

# 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 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 72 acres and has six residential buildings, 11 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 the past two years: Wolves Memorial Suites in fall 2017, and Great Plains East and Great Plains West in fall 2018. The NSU Regional Science Education Center is currently under construction and will open in 2019. 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  
Millicent Atkins School of Education  
School of Business  
School of Fine Arts  
University College

## DEGREES OFFERED

8 master's degrees

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

42 bachelor's degrees  
7 associate degrees  
12 certificates

## ENROLLMENT

Undergraduate: 3,051 (1,333 full-time)  
Graduate: 442 (50 full-time)  
First-time freshmen profile:

- 339 students
- 52% female, 48% male
- 70% SD residents
- 5% international, 20% ethnic minorities

## FACULTY

90 full-time faculty

- 44% female, 56% male
- 83% possess terminal degrees
- 81% tenured/tenure-track
- 2% international, 8% ethnic minorities

58 part-time faculty  
19:1 undergraduate student-to-faculty ratio

## ADMINISTRATION

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Semester: 8/20/2018 – 12/12/2018  
Winter Commencement: 12/8/2018  
Spring Semester: 1/7/2019 – 5/3/2019  
Spring Commencement: 5/4/2019  
Summer Term: 5/28/2019 – 8/2/2019

## TUITION AND FEE ESTIMATES

SD Resident Undergraduate: \$8,497  
MN Resident Undergraduate: \$9,382  
Other Resident Undergraduate: \$11,470  
SD Resident Graduate: \$8,624  
Other Resident Graduate: \$15,270