

SNAPSHOT *of* NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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HISTORY AND GOVERNANCE

Northern State University was established in 1901 by the South Dakota Legislature in response to the need for an institution of higher education to serve northern South Dakota. NSU is a student-centered institution, offering degrees at the associate, bachelor's and master's levels that demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and provide global learning opportunities. The university is led by a governor-appointed Board of Regents; nine members hold six-year terms, while one student regent is appointed for a limited term.

LOCATION AND CAMPUS

Northern State University is located in Aberdeen, South Dakota, a welcoming community of over 28,000 in the northeastern corner of the state. The campus sits on 66 acres and has six residential buildings, 12 academic buildings, two auditoriums, two fitness centers and six tennis courts. In recent years, Northern has added state-of-the-art facilities to campus, including the Athletic and Recreation Fields and Pavilion; three new residence halls, Wolves Memorial Suites, Great Plains East and Great Plains West, which feature modern amenities and suite-style living; the cutting-edge Jewett Regional Science Education Center, which enhances research and science education for the region; and the Regional Sports Complex, home to Dacotah Bank Stadium and Koehler Hall of Fame Softball Field. The Aberdeen community boasts a safe atmosphere while offering a diverse range of cultural activities and easy access to more metropolitan areas via a regional airport and two U.S. highways.

ACCREDITATIONS

Higher Learning Commission
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation
National Association for Schools of Art and Design
National Association of Schools of Music
National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships

COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

College of Arts and Sciences
Millicent Atkins School of Education
School of Business
School of Fine Arts

DEGREES OFFERED

37 bachelor's degrees
9 associate degrees
13 master's degrees

- 3 in the School of Business
- 8 in the School of Education
- 2 in the School of Fine Arts

43 certificates

ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate: 3,177 (1,088 full-time)
Graduate: 562 (82 full-time)
First-time freshmen profile:

- 289 students
- 62% female, 38% male
- 67% SD residents
- 2% international, 20% ethnic minorities

FACULTY

83 full-time faculty

- 47% female, 53% male
- 84% possess terminal degrees
- 80% tenured/tenure-track
- 5% international, 10% ethnic minorities

46 part-time faculty
20:1 undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio

ADMINISTRATION

Laurie Nichols, Interim President
Mike Wanous, Provost / VP for Academic Affairs
Veronica Paulson, VP for Finance & Administration
Debbi Bumpous, VP for Technology & Chief Information Officer
Eric Kline, Chief Enrollment Management Officer
Nate Davis, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Semester: 8/25/2025 – 12/17/2025
Winter Commencement: 12/13/2025
Spring Semester: 1/12/2026 – 5/8/2026
Spring Commencement: 5/9/2026
Summer Term: 6/1/2026 – 8/7/2026

TUITION AND FEE ESTIMATES

SD Resident Undergraduate: \$9,824
Other Resident Undergraduate: \$12,057
SD Resident Graduate: \$6,927
Other Resident Graduate: \$12,279