South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Arts
Major: Spanish
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		
SPAN 201	Intermediate Spanish I (SGR #4)	p. SPAN 102; Take placement exam to determine proficiency level. Heritage speakers of Spanish may begin instead with SPAN 315 - Spanish for Heritage Speakers (fall only) upon approval.	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
General Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN 202	Intermediate Spanish II (SGR #4)	p. SPAN 201	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one course must fulfill civics requirement	3		
SGR #5	Mathematics	p. Placement	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		Double major encouraged.	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN 310	Conversation and Culture for Proficiency	p. SPAN 202; Heritage speakers of Spanish may take SPAN 315 (fall only) in lieu of SPAN 310 upon approval. SPAN 330 may also be taken concurrently. Consult Spanish advisor.	3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
SGR #6	Natural Sciences		3-4		
Minor/2nd Major Courses		Double major encouraged	6		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN 330	Reading and Writing for Communication	p. SPAN 310; May also be taken concurrently with SPAN 310	3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences	SGR #3 satisfied by coursework from 2 different disciplines; one course must fulfill civics requirement	3		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			9		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

THIRD YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN Electives		Select based on Emphasis requirements and career goals; see notes	6		
Minor/2nd Major			6		
General Elective		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level 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
SPAN Electives		Select based on Emphasis requirements and career goals; see notes	6		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	3		
		Total Credit Hours	15		

Summer

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN 494 or SPAN 496	Internship or Field Experience	Optional study abroad experience	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	3-6		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SPAN Electives		Select based on Emphasis requirements and career goals; see notes	3-6		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			6		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	3-6		
		Total Credit Hours	12-15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
GLST 489	Capstone Intercultural Competencies	Junior standing; Capstone	3	S	
SPAN Electives		Select based on Emphasis requirements and career goals; see notes	3-6		
Minor/2nd Major Courses			3		
General Electives		Taken as needed to reach 120 credits and 33 upper-level credits	0-3		
		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/earn:

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

As a part of the Spanish Major, students in the program must complete 21 elective credits as detailed below.

- 21 credits total are required from the following 3 elective categories; distribution will vary for the Humanities and Professional emphases
- 15 of the 21 elective credits must be at the 300 and 400 level
- In total, 24 of the 36 credits required for the Spanish major must be at the 300 and 400 level
- See Catalog for course lists
- Advanced Language/Linguistics: 3-6 credits
    - Minimum of 1 course is required for the Humanities Emphasis
    - Minimum of 2 courses are required for the Professional Emphasis
- Literature and Culture Electives: 6-9 credits
    - Minimum of 3 courses are required for the Humanities Emphasis
    - Minimum of 2 courses are required for the Professional Emphasis
- Applied and Experiential Learning Electives 0-9 credits
    - *No courses from this category are required; however students can draw from this category OR the previous categories (Advanced Language/Linguistics & Literature and Culture) in order to complete their remaining elective credits for a total of 21 credits.

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