STUDENTS WANT IT. EMPLOYERS SEEK IT. NDSU PROVIDES IT.

NDSU is a top-ranked research university where faculty and students are engaged in a wide range of studies that lead to discoveries and new knowledge. Students assist with research and supplement classroom learning with many types of hands-on experiences.
About 13,000 students from 49 states and 74 countries make NDSU big enough for a diverse range of people and perspectives, but still small enough to be personal.

With 100 majors and a 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio, NDSU offers challenging studies in a supportive face-to-face learning environment where more than 67 percent of lecture classes have fewer than 40 students.

Student success is important to our faculty, who want you to graduate on time and be competitive in the job market.

NDSU is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and many individual programs have professional accreditation.

NDSU is listed in the top 100 research universities in the United States for research and development in agricultural sciences, psychology and social sciences, based on reported research expenditures.

Nearly 300 student organizations provide opportunities outside the classroom, and whether you’re an athlete or a fan, our successful Division I athletic teams make college life fun.
Internships can be your key to landing an amazing job

Monica Zent, a 2020 biochemistry and molecular biology graduate, is an associate process validation scientist at Aldevron in Fargo. The company—a biological sciences development and manufacturing lab—helped produce mass amounts of critical genetic materials to help Moderna generate millions of COVID-19 vaccinations.

Zent started at Aldevron with a job shadowing experience, became a validations intern and is now a full-time employee. During her time working on the Moderna project, Zent observed scientists growing the important bacterial cells that contained the DNA used as the template for the vaccine.

“It is surreal and humbling to shadow the manufacturing process then hear the worldwide impacts of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on the radio as I drive home from work,” said Zent, who is from Dickinson, North Dakota.

“I learned about manufacturing and gained technical writing skills,” she said. “Working in validation has taught me how to think like an engineer while working as a scientist.”

Zent said she chose NDSU because of the welcoming campus and renowned faculty. She worked on undergraduate research projects and had many hands-on learning experiences that helped lead her to a successful career.

“Lecture courses gave me the tools to become a scientist, but experiential learning in lab courses and research projects taught me how to use those tools,” she said. “The lab experiences I gained at NDSU were the key to me becoming a scientist at Aldevron.”
HOUSING
LIVING ON CAMPUS OFFERS CONVENIENCE AND PROVIDES A PLACE TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, LEARN AND GROW.

HOUSING APPLICATION PROCESS
There is no deadline to apply for housing for first-year students, but for a better chance of living in your first hall choice, you are encouraged to apply for housing early. Students who live on campus at NDSU have been shown to have higher GPAs and higher graduation rates. For these reasons, first-year students are required to live on campus.

To apply for housing, visit ndsu.edu/reslife/apply. You must be admitted to NDSU prior to applying for housing.

FROM STATE-OF-THE-ART RESIDENCE HALLS TO MODERN APARTMENT LIVING, NDSU RESIDENCE LIFE OFFERS A VARIETY OF HOUSING OPTIONS FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR THROUGH YOUR ENTIRE COLLEGE CAREER.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES
Residence Life offers learning communities in select academic and special-interest areas. Learning communities provide an opportunity for students to connect with peers and faculty and to participate in activities unique to their communities.

RESIDENCE HALLS
Burgum
Cater
Churchill
Dinan
Matthew Living
Learning Centers
Niskanen
Pavlek
Read-Johnson
Seim
Sevrinson
Stockbridge
Thompson
Weible

APARTMENTS
1701
Bison Court
Niskanen Expansion
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WELLNESS
The wellness center features a climbing wall, racquetball and basketball courts, fitness studios for personal training, indoor cycling, boxing and martial arts, a multipurpose gym, running tracks and the aquatic center. The Student Health Service clinic and a pharmacy also are located in the building.

DINING
NDSU offers three dining centers with meal plan options for on- and off-campus students. The Memorial Union also features a food court with six quick-service options. Several coffee shops on campus provide places to snack, study and meet friends between classes.

TRANSPORTATION
Getting around campus is easy. It’s just a short walk between most buildings, and some are connected by skywalks or underground tunnels. You’ll also have access to free bus rides throughout the community.

IN ADDITION TO CUTTING-EDGE CLASSROOMS AND LABS, NDSU OFFERS GREAT SPACES FOR DINING, STUDYING, RECREATION AND WELLNESS.
NDSU computer, electrical and mechanical engineering students developed a remote-controlled, solar-powered robot to help build structures on the moon. It got NASA’s attention, earned major awards and elements of the final product could end up on the next lunar mission.

With support and encouragement from faculty, the Pathbuilder team, including senior computer engineering major Alex Hubbard, spent about a year on the project.

“We’ve had a lot of professors there to help us,” said Hubbard, who is from Spicer, Minnesota. “They’ve gone out of their way to make sure we solve every problem. NDSU has a lot of amazing people.”

The NDSU robot was created to bulldoze and compact the moon’s surface, which could allow structures to be built. The design was selected as one of seven national winners in the Moon to Mars Exploration Systems and Habitation Academic Innovation Challenge, which finds projects to assist the Artemis missions for NASA’s Moon to Mars explorations. The prize was $34,000 to further innovate the idea.

“This project has been a blast,” Hubbard said. “It’s been amazing to think about all that we’ve been able to learn, create and build at NDSU. We jumped in, worked together and loved the entire process.”
JOIN THE CLUB

EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS AND TRY NEW THINGS THROUGH ONE (OR A FEW) OF NDSU’S 300+ STUDENT CLUBS.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT NDSU PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. JOINING A CLUB CAN PROVIDE A COMPETITIVE OUTLET, ALLOW YOU TO MAKE FRIENDS, BUILD LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND ENHANCE YOUR SOCIAL NETWORK.
Biomedical science combines biology and medicine as a starting point for breakthroughs in health care. That’s why Taylor Dalbey chose the emphasis as an NDSU biology student.

Enhance career prospects with a major emphasis

“The biomedical science emphasis is great for students who plan to pursue careers in biomedical research, medicine and other health professions,” the senior from Fordville, North Dakota, said.

First offered in 2020, biomedical science emphasis focuses on anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, genetics and genomics. Students are often heavily involved in research and many choose to advance to graduate school, medical school or professional programs after completing their undergraduate degree.

Students in the program prepare for careers in dentistry, optometry, podiatry, immunology, genetics and biology, among others. They also can help make advancements in infectious diseases and scientific discoveries that make a positive impact on the world. Undergraduate biology majors also may choose an emphasis on ecology and conservation science or environmental science.

“I learned many lessons at NDSU that I will take with me as I move on to the next chapter in my academic career,” Dalbey said. “My leadership abilities improved and I gained strong study skills that will be important as I study to become a doctor.” Dalbey said.

“I have also participated in a variety of hands-on experiences through lab work that have advanced my critical thinking skills.”

Choosing an emphasis within your major can equip you with specialized skills and knowledge for employment and post-graduate studies.
ATHLETICS

NDSU ATHLETICS RANKS AMONG THE OVERALL BEST NCAA DIVISION I PROGRAMS IN THE NATION, GIVING BISON FANS LOTS TO CHEER ABOUT.

A WINNING TRADITION
NDSU annually ranks in the top third of the national Directors’ Cup standings – a measure of success across all sports – and the Bison have combined to win 26 national championships in 16 sports, including the football team’s 16th national title in 2019. NDSU men’s basketball earned its fifth berth in NCAA March Madness in 2020 and women’s track and field in 2021 for its conference championship winning streak of 27-straight indoor and outdoor titles combined. Bison softball has made 10 NCAA tournament appearances in 12 years, and Payton Otterdahl recently became the first NDSU Division I national champion with men’s indoor titles in the shot put and weight throw before qualifying for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS
NDSU student-athletes also perform at a high level in the classroom. Each of NDSU’s 14 sport programs recorded an overall GPA greater than 3.0 during the spring 2021 semester, and the department’s approximately 300 student-athletes combined for an overall average GPA of 3.14. NDSU also has received the Summit League’s Institutional Academic Achievement Award.

WOMEN’S TEAMS
Basketball
Cross Country
Golf
Soccer
Softball
Track and Field
Volleyball

MEN’S TEAMS
Baseball
Basketball
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Track and Field
Wrestling
A GREAT LOCATION
Fargo consistently appears on national lists of the best places to live and is noted for its safety, health care, recreation, job opportunities and economic development.

Three of NDSU’s academic buildings are in downtown Fargo, near dozens of great options for dining, shopping and entertainment.

A HUB FOR ART, CULTURE AND ACTIVITIES
The community offers 30 miles of bike trails, 1,800 acres of parkland and 20 public golf courses. It’s also home to museums, movie theaters, concerts and a wide range of sporting events at many venues. Great fishing and water activities are available at your choice of dozens of lakes just a quick drive out of town.

Community events in Fargo range from movies in the park, street fairs and winter festivals to an annual marathon, symphony performances, TEDx Fargo and entrepreneurial startup weekends.

THE METRO-AREA POPULATION OF NEARLY 240,000 MAKES FARGO-MOORHEAD THE LARGEST COMMUNITY BETWEEN MINNEAPOLIS AND SEATTLE.
State-of-the-art facilities, combined with real-life scenarios, provide NDSU students with important learning opportunities to build on classroom knowledge.

Hone your skills through real-life experiences

In Aldevron Tower, a nursing skills lab and simulation center creates an environment for students to practice advanced nursing skills. A concept pharmacy laboratory allows students to experience all aspects of pharmacy practice in an interactive environment.

“I chose NDSU because of its incredible reputation and the hands-on opportunities that the nursing skills lab provides,” said nursing student Ola Ajijola. “I knew I would learn from nationally recognized leaders in education, research and outreach.”

More than 100 NDSU students became part of history while gaining practical experience during the coronavirus pandemic. Students in public health, nursing, pharmacy and emergency management were trained to assist with contact tracing and vaccinations.

“It’s one thing to learn about a global pandemic in textbooks, it’s quite another to live through it and get to be part of a solution,” said pharmacy student Cassidy Coleman.

These kinds of experiences will set you apart in the job market and prepare you for success in your future career.
NOW THAT YOU’VE EXPERIENCED WHAT NDSU HAS TO OFFER, FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION, HOUSING, FINANCIAL AID AND ORIENTATION.

1. APPLY FOR ADMISSION. Incoming freshmen are encouraged to complete the online application between August and December. There is no application fee, and NDSU is test optional through 2023.

2. COMPLETE THE HOUSING CONTRACT. There is no deadline, but you do need to be admitted prior to completing the housing contract. Hall placement is based on the date the application and $100 room reservation fee are received.

3. COMPLETE THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA). Apply for financial aid at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa as early as October 1. The priority deadline is February 1. You must be admitted to be considered for financial aid at NDSU.

4. SUBMIT A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION. The application deadline for freshman scholarships is February 1.

5. CONFIRM YOUR INTENT TO ENROLL. Instructions will be sent to admitted students beginning in February. NDSU’s commitment deadline is May 1.

6. ATTEND A SUMMER ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION SESSION. Information is mailed to newly admitted students in April. During orientation and registration, students experience campus life, meet faculty, develop a course schedule and register for classes.
THANK YOU

Thanks for considering NDSU. We look forward to seeing you on campus again soon.