placement testing is required to determine proficiency level.	6-8		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines: one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3-5		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		6-8		
General Electives			3		
		Total Credit Hours	29-33		

SECOND YEAR

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Minor/2nd Major Courses			6-9		
Modern Language Courses	Students must complete through the 202 level in an approved Modern Language	p. 101	6		
Plan of Study Courses		The Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator must approve the Plan of Study.	12		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines: one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	30-33		

THIRD YEAR

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
ACS 489	Transition to Careers	May be taken junior or senior year, online	1		
Plan of Study Courses		The Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator must approve the Plan of Study.	15		
Minor/2nd Major Course		300-400 level courses recommended	12		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits	2-5		
		Total Credit Hours	30-33		

FOURTH YEAR

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CMST 410 or ENGL 379	Organizational Communication or Technical Communication	p. ENGL 201 or ENGL 205 or ENGL 277 or ENGL 283 or ENGL 284.	3		
IDL 479	Interdisciplinary Studies Capstone		3	S	
Minor/2nd Major Course			0-3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	18-21		
		Total Credit Hours	27-33		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Academic Requirements
Grade of "C" or higher is required for IDL 479.

As part of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, students in this program must complete/earn:

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

Students interested in the Interdisciplinary Studies major must have a goal-based plan of study approved by the end of their first semester in the program. The plan must include 50% upper division credits. Prior credit may apply.

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.