

# MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION - NDSU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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## North Dakota State University College of Business Maintains Prestigious AACSB Business Accreditation

(Fargo, ND, April 11, 2012)—The College of Business at North Dakota State University (NDSU) has maintained its business accreditation by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.



Less than 5% of business schools worldwide have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. To maintain accreditation a business program must undergo a rigorous internal review every five years, at which time the program must demonstrate its continued commitment to the 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

“It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain AACSB Accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty, and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students.”

The College of Business at NDSU enrolls nearly 1500 students in undergraduate, MBA, and Master of Accountancy programs. The College offers majors in accounting, business administration, finance, management, marketing and management information systems. The College is home to two academic departments (the Department of Management and Marketing and the Department of Accounting, Finance, and Information Systems) and a Center for Global Initiatives. Courses were first offered at NDSU in academic year 1890-91 but the College of Business was not established until 1987. AACSB International approved initial accreditation for the College in 2001.

Dr. Ron Johnson, Dean of the College of Business, notes that “Maintaining AACSB accredited status communicates to the public that the faculty and staff of the College are not only committed to continuous improvement but that they have demonstrated that commitment through their teaching, scholarship, and attention to the curriculum”. He went on to note that “Having earned the right to be in a group made up of less than 5% of business schools in the world is a pretty significant achievement. I am very proud of the work done by our faculty and staff. We are in very select company and we are committed to earn the right to stay there.”

North Dakota State University’s achievement will be recognized this month at the 2012 AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

To learn more about the College of Business at North Dakota State University visit <http://www.ndsu.edu/business/> or to learn more about AACSB Accreditation, visit: [www.aacsb.edu/accreditation](http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation).

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