

Transcript Guide

Accreditation

NDSU is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602-2504. Many specialized fields also have professional accreditation.

Release of Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, prohibits release of this record or disclosure of its contents to any other party without the written consent of the student.

Academic Calendar

Effective August, 1992, the academic calendar for North Dakota State University (NDSU) converted from the quarter system to the semester system.

Grading and Honor Points

Grade	Description	Honor Points	Grade	Description	Honor Points
A	Excellent	4.00	P	Pass	-
B	Good	3.00	S	Satisfactory	-
C	Average	2.00	U	Unsatisfactory	-
D	Passing	1.00	NC	No credit	-
F	Failure	0.00	NR	Not reported	-
I	Incomplete	-	WF	Withdrew Failing	-
			WP	Withdrew Passing	-

- Not calculated in grade point average

Notes

Transcript Notes may reference course information, term/cumulative statistics, academic standing, honors, and achievements.

Grade Point Average

NDSU's GPA is calculated by dividing the total number of honor points earned by the total number of credit hours (units) in which honor points were recorded.

Tri-College

Tri-College is a consortium comprised of NDSU, Minnesota State University Moorhead, and Concordia College. Grades and credits are calculated in the home institution's cumulative totals.

Academic Forgiveness

Courses and grades for the terms selected remain on the academic record, but are excluded from GPA calculations. Excluded courses cannot be used to satisfy any academic requirements.

Repeated Courses

Indicated as notes after the course(s). Initial attempts remain on the record, but only the last enrollment of a repeated course is included in cumulative totals.

Historical records (typically if last term of attendance was prior to Fall 2002) include:

- parentheses () around credits excluded from GPA calculations, with the exception of F grades
- asterisks (*) to reference grading footnotes
- 'Z' indicators to note repeated courses; excluded from GPA calculations

Academic Record by Career Level

Prior to Fall 2002: Undergraduate, Graduate and Continuing Education coursework and credits are included on one comprehensive record.

Fall 2002-Summer 2005: Credits and coursework are posted on Undergraduate or Graduate records, based on career level.

Beginning Fall 2005: Credits and coursework are posted on Undergraduate, Graduate or Continuing Education records, based on career level.

Beginning Fall 2007: Credits and coursework are posted on Undergraduate, Graduate, Professional, and Continuing Education records, based on career level.

Course Numbering System

Prior to Fall 1992	As of Fall 1992	Explanation
NA	000-099	Do not satisfy any requirements for graduation
100-199	100-199*	Freshman-level courses
200-299	200-299	Sophomore-level courses
300-399	300-399	Junior-level courses
400-499**	400-499	Senior-level courses
--	500-599	Post-baccalaureate professional courses
519	600	Continuing education, professional development courses; do not count toward a degree
--	601-699	Graduate courses taught concurrently in the same classroom with advanced undergraduates at the 400-level
500-599	700-799	Graduate courses

*Select 10x courses do not satisfy graduation requirements.

**Select graduate courses were dual-listed with senior-level courses.

Undergraduate and Professional Student Classifications and Academic Standing

To maintain good academic standing, the following standards must be maintained:

Freshman	0-26 credits completed	1.75 cumulative GPA
Sophomore	27-59 credits completed	1.90 cumulative GPA
Junior	60-89 credits completed	2.00 cumulative GPA
Senior	90+ credits completed	2.00 cumulative GPA

-Dean's List recognition is given to undergraduate and professional students with at least 12 credits (units) that carry honor points (nine during the summer) and who earn a term GPA of 3.50.

-Academic Warning results when a term GPA is below minimum standards for the student's classification.

-Academic Probation or Continued Probation results when the cumulative (institutional) GPA is below minimum standards for the student's classification.

-Academic suspension is issued when an academically deficient student does not demonstrate improvement in his/her cumulative GPA.

Graduation Honors

Graduation honors are bestowed upon undergraduate and professional students based on cumulative GPA levels: Cum Laude (3.50-3.69); Magna Cum Laude (3.70-3.89); Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00)

Undergraduate Transfer Credit

The name of transfer institutions and total credits accepted by NDSU appear on the official transcript. Transfer credits are converted to semester credits. Generally, transfer work is not recorded, nor computed, in the cumulative GPA. *NDSU does not issue copies of transcripts from other institutions.*

Authenticity of Transcript

Transcripts are original when printed on green security paper bearing the signature of the University Registrar. Transcripts are not considered official if stamped "Issued to Student." When photocopied, the word "copy" appears across the face of this document.