

SNAPSHOT *of* NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

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FALL 2020

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 level 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 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. NSU recently completed its Athletic and Recreation Fields project, which includes a competition field for the soccer team, a practice field for the football team and a pavilion between the two. Three new residence halls have opened on campus in recent years: Wolves Memorial Suites in fall 2017, and Great Plains East and Great Plains West in fall 2018. The NSU Harvey C. Jewett IV Regional Science Education Center opened in 2019. The Regional Sports Complex is currently under construction and will open in 2021. The [NSU Campus Master Plan](#) includes these recent projects, as well as more upcoming changes and additions for Northern. The Aberdeen community boasts a rural atmosphere while offering a variety of cultural activities and easy access to more metropolitan areas via a regional airport and two U.S. highways.

ACCREDITATIONS

Higher Learning Commission
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
National Association for Schools of Art and Design
National Association of Schools of Music
Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs
Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs

COLLEGES/SCHOOLS

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

DEGREES OFFERED

45 bachelor's degrees
7 associate degrees
9 master's degrees

- 2 in the School of Business
- 6 in the School of Education
- 1 in the School of Fine Arts

17 certificates

ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate: 2,968 (1,149 full-time)
Graduate: 463 (53 full-time)
First-time freshmen profile:

- 341 students
- 62% female, 38% male
- 72% SD residents
- 1% international, 20% ethnic minorities

FACULTY

91 full-time faculty

- 49% female, 51% male
- 80% possess terminal degrees
- 78% tenured/tenure-track
- 2% international, 9% ethnic minorities

43 part-time faculty
17:1 undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio

ADMINISTRATION

Timothy Downs, President
Mike Wanous, Provost / VP for Academic Affairs
Veronica Paulson, VP for Finance & Administration
Justin Fraase, VP of Enrollment, Communications & Marketing
Debbi Bumpous, VP for Technology & Chief Information Officer
Josh Moon, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics
John Meyer, Legal Counsel

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Semester: 8/19/2020 – 12/8/2020
Winter Commencement: TBD
Spring Semester: 1/11/2021 – 5/7/2021
Spring Commencement: 5/8/2021
Summer Term: 6/1/2021 – 8/6/2021

TUITION AND FEE ESTIMATES

SD Resident Undergraduate: \$8,750
MN Resident Undergraduate: \$9,730
Other Resident Undergraduate: \$11,821
SD Resident Graduate: \$6,665
Other Resident Graduate: \$9,542