Degrees Offered and Accelerated Degree Programs

Degrees Offered by NDSU

A degree is the title of the credential that the university confers on a graduate who has completed all university requirements for a declared degree. Degrees are defined by the State Board of Higher Education of the North Dakota University System policy (https://ndusbpos.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/NDUSPoliciesandProcedures/EUSxkMq1HTBMoYyydVNb1iYBY_1PO2JmRcR7xy-N2RCeWg/?e=fTpjyC) and procedure (https://ndusbpos.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/NDUSPoliciesandProcedures/ESMcRWeGv7tCkvL8r7aqc7MBGr1JIL_U5ES61ZgX5RF86g/?e=Lr8ZKz) 409: Degrees Offered.

Degree Types Defined

Certificate of Completion - A certificate awarded for the completion of an undergraduate course of study of less than nine credit hours or a graduate course of study of less than eight credit hours.

Program Certificate - A program certificate is a course of study requiring a minimum of nine credit hours at the undergraduate level or eight credit hours at the graduate level. A certificate program can be completed in one year of study or less.

Baccalaureate Degree - A bachelors degree requires a minimum of 120 credit hours. A baccalaureate degree is comprised of academic courses in general education and a major field of study consisting of a minimum of 32 credits related to an academic area. Majors may include subplans (also called options, specializations, concentrations, emphasis areas, etc.) which are a specific identified group of courses consisting of a minimum of 12 credits. Subplans may appear (transcriptable) or not appear (non-transcriptable) on the transcript. In addition to a major, students may also wish to pursue a minor program of study as part of their bachelor's degree. A minor is a similar grouping courses in a field of study with a minimum of 16 credit hours. Minors cannot be earned without the student also completing a major program of study. Only after a baccalaureate degree is earned at NDSU can a student return to pursue a minor on its own. In some cases, a student may complete an individually designed course of study that does not correspond directly to a standard academic major curriculum.

Master Degree - The Master of Arts and Master of Science degrees require a minimum of 30 credit hours in courses that carry graduate credit. A Master of Fine Arts is the terminal degree in visual arts and requires a minimum of 60 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree.

Education Specialist - This degree requires a minimum of 60 credit hours in courses that carry graduate credit beyond the baccalaureate degree. This degree is a professional degree for certification in an educational field.

Doctoral Degree - A Doctor of Philosophy degree requires a minimum of 90 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree in courses that carry graduate credit with a substantial component of independent research. A Doctor of Education degree also requires a minimum of 90 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree and it recognizes the completion of academic preparation for professional practice in education. A Doctor of Musical Arts requires a minimum of 90 credits beyond the baccalaureate degree. A Doctor of Pharmacy degree is a terminal degree program that prepared individuals to practice pharmacy. A Doctor of Nursing Practice requires 80 credit hours beyond the bachelor's degree and prepares nurses to make contributions to evidence-based practice through professional leadership and scholarly practice and to function as clinical educators of future nurses.

Undergraduate Degrees

Most undergraduate degree recipients at NDSU earn a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, however, many programs of study result in a specialized degree. Students may also pursue a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, if available for their selected major, by completing the Bachelor of Arts Requirements Using a Second Language (http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2023-24/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/#basecondlanguagetext) and/or requirements as specified by their academic college on the program curriculum guide.

NDSU confers the following degrees at the undergraduate level:

- Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)
- Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.)
- Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.)
- Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (B.S.A.B.En.)
- Bachelor of Science in Architecture (B.S.Arch.)
- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering (B.S.Cpr.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering (B.S.Con.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Construction Management (B.S.Cons.M.)
- Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering (B.S.Env.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.)

- Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering and Management (B.S.I.E.Mgt.)
- Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering (B.S.Mfg.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
- Bachelor of University Studies (B.U.S.)

Graduate Degrees

NDSU awards the following graduate degrees:

- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
- Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
- Education Specialist (Ed.S.)
- Master of Accountancy (M.Acc.)
- Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)
- Master of Arts (M.A.)
- Master of Athletic Training (M.A.Trg.)
- Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Master of Construction Management (M.Cons.M.)
- Master of Education (M.Ed.)
- Master of Engineering (M.Engr.)
- Master of Landscape Architecture (M.L.A.)
- Master of Music (M.M.)
- Master of Natural Resources Management (M.N.R.M.)
- Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Master of Public Health in Epidemiology (M.P.H.Epi.)
- Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.)
- Master of Science (M.S.)
- Master of Software Engineering (M.S.E.)
- Master of Supply Chain Management (M.S.C.M.)
- Master of Transportation & Urban Systems (M.T.U.S.)