

# Special Programs

## University Honors (Scholars) Program

The University Honors Program is an interdisciplinary program designed for students of exceptional ability whose interests range well beyond their primary majors. The program consists of a series of interdisciplinary colloquia; these are limited to 20 students and, in the second year, are taught by teams of two or more faculty members. Graduation from the Honors Program requires 18 hours of colloquia and a senior project. Alternatively, scholars may exit the program after 12 hours with a certificate in General Honors.

### First-Year

*Colloquium* 6  
*English 111, 121 Honors Composition I, II*  
 Literature and Ideas: an interdisciplinary investigation of conflicting values

### Second-Year

*Colloquium* 6  
*An interdisciplinary course each semester*  
 Offerings vary; exploration of topics such as the perspective of world literature on the human condition, problems of world hunger, the diverse ways of understanding nature, ethical issues in the sciences, the perspectives of the world press

### Third-Year

*Colloquium* 6  
*Fall semester: an interdisciplinary colloquium*  
*Spring semester: student/faculty led discussions on texts chosen by the student participants*

### Fourth-Year

*Senior Project* 4  
*Independent, faculty-guided reading and research leading to a completion of the Senior Honors Project*

For admission to the program, write to: University Honors Program, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Minard Hall

## Cooperative Education Program

Cooperative Education, a program of the Career Center, offers undergraduate and graduate students a tremendous opportunity to integrate classroom study with paid professional work experience related to their fields of study. The level of responsibility during an assignment coincides with the student's academic achievement to that point.

The program offers several specific benefits to students; for example, it allows students the opportunity to participate in pre-graduation work experience that relates to identifiable career goals. For students who remain uncertain

about their specific goals, it is a chance to explore various career paths that are being considered prior to graduation. Cooperative Education allows participants the chance to earn money for their education and to receive credit (which appears on the student's transcript). Participation in the Cooperative Education Program may substantially improve students' opportunities for employment after graduation by providing evidence of skill mastery to prospective employers.

The Co-op Program option is available in most departments on the NDSU campus. Freshmen may begin their career development process by meeting with Career Center staff to identify program objectives. Generally, students participate in actual cooperative education assignments sometime during or after their sophomore year. Graduate students also can take part in this program. Students may participate in either full-time or part-time work experiences, and must work at least 100 hours within a semester to earn credit. Work experiences may be obtained during the academic year and/or during the summer months. A student's work may be with one employer or with multiple employers, and salaries vary according to the field of study, the complexity of the job, and the location of the employer.

Cooperative Education assignments generate credits on the student's transcript depending on the number of hours worked during the selected semester; credits vary from 1 to 3 credits per semester and students may take up to 12 credits of co-op while advancing toward their degree. The amount of co-op credits awarded for a given work experience is based on the amount of time spent in the assignment. Co-op credit is granted through Continuing Education and awarded directly by the Co-op Program. Students must make their credit arrangements prior to each co-op assignment.

The NDSU Co-op Program office is located in the Career Center - 306 Ceres Hall. Students interested in learning more about the program should visit the office or call 231-7111.

## 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 Geog 161, PolS 220, Anth 111, 206, or 450, and Hist 101 or 102. 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 Arabic, 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, Norway, 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), AustraLearn, 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 ([ndsui@ndsui.ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsui@ndsui.ndsu.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 \$4,000 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 \$4,000 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 \$35 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/ndsui/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 \$35 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 traditional and non-traditional 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: credits eligible for degree programs, credits not eligible for degree programs, and non-credit.

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.

### Degree Credit

Continuing Education offers regular credit courses on campus, off campus and via distance formats, as a supplement to the work of academic departments. Students wishing to take degree credit courses through Continuing Education must be admitted to the university either as degree-seeking students or as students not seeking a degree from NDSU.

### Non-Degree Credit

Continuing Education also offers credit courses on campus, off campus and via distance formats that are not applicable for degree programs. These courses are typically numbered 600. Students need not be admitted to the institution to enroll in non-degree credit courses.

## Non-Credit

Continuing Education annually offers a wide range of workshops, conferences and in-service activities. These may occur for an hour or a day or be intermittent and distributed over several months. The purpose of these activities is to provide needed and appropriate educational services. In some cases, Continuing Education Units (CEUs) may be earned for such activities.

## Distance and Technology-Enhanced Learning

Continuing Education uses a wide range of distance delivery systems both for all types of activities including satellite, the North Dakota Interactive Video Network (ND IVN), the Web, Internet, video- and print-based correspondence, videoconferencing, and combinations thereof. In addition to bridging geographic limitations, some of the above technologies allow students to complete work on their own any time, any place.

## Continuing Education Fees

Students enrolled in degree credit courses administered through Continuing Education courses may expect to pay tuition and fees at rates similar to resident tuition and fee rates. In cases where delivery costs are higher, or for specialized programs, fees may be higher. Non-degree credit courses vary widely and can be as low as \$40; non-credit activities also vary widely. 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. Not eligible for Tri-College registration are courses offered through NDSU's Division of Continuing Education, off-campus or weekend courses offered through MSUM's Continuing Education program, most workshops, independent study courses at Concordia, and private music instruction at Concordia.

Students enrolling in classes that require special fees (lab fees, lessons, supplies, etc.) beyond the home-campus fees assessed at time of registration will be responsible for remittance of payment to the billing department or institution.

**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 Tri-College University Educational Leadership Program meets 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.

### Nursing Graduate Program

The Tri-College Master of Science in Nursing Program focuses on advanced practice nursing and includes three areas: Acute/Primary Care, with a choice of Family Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist in Adult Health; Population-Focused Care, with a choice of Parish Nursing or Transcultural Nursing; and Nursing Education, with an opportunity to design a portion of the curriculum to fit a specific area of interest.

For additional information and to request application materials, please contact Dr. Jane Giedt, program director, at 218-236-4699 or [giedt@mnstate.edu](mailto:giedt@mnstate.edu).

## 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, 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.

