YOU KNOW THAT PERFECT COLLEGE YOU IMAGINE IN YOUR MIND? WELCOME TO IT.

Northern State University is a place you’ll feel at home. NSU is a picturesque campus tucked away in a progressive community in the center of America’s heartland.

HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

At Northern, you’ll get a high-quality education on your terms – in the classroom or online. NSU offers small-campus perks – one-on-one time with professors, small classes – while also providing global connections through amazing international programs and study abroad opportunities.

In its annual survey, U.S. News & World Report recognized NSU for the seventh year as one of the best public baccalaureate colleges in the Midwest. The publication has also recognized Northern for being one of the most affordable institutions in the Midwest.

At NSU, you can pursue your dream career while also pursuing your passions and forming lasting friendships.

SEE FOR YOURSELF! NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY IS EVERYTHING YOU IMAGINED COLLEGE WOULD BE — AND SO MUCH MORE.
DEGREES

NORTHERN CONSISTS OF FOUR COLLEGES: THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS; COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES; SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS.

- Accounting
- Art
- Fine Arts
- Advertising Design
- Multimedia Design
- Art Education
- Banking and Financial Services
- Biology
- Biology Education
- Biotechnology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Chemistry – Forensic Science
- Chemistry Education
- Communication Studies
- Digital Design
- Economics
- Elementary Education
- English
- English Education
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- French Studies
- General Studies
- German
- History
- History Education
- Human Performance and Fitness
- Personal Training and Strength Conditioning
- Fitness Administration
- Health and Fitness for Older Adults
- International Business Studies
- Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Music (Vocal and Instrumental)
- Music Education
- Musical Theater
- Physical Education
- Political Science
- Professional Accountancy
- Psychology (nonteaching)
- Sociology
- Criminal Justice
- Gerontology
- Human Services
- Spanish
- Spanish Education
- Special Education
- Sport Marketing and Administration

Preprofessional programs
- Athletic training
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Mortuary Science
- Nursing
- Optometry
- Physical Therapy
- Veterinary Medicine

Numbers to Know

ADMISSIONS OFFICE
Student Center 213
1-800-678-5530
1-605-626-2544
Fax: 605-626-2531
admissions@northern.edu

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605-626-2640
Fax: 605-626-2587
finaid@northern.edu

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE
Dacotah Hall 103
605-626-2012
Fax: 605-626-2587
records@northern.edu

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS
Student Center 222
605-626-2530
Fax: 605-626-2531
info@northern.edu

Bachelor’s degree  Two-year programs
THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
We offer banking and international business programs, providing a well-rounded business education that prepares you to be a successful part of the global workforce.

NORTHERN OFFERS SOME OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN THE REGION, AND IT IS ONE OF THE MOST AFFORDABLE COLLEGES IN SOUTH DAKOTA!

Accounting, economics, finance, information technology, management and marketing are among the college majors recognized nationally as providing the highest-paying jobs. These programs can lead you to some of the highest-paying careers across the globe!

THINK OF IT THIS WAY: AT NORTHERN STATE, YOUR INVESTMENT HERE CAN TAKE YOU FAR.

NSU IS ALSO HOME TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

Northern State University  northern.edu
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

THIS IS OUR LARGEST COLLEGE — home to more than half of all NSU students.

HEALTH CAREERS
We have the medical fields covered, with our medical lab science major and accelerated nursing option — two careers that are in high demand.

AIMING TO BECOME A DOCTOR, LAWYER OR JOURNALIST?
Northern’s College of Arts and Sciences’ preprofessional programs provide a quality, affordable foundation for your dream. Programs from English to political science to mathematics can lead you into education or graduate studies, but they will also help you develop crucial skills needed in a variety of industries — not to mention daily life.

COMPLETE A QUALITY AFFORDABLE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM THAT WILL PREPARE YOU TO PURSUE YOUR DREAM CAREER. SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE? NOT AT NSU.
THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

We prepare students for careers in diverse areas of education — from traditional classroom teaching to school counseling to e-learning. As you train to teach the next generation of students, you will get hands-on experience using the latest in classroom technology.

YOU CAN GET INTO THE CLASSROOM MUCH EARLIER THAN YOUR PEERS AT OTHER UNIVERSITIES.

THERE’S A REASON NORTHERN IS KNOWN AS SOUTH DAKOTA’S TEACHING SCHOOL. WE’VE BEEN EDUCATING EDUCATORS FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY — IT’S WHAT WE WERE FOUNDED ON, AND WE REMAIN ON THE CUTTING EDGE.
SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

OPPORTUNITY
As a Northern fine arts major, you’ll be prepared to achieve your career goals thanks to rich experience shared by talented professors.

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!
The acclaimed NSU Marching Wolves have performed in two Presidential Inaugural Parades. NSU Theater has brought world-renowned masterpieces to campus, including “Les Misérables” and “The Phantom of the Opera.” The NSU art department brought internationally recognized art duo Guerra de la Paz to campus to work with art students on an installation using the theme of “water.”

PERFORM
Anthony Rohr, from Dickinson, N.D. as Jean Valjean in “Les Misérables.”

WHETHER IT’S STAGING THE WORLD’S BIGGEST MUSICALS, PERFORMING IN OUR NATION’S CAPITAL OR COLLABORATING WITH ARTISTS KNOWN ACROSS THE GLOBE, THE NSU SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS MAKES THE AMAZING POSSIBLE.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT CENTER

THE GOAL OF THE NORTHERN STATE CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT CENTER IS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED AT EVERY STEP THROUGHOUT YOUR COLLEGE CAREER AND BEYOND.

The center can match your interests and skills with employment opportunities that fit your academic schedule. The center also assists with internships, graduate school and work opportunities upon graduation.

SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM THE NSU CAREER CENTER

- Personality and career assessments
- Undecided or major exploration activities and resources
- Success-building workshops (e.g., résumé development, job search skills, etc.)
- Internship and job shadowing, preparation and placement
- Professional marketing assistance (e.g., cover-letter critiques, social media branding, mock interviews)
- GRE prep/testing resources, graduate school planning assistance
- Placement services, including job postings for on-campus student labor or work-study, off campus part- or full-time positions
- Ongoing assessment of graduates’ place of employment, salary range, etc.

JOB SEARCHING

Students who attend Northern take advantage of the excellent employment opportunities available both on campus and in the Aberdeen community. Businesses in Aberdeen often rely on NSU students to fill their vacancies. Many businesses also are able to offer students flexible employment schedules to match the students’ academic schedules. Through WolfWork, a web-based tool, students can search for jobs and internships on-campus or off-campus, full-time or part-time.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships are a vital part of building your future. Whether your aspirations are to enter the world of academics, business or community development, an internship can help you explore your interest and confirm your decision. Plus, many organizations expect entry-level candidates to have intern experience simply to qualify for an interview.

Internships can be for credit and paid or non-paid. Internship planning takes place with faculty input and guidance.

CAREER PLANNING

The Career Development and Placement Center assists students who have questions about career planning, including working with undecided majors and exploring career options. The center staff can discuss interests and personal skills, career goals, and point out helpful resources. Staff can also help with résumé preparation, interview skills, and researching salary information and upcoming job fairs.

GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

For those students whose goal is to pursue graduate study, the center can help define goals and interests, and then explore graduate school options, the application process, test preparation, locating financial aid and applicable scholarships.
EXPLORE YOUR WORLD

BECAUSE STUDY ABROAD:
- Enhances employment opportunities
- Is the optimal way to learn a language
- Allows you to get to know another culture first-hand
- Will help you develop skills and give you experiences a classroom setting will never provide
- Affords you the opportunity to make friends around the world
- Helps you learn about yourself
- Is fun

Northern has opportunities around the world through its exchange partnerships for both semester-long study abroad and short-term summer programs.

FACULTY LED COURSES ABROAD
Northern’s faculty lead two-week courses abroad every year to places such as England, France, Ireland, Italy, Thailand, Costa Rica, Scotland or Israel. Courses may be able to be used to fulfill general education credits.

YOUR EXPERIENCE LIVING AND STUDYING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, NEGOTIATING ANOTHER CULTURE, AND ACQUIRING ANOTHER LANGUAGE WILL SET YOU APART FROM OTHER JOB APPLICANTS.

LIVE AND STUDY IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY
THROUGH AN EMPLOYER’S EYES, A STUDENT WHO HAS STUDIED ABROAD IS self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES
WE COMPETE IN NCAA DIVISION II IN SEVEN MEN’S AND EIGHT WOMEN’S INTERCOLLEGIATE PROGRAMS.
Northern games draw spectators from the Aberdeen community and beyond — the men’s and women’s basketball teams have the highest attendance in their division nationwide.

NSU OFFERS A VARIETY OF INTRAMURALS AND WELLNESS ACTIVITIES THAT CHANGE EACH YEAR BASED ON STUDENT INTEREST AND RESOURCES, INCLUDING:
- basketball
- bowling
- dodgeball
- fitness classes
- flag football
- floor hockey
- indoor soccer
- racquetball
- sand volleyball
- softball
- tennis
- volleyball
- whiffleball
- club sports
- men's soccer
- rodeo
- men's and women's rugby

WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE INTERCOLLEGIATE PROGRAMS IN THE AREA, WITH THE FOLLOWING TEAMS:

MEN’S
- baseball
- basketball
- cross country
- football
- indoor track and field
- outdoor track and field
- wrestling

WOMEN’S
- basketball
- cross country
- soccer
- softball
- swimming
- indoor track and field
- outdoor track and field
- volleyball
JOINING A STUDENT CLUB OR ORGANIZATION OPENS THE DOOR TO BUILDING NEW FRIENDSHIPS, ENHANCING YOUR ACADEMIC LIFE AND EXPLORING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

ACADEMIC
Accounting Club
Art Club
Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC)
Business Club
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
Counseling Club
English Club
German Club
Honors Program
National Association for
Music Education (NAfME)
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)
Psi Chi (International Psychology Honor Society)
Science Club
Sigma Alpha Iota
Sigma Tau Delta
South Dakota Education Association (SDEA)
Speech and Debate (Pi-Kappa Delta)

CAMPUS GOVERNANCE AND ACTIVITIES
Ambassadors
Campus Activities Board (CAB)
Gypsy Days Committee
Student Alumni Association
Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
Student Association
Student Publications (The Exponent)
Wolf Pack Welcome Week

CULTURAL AND ETHNIC
Black Student Union
Chinese Student Association
International Student Club
Korean Student Association
Native American Student Association (NASA)
Polynesian Club
Saudi Student Club

PERFORMANCE
Masquers
Northern Highlights Dance Team

RECREATIONAL AND CLUB SPORTS
Chess Club
Handball Club
Men’s Rugby Club
Outdoor Club
Taekwondo and Kumdo Club
Wolves Badminton Club
Wolves Soccer Club

RELIGIOUS
Collegians in Christ’s Service (CICS)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
Young Single Adults of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDSYSA)
Newman Club

RESIDENCE LIFE
Briscoe Hall Council
Jerde Hall Council
Kramer Hall Council
Lindberg Hall Council
McArthur-Welsh Hall Council
Steele Hall Council

SERVICE
SERVE
Lions Club

SPECIAL INTEREST
AWAREwolves
College Democrats
College Republicans
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Allies (LGBTQA)
Student Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT)
Women’s Club

NSU IS HOME TO MORE THAN 60 DIFFERENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED!
CAMPUS LIFE
NSU’S SIX RESIDENCE HALLS PROVIDE A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT TO HELP YOU FEEL AT HOME, CONNECT WITH OTHER STUDENTS AND THRIVE.

RESIDENCE HALLS
Northern has a residence hall for freshmen (Jerde), a hall for students in the Honors Program (Lindberg) and a hall for fine arts majors (Briscoe). Kramer and Steele halls, which feature suites, as well as McArthur-Welsh, which provides a traditional living environment, are available for upperclassmen.
EATING MADE EASY!

Whether you eat every meal on campus or just grab a bite now and then, you’ll love the value and variety of your meal plan.

Your Meal Plan

A meal plan offers you real value, real convenience, flexibility and variety. Whether you just need a between-class snack, a full course meal or coffee on the go, it’s covered on your meal plan.

The Wolves Den

Features full access for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with international entrees, grill, deli, salad bar and more!

Einstein Bros Bagels

Is the place to meet, greet and eat between classes. Enjoy a fresh-baked bagel with your favorite cup of Darn Good Coffee! Eat there or take out using Flex Dollars.

Northern Express

Convenience Store

Is the place to get that late evening snack or to stock your fridge. Use your Flex Dollars instead of cash!

You’ve got a lot on your plate, did you leave room for food? We have a plan for your life, your schedule.
PAYING FOR COLLEGE

WOLFPACT SCHOLARSHIP
Northern offers the highest guaranteed four-year scholarship in South Dakota.

APPLY FOR THE WOLFPACT
To apply for the WOLFPACT Scholarship, send a completed admission application, application fee, high school transcript and ACT or SAT score and be accepted for admission by March 1. The WOLFPACT is for new freshmen only in full-tuition programs.

Applicants with an ACT score of 30 or above or SAT equivalent who are accepted for admission by March 1 will automatically receive a President’s Meritorious Scholarship. In addition to the $11,000 WOLFPACT Scholarship, these students will receive an additional $1,000 in their freshman year, for a total scholarship award of $12,000.

TOP FINANCIAL AID WEB SITES

www.fafsa.gov
Site for completing the FAFSA and submitting it electronically

www.studentaid.ed.gov
Information about planning, preparing and paying for college

www.youtube.com/federalstudentaid
Short videos with additional information about applying for aid, completing the FAFSA, exploring other resources, and responsible borrowing

www.pin.ed.gov
Apply for a PIN here

www.studentloans.gov
Site for completing promissory notes and loan counseling

www.finaid.org
Contains a college cost projector, loan repayment estimator, and other general information about financial aid

www.fastweb.com
Free scholarship search
TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID AT NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. OBTAIN A PIN.
   Students and parents of dependent students (U.S. citizen only) should apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is used to electronically sign and access your FAFSA and all personal federal financial aid documents. You can apply for a PIN at http://www.pin.ed.gov.

2. COMPLETE THE FAFSA.
   You can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov. FAFSA becomes available Jan. 1 each year. There is no charge for submitting the FAFSA. File your FAFSA by NSU’s March 1 priority deadline for consideration for all NSU scholarship opportunities. If you haven’t filed your taxes yet, you may estimate them on the form and update later. NSU’s FAFSA school code is 003466.

3. RESPOND PROMPTLY.
   Promptly answer all requests for additional documentation, if required.

4. RETURN YOUR AWARD LETTER.
   When you receive your award letter, read through the information, sign one copy, and return it to the NSU Financial Aid Office.

5. BE THOROUGH.
   Explore all resources such as scholarships, payment plans, veterans’ benefits, BIA grants, vocational rehabilitation, etc., to maximize the amount of aid you may receive.

6. KEEP RECORDS.
   Maintain a file for your personal records of all documents submitted and received.

7. STAY IN CONTACT.
   Keep in touch with the NSU Financial Aid Office and visit our website at northern.edu/FinancialAid for additional information.

FIND DETAILS FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS SUCH AS THE WOLFPACT, HATTERSCHEIDT, SOUTH DAKOTA OPPORTUNITY, HOWARD MEMORIAL, DAKOTA CORPS, ETC.—ON OUR WEBSITE AT NORTHERN.EDU/FINANCIALAID.
Scholarships generally have separate applications and deadlines. Apply for as many scholarships as you can; even small ones add up!
INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION
Complete your application online at northern.edu. An admissions officer will contact you with instructions on submitting your test scores and transcripts. You may also send your completed application form and a $20 (U.S. dollars) non-refundable application fee by postal mail to NSU International Admissions, 1200 S. Jay St., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401.

SUBMIT YOUR TEST SCORE
International students must submit one of the following tests:
- TOEFL IBT (61 or above)
- TOEFL PBT (525 or above)
- IELTS (5.5 or above)
- PTE Academic (41 or above)
- SAT (Reading + Math = 870 or above) School Code #6487
- ACT (18 or above) School Code #3196

However, you may instead seek conditional admission via the English for Academic Purposes program at Northern State. Transfer students who have completed at least 24 transferable credit hours at an accredited U.S. college or university with a minimum 2.0 GPA are exempt from taking any standardized test for admission.

Note: In order to be considered for the WolfPACT scholarship, you must apply as a freshman and submit an SAT or ACT score by March 1.

SUBMIT YOUR TRANSCRIPTS
Submit a copy of your high school transcripts translated in English. Post-high school credit earned from a U.S. college or university requires an official transcript for transfer. Transcripts from non-U.S. universities require a course-by-course evaluation from one of the following evaluation services:
- ECE (www.ece.org)
- WES (www.wes.org)
- ACCRAO (http://es.acrreo.org/evaluations)

DECLARE YOUR FINANCES
In order to determine your eligibility for an F1 visa application, you will be required to submit evidence that you can financially support your education in the United States. An admissions officer will send you a Declaration of Finance form or may request recent statements from your financial institution(s).

VISIT AN EDUCATIONUSA ADVISING CENTER
It is a network of advising centers in 170 countries, where millions of international students each year find accurate, comprehensive and current information about how to apply to accredited U.S. colleges and universities.

THE EDUCATIONUSA NETWORK
is supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), and it assists international students with researching options, finding financial aid, applying to schools, applying for a student visa, and preparing for departure to the United States.

To find an EducationUSA advising center near you, please visit educationusa.state.gov.
ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES

THE ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROGRAM (AEP) COURSES AT NSU ARE DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU THE ENGLISH SKILLS NEEDED FOR STUDY

in an American undergraduate or graduate program. When you arrive, you will be placed in a level that will best suit your needs. As your English skills improve, you will be able to advance in level. Once you have completed the Advanced Level, your English language requirement to enter the university has been achieved.

WE OFFER THREE LEVELS OF ACADEMIC ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

BEGINNER LEVEL
- Beginner Reading; Beginner Writing; Beginner Listening and Speaking; Beginner Grammar

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
- Intermediate Reading; Intermediate Writing; Intermediate Listening and Speaking; Intermediate Grammar

ADVANCED LEVEL
- Advanced Reading; Advanced Writing; Advanced Listening and Speaking; Advanced Grammar

Each level has 18 hours of instruction a week, including one hour of Language Lab. Tutoring is also available for that little bit of extra help.

Our courses are taught by experienced and knowledgeable English language experts in small classes to provide ideal teacher-to-student interaction. In addition to the class time, we plan regular trips around beautiful South Dakota.

LEARN THE ENGLISH YOU NEED TO STUDY IN AMERICA, WHILE IN AMERICA!
ABERDEEN
IT’S EASY TO GET INVOLVED AND MEET A VARIETY OF PEOPLE IN THIS WELCOMING COMMUNITY.
Take an art class at the Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center, sign up for a 5K or volunteer at one of numerous local agencies.

NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA
is paradise for hunters and anglers, but countless other outdoor opportunities exist – including miles upon miles of recreational trails for biking, walking or running.

ABERDEEN’S MUSIC SCENE CONTINUES TO GROW AND THRIVE.
Live music can be found at multiple venues across town most nights of the week. Big-name country acts grace the stage regularly at the Dakota Event Center, and country and rock acts perform at the annual Brown County Fair.

WINTER IS SOMETHING TO EMBRACE!
Besides outdoor activities such as snowmobiling, ice fishing, sledding or skating, there’s plenty of indoor fun, too. Watch an Aberdeen Wings hockey game, go bowling or sing karaoke almost every night of the week.

SUMMERTIME IN ABERDEEN
Adventure awaits all over town, but much of the season’s appeal comes from the beautiful Wylie Park. Explore every inch of Storybook Land to reconnect with your inner child!

HUNGRY?
Aberdeen’s numerous restaurants offer something for everyone. Some eateries feature international cuisine, while others specialize in burgers, steak and wings. Take your pick from a variety of ice cream and frozen yogurt shops – and enjoy plenty of options for pizza delivery!
**FROM ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA TO**

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START YOUR JOURNEY
NOW AT NORTHERN.EDU

CLICK ON “APPLY TODAY!”
Then click either “Apply Now Online” or
download an application. If you download an
application, mail it along with a $20 (U.S. dollars)
non-refundable fee to NSU Admissions, 1200 S.
Jay St., Aberdeen, SD 57401.

TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF:
Your biographical data, citizenship, residency,
contact information and/or military service.

SHARE YOUR PLANS AND GOALS:
The degree type you would like to pursue, full or
part time, and your location and previous
education, if applicable.

PROVIDE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION:
Scores for ACT, SAT, TOEFL or English exams. List
Northern State University (ACT code #3186/SAT
code #6487) as the university to receive your test
scores and they will be sent directly to us. You are
required to score an 18 or above on the ACT or an
870 or above on the SAT.

LIST YOUR HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:
If you have attended any other educational
institutions, list your start and end dates and the
degree(s) earned (if any), and request an official
transcript be mailed directly to NSU Admissions.

MAKE IT OFFICIAL: SIGN, FINALIZE AND PAY
THE REGISTRATION FEE.

UPON NOTIFICATION OF YOUR ACCEPTANCE, YOU’LL
RECEIVE HOUSING AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION.

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Aberdeen, South Dakota

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