

# Student Life

The Division of Student Affairs at NDSU serves student needs by providing specialized services, educational programs, and offerings directed at academic and student personal growth. Division personnel encourage student involvement within the University and serve as advocates for student concerns. Division functions are provided in a spirit of support for the teaching, research, and public service of the University.

## Student Services

Diverse services and reinforcement programs are available at NDSU. Each is aimed at enhancing student life by assisting students to gain the maximum benefit from their experiences.

### Project Success

Project Success is a campus-wide effort to provide academic and social support services for entering students at NDSU. Project Success staff provide New Student Orientation programs for freshmen and transfer students and their families. The staff coordinates academic tutoring (SuperTutor) and peer advising/mentoring programs in collaboration with academic colleges and offices throughout the University. In addition, Project Success staff conduct retention related research, develop services focusing on at-risk students, and provide support for the Skills for Academic Success Course.

### Counseling and Disability Services

Counseling and Disability Services professionals understand that students have times in their lives when they need assistance with their academic, personal, career, and social issues. These professional counselors and learning specialists help students who have difficulties that range from everyday concerns to those that are more serious in nature.

Appointments to see a counselor may be made in person, (Ceres 212), by telephone (231-7671), or by letter. Students with urgent problems may be seen immediately. Counselors are also available to assist in emergencies that occur outside of regular office hours by calling 231-7671.

Counseling and Disability Services is a department within the Division of Student Affairs and is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. Counseling staff members honor the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics.

The Center provides a diverse array of services to students. Services include the following:

**Personal counseling.** Counseling and Disability Services offers a confidential place for students to explore personal concerns. Some examples of student concerns are anxiety and/or depression, academic performance difficulties, interpersonal relations problems, eating disorders, abuse and violence issues, career and academic-major decisions, crisis needs, and self-esteem enhancement. In addition to individual counseling sessions, the staff offers group counseling and support groups.

**Academic counseling.** Ongoing educational opportunities in learning strategies and personal development issues are provided. Center staff members serve as instructors for self-growth classes in such areas as career planning and study skills.

**Career counseling.** Career assessment, exploration, and counseling services are available. A career resource library is maintained to provide current information useful for educational and vocational planning. Included within the career library is DISCOVER, a computerized information and assessment system.

**Psychiatric services.** Counseling and Disability Services contracts with psychiatric resident physicians from the University of North Dakota Medical School and consulting psychiatrists to provide services. These physicians provide assessment and management in clients' use of medication. A nominal fee is charged for these services.

**Chemical dependency services.** Counseling and Disability Services staff provide referral services for individuals with chemical dependency concerns. Counselors assist in coordinating campus educational programming that fosters healthy lifestyles.

**Disability services.** Staff members work in cooperation with other campus personnel to ensure that students have access to campus programs and facilities. The type of academic support services and accommodations that are available to eligible students with disabilities include, but are not limited to, the following: counseling and assessment, testing accommodations, readers, assistive technology, classroom accommodations, seasonal transportation services, early registration, advocacy, interpreter service, and referral services to campus, community, and state agencies.

### Services for nontraditional students.

Services are provided to assist students who have been away from school for a period of time. Informal meetings are arranged to offer a supportive environment for the returning adult learner.

**Testing.** Counseling and Disability Services is an agency for administering numerous standardized educational and professional tests. Tests commonly administered include the American College Test (ACT), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency, and qualifying exams for program entrance.

### Faculty and staff development.

Counseling and Disability Services personnel foster faculty and staff development through consultation with individuals and departments, campus presentations, and development of educational materials.

### Multicultural Student Services

The Office of Multicultural Student Services provides a variety of support services for Native Americans and other ethnic and cultural minority students. Enrolled and prospective students may obtain assistance with admission procedures, financial aid, housing, academic advising, counseling, and tutorial services. The office works closely with the Native American pharmacy program and sponsors several educational programs throughout the year.

### Native American Pharmacy Program

The Health Careers Opportunity Program funds a special program at North Dakota State University that is designed to attract and support Native Americans who have an interest in entering the pharmacy field. An extensive preliminary education component provides enrichment in the science and mathematics area for high school and college students during the summer. Additional information is available by calling 231-8205.

## International Program Services

The Office of International Programs provides leadership and support services for all aspects of international education at NDSU.

Students and scholars from other countries are welcome at NDSU. The Office of International Programs provides services to assist international students and scholars prior to and after arrival at the University. These services include preparation for arrival, airport pickup, orientation, advising on personal matters, and assistance with immigration legal compliance. Additional information is provided to international students and scholars through newsletters and informational seminars.

Students from the U.S. and other countries may receive assistance in the Office of International Programs with planning experiences abroad. Information is provided to students through group seminars and individual advising. International student I.D. cards, country and program brochures, and travel related information are available to all students.

International activities are also coordinated through the Office of International Programs. The main event each year is International Week, which highlights the advantages of learning about world cultures through displays, lectures, film, food fair, and cultural shows. Students may participate in activities off campus, such as the Tri-College Community Welcome Picnic, Public Schools' Speakers Programs, and a variety of local cultural events.

Information on all matters pertaining to international students and scholars as well as prospective study abroad students is available in Ceres Hall 338, telephone 701-231-7895.

## TRIO Programs

Student Support Services, the McNair Scholars Program, and the Veterans ReEntry Program are funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of TRIO Programs. The Office of TRIO Programs is in 319 Ceres Hall, telephone 701-231-8028.

## Student Support Services

The Student Support Services project provides tutoring, small group instruction, and support services to University students who meet eligibility requirements and are in need of assistance. The instruction and tutoring services are offered on an individualized basis in mathematics, science, English, reading, computer literacy, and study skills as well as some specialized course areas. The purpose is to maximize students' chances of success in their university course work. Funding for Student Support Services is provided through a \$305,073 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

## McNair Scholars Program

The McNair Scholars Program is designed to increase the number of professors and doctorally prepared graduates from traditionally under-represented populations. The program provides eligible juniors and seniors with a stipend, counseling, academic enrichment, preparation for graduate school entrance examinations, and opportunities for research under the guidance of university professors. The principal purpose of the program is to increase the rate of graduate enrollment, completion of the doctorate, and attainment of professional positions for low income and first generation college students and minorities. Funding for the McNair Scholars Program is provided through a \$207,599 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

## Veterans ReEntry Program

The Veterans ReEntry Program is an individualized educational program for veterans who want to obtain academic preparation before entering or during postsecondary education. Course work in English, computer literacy, mathematics, and reading is designed to prepare veterans for successful participation in postsecondary education. The program also offers General Education Development (GED) test preparation for veterans lacking a high school diploma. In addition to academic course work, the program provides advising and referral services. Veterans may be eligible to receive educational benefits while attending the program. Funding for the program is provided through a \$238,044 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

## Center for Writers

The Center for Writers is an across-the-curriculum writing support program designed to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to improve the quality of their writing. In addition to offering guidance with writing, services include assisting writers with conducting library research and using reference services.

Located in the main library near the reference desk, Center consultants also work closely with reference librarians. Together they offer workshops and seminars for faculty on developing writing assignments and research and writing experiences.

Appointments may be scheduled with Center consultants at any stage of the writing process. Call 231-7927.

## Career Center

The Career Center is a comprehensive resource center to assist NDSU students and alumni with their job searches and to connect them with employers. Three distinct programs are provided by the center: Cooperative Education, Career Services, and Part-Time Work. Cooperative Education is a unique program that blends classroom education with hands-on experience through career-related, paid work experiences for academic credit. Career Services facilitates the process of becoming successfully

employed by providing services and resources especially essential to seniors preparing to search for a professional job. A representative from Job Service North Dakota is available to help students find part-time work on and off campus throughout the academic year as well as the summer.

The Career Center provides the following:

- Comprehensive home page
- Computer lab with Internet access
- Employer informational meetings
- Internet resumé database for seniors and co-ops
- Job search development advising
  - Interview techniques
  - Job search strategies
  - Professional image
  - Resumé and letters
  - Salary information
- Job Service North Dakota job listings
- Job Trak
- On-campus interviews
- Special career events
  - Engineering Expo
  - North Dakota Education Career Fair
  - Tri-College Career Fair
  - Tri-College Graduate School Day
- Web registration for campus interviews
- Web registration with the Career Center:
  - Bison Student Link

## Student Health Service

The C.I. Nelson Student Health Service is the on-campus medical clinic, which provides short-term health care and education. The promotion of wellness for life and academic success for NDSU students is the mission of the Student Health Service.

Funded by a student health and wellness fee, the Student Health Service integrates health promotion, education for prevention of disease, and clinical treatment for illness. Services available are short-term health care provided by a physician and nurse practitioner, routine laboratory procedures, health care referral assistance, pharmaceutical care and consultation, and health education and counseling.

The peer health education program, coordinated by the Student Health Service, educates students to promote wellness and to provide learning opportunities concerning healthy lifestyles. Peer educators reach out to students through various media to encourage healthy choices on issues that impact their lives. Students interested in promoting health and wellness on the campus are encouraged to participate in this program.

## Student Activities

Participation in student activities is encouraged at NDSU because of the contribution it makes to the total educational experience of the student. Research has shown that involved students balance their courses while enjoying a greater level of satisfaction during their college years.

All student organizations and involvement opportunities are listed in the "Guide to Student Involvement." This guide is available in the Student Activities Office, 360 Memorial Union.

To help summarize the skills students develop through their campus life involvement, an official document called the Student Involvement Transcript is available. For information contact the Student Activities Office, Memorial Union, 231-7787.

## Student Government and Organizations

Student participation in University affairs is coordinated by Student Government. The executive branch is represented by a president and vice president, a commissioner of student organizations, a commissioner of government relations, a commissioner of finance, a commissioner of assistant finance, a commissioner of public relations, a commissioner of academic and student affairs, and an administrative assistant. The Student Senate and the Student Court of Justice comprise the legislative and judicial branches. This government coordinates student-faculty committee appointments, and officially recognizes about 200 semi-autonomous student organizations in various categories: academic, governing and advisory, Greek, honorary, intercultural, leisure learning, military, performing and visual arts, recreational/competitive, religious, service, special interest, and spirit. Student government also maintains a relationship with councils of independently governed groups (Residence Hall Association, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, and the Family Student Association).

Student senators also serve on University Senate committees. Other students are appointed by the student body president to joint administrative committees. Official recognition is granted to student organizations upon University acceptance of a recommendation from the Student Senate. Student organizational campus activities are financed by a student activity fee, which is administered primarily through the Student Finance Commission. Additional information may be obtained through the Student Activities Office, 360 Memorial Union.

## Honor Societies

Several honor societies are well established at North Dakota State University and encourage superior scholarship in various special fields.

Alpha Epsilon (agricultural engineering)  
Alpha Pi Mu (industrial engineering)  
Blue Key (student leadership and service)  
Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering)  
Golden Key (student leadership, service, and scholarship)  
Libra (sophomore scholarship)  
Mortar Board (student leadership and service)  
National Residence Hall Honorary (Leadership in Residence Halls)  
Order of Omega (Greek leadership and service)  
Phi Eta Sigma (freshman scholarship)  
Phi Kappa Phi (all academic fields)  
Phi Sigma (biology)  
Phi Upsilon Omicron (family and consumer sciences)  
Pi Kappa Delta (forensics)  
Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering)  
Psi Chi (psychology)  
Rho Chi (pharmacy)  
Rho Lambda (leadership in social sororities)  
Tau Beta Pi (engineering)  
Tau Sigma Delta (architecture)  
Tri-College Hugh O'Brian Leadership Club (public service and leadership)

## Fraternities and Sororities

Fraternities and sororities, often called Greeks because of the use of Greek letters in their organizational names, contribute to the educational process at NDSU. Greeks encourage participation by members in academic, community service, leadership, and social-oriented activities on campus and in the community. Fraternity and sorority membership provides opportunities for individuals to develop their leadership, communication, conflict resolution, organization, collaboration, and management skills which contributes to one's educational and career plans. In addition, Greek membership fosters an environment for developing life-long friendships. Some fraternities and sororities are geared toward individuals with specific academic interests to promote professional competency and achievement within their specific fields.

### Fraternities

Alpha Gamma Rho (agriculture)  
Alpha Tau Omega  
Delta Upsilon  
Farmhouse  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon  
Sigma Chi  
Sigma Nu  
Sigma Phi Delta (engineering and architecture)  
Tau Kappa Epsilon  
Theta Chi

### Sororities

Alpha Gamma Delta  
Ceres (agriculture interest)  
Kappa Alpha Theta  
Kappa Delta  
Phi Mu

## Athletics

North Dakota State University is a member of the North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. National competition is governed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Varsity competition for men includes football, cross country, golf, basketball, wrestling, indoor track, outdoor track, and baseball.

Opportunities for women's varsity competition include basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track, outdoor track, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

Excellence is a goal of the University and athletics is no exception. Conference honors are prevalent in the recent history of North Dakota State University, with individuals and teams also earning recognition at the national level.

## Campus Recreation/Intramural Sports

The Campus Recreation/Intramural Sports (CR/IM) Department organizes and promotes formal and informal recreational activities for the enjoyment of all NDSU students, faculty, and staff. The goal of the department is to provide a wide array of opportunities utilizing University recreational facilities. In addition to the informal open recreation program with facilities open over 20 hours per week, a comprehensive intramural sports program is provided.

