

THE UNIVERSITY

North Dakota State University is enjoying a remarkable period of growth and success. Located on the state's eastern border in Fargo, North Dakota's largest city, NDSU is the state's Morrill Act land-grant institution.

Recognized as an engaged university and considered a leader among its peers, NDSU has set numerous enrollment records in recent years. With more than 12,000 students, NDSU encompasses a broad spectrum of curricular offerings, scholarly activity and service. The university strives to be an innovator in information systems, technology transfer, economic development and lifelong learning. NDSU also is home to the state's first full NCAA Division I athletic program.

Innovative teaching and learning are conducted in nine academic units: the Colleges of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources; Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Business Administration; Engineering and Architecture; Human Development and Education; Pharmacy; Science and Mathematics; University Studies; and the Graduate School. NDSU has 41 doctoral and professional doctorate programs, 54 master's degree programs, one specialist degree, one professional degree and 99 baccalaureate majors.

NDSU researchers are leading major initiatives in such areas as nanotechnology, microelectronics, polymers, food safety and materials science. In a partnership with Alien Technology Inc., NDSU's Research and Technology Park will soon be home to the world's first mass scale Radio Frequency Identification tag research and production facility.

The North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service are integral parts of the university.

One of the university's latest additions is the new 75,800-square foot, five-story NDSU Downtown, which provides a cutting-edge facility for art, architecture and landscape architecture students. A \$10 million project renovated the century-old building to include studios, classrooms, a wood shop, digital media room, gallery and an outdoor sculpture area.

NDSU employs almost 600 ranked faculty and lecturers, about 250 extension educators and experiment station researchers, and more than 700 graduate assistants and fellows. In total, the university has nearly 4,600 full-time and part-time employees across the state.

NDSU, which is one of two major research universities in an 11-institution state university system, is striving to substantially increase the number of international

students enrolled at the undergraduate and graduate levels. NDSU also serves people across the state through continuing education and extension programs. NDSU participates in the Tri-College University consortium with neighboring Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College.

THE COMMUNITY

Named one of the most desirable places in the country to live by Money magazine, Fargo is quickly earning a reputation as a great place to live. Located in the rich farmlands of the Red River Valley, the Fargo-Moorhead community has many qualities that contribute to this reputation, including highly-respected educational opportunities K-12 through college, advanced medical technology, a progressive business community, numerous cultural and arts opportunities, a clean environment and good-hearted, friendly people.

Fargo's revitalized downtown has gained recent national publicity through such media outlets as the Los Angeles Times, The Today Show and National Public Radio. The reports describe an energetic, contemporary feel to many of the downtown's trendy restaurants, nightlife and entertainment opportunities.

With more than 160,000 people in the community and about 500,000 people in the service area, Fargo-Moorhead is among the largest metropolitan centers between Minneapolis and Seattle and was recently named an All-American City. To learn more about what national publications are saying about the community's quality of life, visit www.fmchamber.com/community/qualityoflife.html.