

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

The Early Entry Program allows high school students to take courses at North Dakota State University while completing their high school graduation requirements. This is particularly convenient for high school students in the local area who want to supplement their course load with college credit courses on the NDSU campus. Students outside the area may want to take college courses during the summer between their junior and senior years of high school.

Advantages

This experience could prove valuable before making a commitment to a specific college major. One of the advantages of the Early Entry Program is that it provides students a chance to explore different career interests by taking courses in a variety of fields. Students are able to not only complete their high school graduation requirements, but also early college credits. The credits earned will count towards their college grade point average (GPA).

All **freshman-level** courses are open to Early Entry students. Examples of classes available for students to take are listed on the backside of this sheet. At the conclusion of the first semester, Early Entry students are permitted to register for courses offered during the upcoming semester.

Guidelines

Any interested high school student may apply and will be considered on an individual basis. Students who will be in their **senior year of high school** and have earned a **GPA of 3.5 or greater** are ideal candidates for the Early Entry Program.

Early Entry students may begin course work during the summer following the junior year or at the beginning of any semester during the senior year of high school.

Some additional guidelines govern Early Entry courses:

1. College courses may or may not substitute for courses required for high school graduation. North Dakota students must initiate the Dual Credit Enrollment Application with the high school counselor to count the college credit toward high school graduation requirements.
2. Early Entry students are **limited to two courses per semester** for a maximum total of seven credits per semester.
3. Early Entry students are expected to pay the same tuition and fees* as regular part-time students at NDSU. Early Entry students *do not* qualify for financial aid due to a federal policy stating that financial aid recipients must have a high school diploma or earned the GED.

*Student Fees include:

1. ACE Tutoring
2. Athletic Events
3. Bike Share
4. Career Center
5. Counseling Center
6. Library services (research databases)
7. Performing Arts Events
8. Technology (printing)
9. Wellness Center (group exercise classes, aquatic center)

Getting Started

To begin as an Early Entry student, it is important to submit the following:

1. NDSU Application for Admission,
2. nonrefundable \$35 application fee,
3. official copy of your high school transcript,
4. Early Entry Permission Form (*on reverse*) signed by a parent and high school counselor or principal.

In order to take Early Entry courses during the summer or spring semesters, students should apply for admission at least one month prior to the start of that semester.

Registration Process

A representative from the Office of Admission will assist you in the registration process. Please keep in mind that the classes in which you want to enroll may not be offered at the times you have available. Once you have been successfully registered, an admission counselor will be available to walk you through other steps such as activating your electronic accounts, getting your student ID and purchasing your academic materials.

For The Future

Students who apply for the Early Entry Program have the opportunity to use the application to be considered for freshman admission as well. It is also necessary to have ACT or SAT scores sent to the Office of Admission to be considered for freshman admission. You will receive additional information about admission procedures, but should also complete the following materials:

1. housing application,
2. scholarship application to be considered for scholarships based upon high school grades and standardized test scores, (February 1 deadline)
3. financial aid application materials (available in October).

Sample Courses

Anthropology
Arabic
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
English
French
German
Geology
History
Human Development and
Family Science
Latin

Math (most common 146,
165, 166)
Microbiology
Music
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Speaking
Sociology
Spanish
Wellness
Women and Gender Studies
World Film

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Early Entry Program Permission Form

Yes No Is it your intention to also be considered for Freshman Admission to the University at this time?
(If so, your Freshman Application will be entered into the student records system along with your Early Entry Application)

Name _____
Address _____ Birthdate _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____
High School _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____
NDSU course(s) you plan to take _____

Parental Permission

We have discussed North Dakota State University’s Early Entry Program and all that pertains to it, and thereby give permission for the above named student to apply for admission into this program.

(signature of parent/guardian)

School Approval

As a representative of _____ High School, I recommend the above named student to be considered for admission to NDSU as an Early Entry student.

(signature of principal or counselor)

Please return to: Office of Admission, NDSU, Dept 2832, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050 or bring to Ceres Hall 114.
