

Special Programs

The Scholars Program

The Scholars Program is an individualized four-year program designed for students of exceptional academic and/or creative abilities. The program consists of 18 credit hours in colloquia and the completion of a senior project. The program is offered concurrently with a student's major, which may be in any discipline available at NDSU.

First-Year Colloquium

English 111, 121
Honors Composition I, II 6
Interdisciplinary investigation of conflicting values.

Second-Year Colloquium

An interdisciplinary course each semester 6
Interdisciplinary exploration of topics such as the perspective of world literature on the human condition, problems of world hunger, environmental issues, spatial conflicts, and the use of narrative in various disciplines.

Third-Year Colloquium

Humanities/Philosophy 498H
The Nature of Human Nature 6
Examination of changing views on human nature from the perspectives of diverse disciplines. Student/faculty-led discussions.

Fourth-Year Independent Study and/or Tutorials

Reading, writing, and/or work experience culminating in a senior project r - 4
For admission to the program, write to The Scholars Program, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, 221 Minard Hall.

Cooperative Education Program

The Cooperative Education Program offers both undergraduate and graduate students a unique opportunity to integrate career, social, and personal development into the educational process. The Co-op Program is designed for students to integrate classroom study with paid professional work experiences related to their field of study. These experiences increase in complexity as the student's academic background in a given field increases.

The program offers several specific benefits to students. It provides those who have made up their minds an opportunity to obtain pre-graduation experience in their chosen careers, and those who have not, an opportunity to explore several career possibilities. It provides all participants a chance to earn money for their education and credit toward an academic degree with related work experience. And finally, it substantially improves students' opportunities for employment after graduation.

The Co-op Program option is available in most departments on the North Dakota State University campus. Freshmen may begin their career development process by enrolling in the Co-op Program. Generally, students begin their work experience in the sophomore or junior year, although seniors and graduate students can also be placed. Students may undertake either part- or full-time work experiences. All work experiences are at least one semester in length. Work experiences are available both during the academic year and the summer. A student's work may be with a single employer or it may be with different employers; increasing complexity is the critical principle. Salaries for these work experiences vary with the field of work, the complexity of the job, and location of the employer.

Cooperative Education placements generate academic credits on the student's transcript for the semester of placement. These credits document the student's "enriched degree." Credits vary from 1-3 credits per semester. The amount of co-op credit awarded for a given work experience is based on the amount of time spent in the placement. Co-op credit is granted through Continuing Education and awarded directly by the Co-op Program. Students must make their credit arrangements with the Co-op Program prior to each placement.

The North Dakota State University Co-op Program office is located in 306 Ceres Hall. Students interested in entering or learning more about the program should visit the office or call 231-8936.

Global Studies

The Office of International Programs (OIP) facilitates international educational opportunities for students, staff, and faculty. Exchange agreements are coordinated between North Dakota State University and foreign universities offering opportunities for international study, teaching, or research for the campus community through the OIP.

International Studies Major

The international studies major is a program of study that is offered concurrently with a student's primary major. This program provides students with the opportunity to internationalize their major by combining special requirements to obtain the international studies major with their academic field of study. Students complete 27 credits of course work including an integrative senior project, demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language, and participate in an experience abroad to complete a second major in International Studies.

Courses. In addition to the courses required for the primary major, students seeking the international studies major are required to take courses that have an international focus. The required 12-credit core consists of Geography 110, Political Science 140, Anthropology 111, 206, or 450, and History 140 or 141. Nine credits of electives are required and will be chosen with the help of the student's adviser. An integrative senior project that ties international study to the primary degree is also required.

Languages. Knowledge of a foreign language is an important part of the program. At NDSU students may study French, German, and Spanish. Additional language study is available through the Tri-College University in languages such as Norwegian, Russian, Japanese, and Chinese. Foreign language proficiency equivalent to completion of two years of college language study is required. This requirement may be met either through appropriate course work or through a testing procedure in the Department of Modern Languages.

Experience abroad. An important part of the international studies major is participation in a study, work, or research experience abroad for at least 10 weeks in duration. Assistance with finding an overseas study program is available in the Office of International Programs.

Selective admission. To be eligible to participate in the international studies major, students must have sophomore standing with a minimum grade-point average of 2.5. Eligible students must also have initiated advanced level course work in their academic major and completed the first year or equivalent of their foreign language study.

Additional information about the international studies major is available through the department of a student's academic major, the college International Studies adviser, the Department of Modern Languages, and the Office of International Programs.



Study Abroad

Experience abroad can provide an invaluable education for students. Studying, working, or traveling abroad offers many benefits, such as increasing cultural awareness, improving language skills, and developing an in-depth knowledge in a particular field from an international perspective. International experience offers career advantages because employers increasingly seek to hire individuals who have multinational and multicultural perspectives and experience.

North Dakota State University currently has exchange programs with universities in Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, The Netherlands, Sweden, and is developing exchange programs in other countries. For these programs, no overseas tuition is charged. Students pay regular NDSU campus tuition and fees.

North Dakota State University is also a member of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). The ISEP organization offers programs in more than 100 sites around the world, including Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, and Latin America.

Students may also take advantage of numerous programs offered through The American Institute of Foreign Study (AIFS), national organizations, consortia, and other universities. Information about the variety of programs abroad is available in the Office of International Programs, 338 Ceres Hall, 701-231-7895, or e-mail (nuin@plains.nodak.edu).

Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Program

The Reserve Officers Training Corps program at NDSU is voluntary and is open to both male and female students. The program consists of Army and Air Force ROTC. The activities are conducted under separate Departments of Military Science and Aerospace Studies. Students may elect either Army or Air Force ROTC.

The first two years of the regular four-year course of ROTC at NDSU are designated as the Basic Course for Army ROTC and General Military Course for Air Force ROTC. Students participating in the basic or general course incur no military obligation or commitment.

The last two years of Army ROTC are designated as the Advanced Course. The last two years of Air Force ROTC are designated as the Professional Officer Course (POC). Qualified students may apply for and be accepted in either of these courses with a commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army or Air Force as the objective. The Army ROTC program also offers commissions in the Army National Guard or Reserves.

To be eligible for consideration and admission to the Advanced or Professional Officer Course, a student must be (1) a citizen of the United States, (2) of good moral character, (3) have completed either the Basic or General Military Course or the six-week basic summer training period or have received credit in lieu thereof, (4) have successfully completed the prescribed physical examinations and (5) be able to complete all requirements for a commission prior to age 30.

Students selected for admission to the Advanced or Professional Officer Course are required to sign a written agreement to fulfill certain conditions required by law and service regulations. Students so enrolled are required to attend a four-or five-week summer training period. These students earn monthly pay plus travel expenses while attending summer training.

Military uniforms, textbooks, and equipment are furnished without charge to all ROTC students. Advanced students receive a tax-free government subsistence up to \$1,500 for each academic year that they are enrolled in the advanced ROTC program.

ROTC two-, three-, and four-year scholarships may be awarded to students who meet established criteria. Each scholarship provides for tuition, fees, help toward the purchase of textbooks and supplies in addition to the \$1,500 subsistence for each academic year that the scholarship is in effect.

For a description of Army and Air Force ROTC courses, see the departmental course listings under Aerospace Studies and Military Science.

Project 65

People aged 65 or over may audit one course per semester free of tuition and related fees, with the exception of a one-time \$25 application fee.

Project 65 students are encouraged to purchase the textbooks for their courses. The transcript of a student auditing a course will show a grade of "Audit" for the course, which will not count as credit toward a degree. By definition, an auditor may attend class only as a listener. Students wishing to earn credit toward a degree must pay all tuition and fees and complete all assignments and tests.

Students should identify themselves as participants in the Project 65 program at the time of registration. For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar, 231-7981.

Summer Session

The 12-week summer session is organized to provide course work within various time intervals. The standard four-week session begins in May; the standard eight-week session begins in June. There are also other variations, thus providing maximum flexibility to summer students.

Summer offerings are determined by each college based upon previous experience, special requests, or planned new programs. Such offerings include agriculture, business administration, the arts and humanities, the social sciences, the biological and physical sciences, engineering, human development, education, and pharmacy. A special effort is made to offer courses approved for fulfilling general education requirements.

A schedule of the summer session course offerings is issued each February and may be obtained by writing to the Office of the Registrar, P.O. Box 5196, Fargo, ND 58105. It is also on our website at <http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/ndsu/academic/>.

Fees and Housing

Fees are listed in the summer schedule.

Information concerning housing may be secured by writing to the Department of Residence Life, P.O. Box 5481, Fargo, ND 58105.

Undergraduate Admission Requirements

The course offerings of the summer school are open to all qualified students.

Students may enroll as degree candidates by meeting general University requirements as described elsewhere in this bulletin and submitting an application for admission to the Office of Admission. Students attending another institution but wishing to enroll for summer school at the University may apply for transient status by submitting a regular application for admission, a \$25 nonrefundable application fee, and a letter of good standing or an official transcript from their home institution.

Credit for Courses

While the time interval of the individual sessions is different than that of the normal semester, each course carries full credit because classes meet the same number of hours as in the standard semester.

Graduate Work

A range of opportunities is available for graduate work during the summer session as evidenced by the traditionally high enrollment of graduate students. A considerable number of graduate courses is offered, but generally the summer serves as an important term for students to work on their research requirements, especially if field work is involved. Work on disquisitions and individual study arrangements frequently is facilitated during summers.

Many courses and programs are available during summers for those majoring in teacher education. Courses scheduled to begin at different times and for varying periods provide a high level of flexibility. Thus, those who may have only a portion of a given summer available are likely to find courses that meet their scheduling limitations. In addition, workshops, internships, and other special programs are offered. Teachers generally find the summer school designed to offer attractive selections as components of a degree program, as well as courses directed toward improvement of professional skills.

Persons interested in graduate programs are urged to contact the Graduate School for further information.

Continuing Education

Continuing Education is an outreach unit of the University that makes the resources of the institution available in a variety of ways, including distance-based education. Courses, locations, and delivery systems are planned in response to requests and identified needs. Continuing Education activities fall into three main categories: on- and off-campus credit courses, non-credit activities, and learning opportunities mediated via technology.

Admission to NDSU is not required to enroll in Continuing Education courses, and enrollment in Continuing Education courses does not ensure admission to NDSU. Those interested in pursuing degrees must complete application procedures through the Office of Admission or the Graduate School.

Credit Courses

Continuing Education offers regular credit courses on campus as a means to supplement tuition-based offerings. These include developmental courses that are prerequisites for other courses as well as those that apply to programs of study.

Off-campus credit courses are regular or special courses offered by NDSU units at off-campus locations. Courses are usually established at the request of those who have special interests or

educational needs. Students must consult with their advisers in advance to determine if specific courses will apply to their programs of study. There are no limits on the number of credits earned through Continuing Education that may be applied to a degree program.

Non-Credit Activities

Continuing Education offers a wide range of workshops, conferences, and inservice activities. These educational experiences vary in length from an hour, to a day, to periodic meetings distributed over several months. Continuing Education arranges transportation, housing, and physical facilities; contracts speakers and banquet facilities; and provides financial management and other special services.

The purpose of these functions is to provide needed and appropriate educational services. In some cases, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be earned for these activities.

Distance and Technology-Enhanced Learning

Continuing Education uses an array of distance delivery systems both for credit and non-credit courses and activities. Delivery systems include satellite, the North Dakota Interactive Video Network (ND IVN), Worldwide Web and Internet, video- and print-based individual study, videoconferencing, and combinations of these technologies.

In addition to bridging geographic limitations, some technologies allow students to complete work on their own any time, any place. Other technologies facilitate synchronous work at a distance.

Continuing Education Fees

Students enrolled in Continuing Education courses may expect to pay course fees similar to normal resident tuition. Fees may be less if grants or other external funds are available. In cases where delivery costs are higher, or for specialized programs, fees may be higher. Continuing Education reserves the right to adjust course fees as needed without prior notice. Courses offered through Continuing Education generally count toward credit totals for financial aid but not toward the NDSU tuition cap.

For further information, contact the Division of Continuing Education, 209 Engineering Technology Building, Fargo, ND 58105-5819, phone 701-231-7015, fax 701-231-7016, or <http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/conted>.

Tri-College University

Tri-College University (TCU) is a consortium of the three major Fargo-Moorhead institutions of higher education: NDSU, Concordia College, and Minnesota State University Moorhead. Through the consortium, students at the three schools may benefit from what each school offers individually, plus many new and interesting options.

The Tri-College Course Exchange

Through the Tri-College course exchange, students at one campus may take courses at the other two at no extra cost and without going through separate admission procedures. Tuition is paid only to the home campus. Courses offered through Continuing Education, those that require special fees or enrollment procedures, and most workshops are not available through the Tri-College exchange.

Course limits. Concordia students—and MSUM or NDSU students wanting to take a course at Concordia—may take only one course per term under the student course exchange, and then only if they are full-time students and if that course is not available on their home campus at any time.

Grades. Grades received in TCU courses count on the student's home campus grade-point average.

Credits. Credits earned count in the same way toward graduation requirements as they would if they were taken at the student's home campus.

Course substitutions. To substitute TCU courses for required courses in the student's major or minor requires special approval in advance.

Drop/add deadlines. The deadlines of the student's home campus are followed to drop or add a course or to take a course pass/fail, regardless of the TCU institution at which the class is taken.

Registration procedures. Students register for TCU courses on their home campus and pay their home-campus tuition and fees. (The ALFI system at NDSU does not accept Tri-College registration. NDSU students register in person in 110 Ceres Hall.)

Tri-College Minors

The Tri-College schools recognize minors earned through the TCU course exchange. This means students can receive recognition on their graduation transcripts for minors completed on one of the other TCU campuses. This policy applies only to minors earned in programs not available on a student's home campus.

Majors

Majors may be earned only at the school from which a student graduates. Most students enroll initially at the school from which they intend to graduate, but the TCU course exchange agreement between MSUM and NDSU makes it possible for students to enroll at one of these schools for two or three years while pursuing a major they will complete after transferring to the other school. Students should work with the chair of the department in which they intend to major to make sure their program includes all requirements for the major and for graduation. Students may apply for tuition reciprocity prior to transferring from their home state.

Covered programs available to NDSU students at MSUM (related to MSUM/NDSU degree programs available only at one of the two campuses):

American Studies

Art (ceramics, graphics and design, print making, sculpture)

Criminal Justice

Education (elementary, health, and special)

Graphic Communications

Music (stringed instruments)

Philosophy

Social Work

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Technology

Educational Leadership

Graduate Program

The staff in the field of educational leadership is an integral part of the Tri-College University. Programs meet certification requirements in the various areas appropriate to elementary and secondary administration.

Professional titles, levels, and specialties available include the following: superintendent, assistant superintendent, senior high school principal, junior high school principal, elementary school principal, community education director, or special education director. Application forms and information regarding TCU educational leadership and other offerings may be secured from the chair of the TCU Educational Leadership Program, 209 Engineering Technology Building, NDSU, Fargo, ND 58105; telephone 701-231-9732.

Library Services

Through TCU, students and faculty at each member institution have direct access to the resources of all three college libraries. Students and faculty may visit any of the three libraries and check out materials, but they may also have materials delivered to their home campus from the other two libraries on a twice-daily shuttle.

Among the many joint services offered by the three libraries are a computer-based Tri-College Union List of Serials and the Tri-College Catalog. In addition, the TCU library system is part of the Project for Automated Library Services (PALS). This connects to more than 100 libraries in the region. The on-line data base is displayed on computer terminals in each TCU library.

Bus and Parking Services

A Tri-College bus schedule provides intercampus transportation to Concordia, MSUM, and NDSU every half hour. The bus is operated weekdays by the City of Fargo during the NDSU/MSUM academic year; it does not operate summers. Bus schedules are available at the TCU office and at several locations on each campus.

A separate parking permit is not issued for Tri-College University parking. If vehicles have a current home-campus permit, they may be parked in the following lots on other campuses.

At Concordia: Parking Lot C for students, faculty, and staff.

At MSUM: Parking Lots N, O, P, and K for students; parking Lot C for faculty and staff.

All drivers are subject to traffic regulations of the respective institutions. Lot restrictions are eased after 5:00 p.m., but there is no overnight parking.

