South Dakota State University

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

Student _____ **Student ID#** _____ **Student Phone #** _____
Advisor _____ **Minimum GPA** 2.00 **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
ACS 119	First Year Seminar	Suggested.	2		
ENGL 101	Composition I (SGR #1)	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher is needed	3		
PSYC 101	General Psychology (SGR #3)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
SGR#6	Natural Sciences	BIOL 101-101L recommended	3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	14-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC Domain II Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication	CMST 101 recommended	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 disciplines; one must fulfill civics requirement.	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement; Grade of C or higher is needed	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 375-375L	Research Methods in Psychology and Lab	p. ENGL 101 with a C or better and (MATH 103, MATH 114 or STAT 281 with a C or better), PSYC 101 recommended as a prerequisite.	4	F	
PSYC Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/ 2nd Major Courses			3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101; ENGL 201 recommended.	3		
General Electives			3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 376-376L	Research Methods II and Lab	p. PSYC 375	4	S	
PSYC Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/ 2nd Major Course			3		
Natural Science Elective		See AHSS Natural Science list in the catalog.	3-4		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities	SGR #4 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines or one modern language sequence.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC Domain I Elective			3		
PSYC Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			6		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	3		
		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
PSYC Domain I Elective			3		
PSYC Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC 409	History & Systems of Psychology	p. PSYC 375; Capstone	3		
Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
Minor/2nd Major Course			3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
PSYC Domain I Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
PSYC Domain II or Domain III Elective		p. PSYC 101; complete three courses in each domain.	3		
General Electives		Taken as need to reach 120 credits.	9		
		Total Credit Hours	13-15		

COMMENTS/NOTES

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

Academic Requirements

Psychology does not permit the double use of courses in its major with a minor. All psychology courses that count toward the major must receive a C or better grade.

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
- Natural Sciences Coursework: 10+ credits in any two lab sciences; must include two prefixes.

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. Students with any modern language experience are strongly encouraged to complete the placement test.