

# About the Catalog

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The University Catalog serves as the official source for program curricula, course descriptions, academic policies, and procedures governing course registration and degree completion. It is available online, with options to download individual pages or the complete catalog as a PDF.

This catalog supplements the NDSU website and materials from the Office of Admission, the Graduate School, and the academic units. It contains academic policies, official program curricula, and course descriptions relevant to all students. Undergraduate and professional students refer to the admission and undergraduate sections, while graduate students should consult the graduate section for all information including admission. The catalog also links directly to the official websites of the colleges, departments, and student resources for the most current details. The academic policies and information are effective for the published academic year. An archive of past catalogs is available.

Undergraduate curricula are effective for students declaring their program in the publication year and are subject to the baccalaureate degree and graduation requirements. Undergraduate academic and curriculum questions may be referred to the Office of Registration and Records (<https://www.ndsu.edu/registrar/>). Graduate students should refer to the Graduate section. Graduate program and policy questions can be directed to the Graduate School (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/>).

Students should familiarize themselves with relevant information, including registration, academic progress, and degree requirements, and are encouraged to consult their advisors. All students should be aware of the NDSU Policy 335: Academic Responsibility and Conduct (<https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/335.pdf>) and the NDSU Policy 601: Rights and Responsibilities of Community: A Code of Student Conduct (<https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/601.pdf>).

Information about the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) (<https://www.ndsu.edu/onestop/student-privacy-policy-ferpa/>), as amended, is available online or in the Office of Registration and Records.

## Reservation of Rights (Subject to Change Statement)

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the university reserves the right to modify its rules and regulations at any time, including those concerning admission, instruction, and graduation. This right extends to withdrawing curricula and specific courses, changing or discontinuing programs, altering course content, revising the academic calendar, and imposing or increasing tuition and fees. Program requirements and course prerequisites may be effective even if not explicitly stated in this catalog. All changes become effective when determined by university authorities and may apply to both prospective and currently enrolled students.

## Non-discrimination Policy

North Dakota State University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, expression/identity, gender, genetic information, marital status, national origin, public assistance status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a U.S. veteran. Direct inquiries to the Office of the Vice Provost and Title IX Coordinator (<https://www.ndsu.edu/equity/>), Old Main 201, (701) 231-7708.

## NDSU Overview

To learn more about North Dakota State University, visit **About** on the NDSU website. There you will find information related to the student-focused, land-grant, research heritage of the university. Information includes:

- Research status
- Enrollment numbers
- NDSU faculty and staff
- Campus map
- NDSU facts
- Mission statement
- Recent news
- Explore the Fargo-Moorhead community

## Administration

- Office of the President (<https://www.ndsu.edu/president/>)
- Office of the Provost (<https://www.ndsu.edu/provost/>)
- President's Cabinet ([https://www.ndsu.edu/president/about/the\\_presidents\\_cabinet/](https://www.ndsu.edu/president/about/the_presidents_cabinet/))

## Institutional Accreditation

NDSU holds institutional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (<https://www.hlcommission.org/>) (230 South LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, IL 60604-1411). Many academic programs also have accreditation or approval from their professional organizations.

## Additional Accrediting Agencies

A list of accrediting agencies ([https://www.ndsu.edu/oira/resourcesresearch\\_links/accrediting\\_agencies/](https://www.ndsu.edu/oira/resourcesresearch_links/accrediting_agencies/)) is available on the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis website.

## Agencies Associated with the University

- NDSU Extension (<https://www.ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/>)
- NDSU Foundation (<https://www.ndsufoundation.com/>)
- Office of Teaching and Learning (<https://www.ndsu.edu/otl/>)
- North Dakota Forest Service (<https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ndfs/>)
- Northern Crops Institute (<http://www.northern-crops.com/>)
- Research Technology Park (<https://www.ndsuresearchpark.com/>)
- North Dakota State Seed Department (<https://www.seed.nd.gov/>)
- Metro College Alliance (<https://metrocollegealliance.com/>)
- Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (<http://www.ugpti.org/>)
- North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station (<https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/research/>)

## State Board of Higher Education

Created by constitutional amendment in 1939, the State Board of Higher Education is the governing body of North Dakota State University and all other state supported institutions of higher education in North Dakota. The board's chief executive officer is the Chancellor (<https://ndus.edu/ndus-overview/ndus-chancellor/>) of the North Dakota University System, with offices in the state capitol in Bismarck. More information regarding the State Board of Higher Education, including members, can be found on the North Dakota University System (<https://ndus.edu/>) website.