In addition to the Graduate School admission requirements (https://bulletin.ndsu.edu/graduate/admission-information/), applicants to the program must have earned a grade of B or higher in intermediate microeconomics and statistics including linear regression, and a grade of C or better in calculus.

Students who do not meet all requirements for admission or have deficiencies in prerequisite course work, but show potential for successful graduate study, may be admitted under a conditional status. Evidence must be provided showing that the applicant’s potential is not adequately reflected by his/her record. After meeting the specified standards of performance set by the department, the student, in consultation with the major adviser, may request a change to full graduate standing.

Financial Assistance

The department offers assistantships on a competitive basis. Granting assistantships depends on academic performance, departmental needs, and availability of assistantships. Most assistantships are half-time (20 hours per week) or one-quarter-time (10 hours per week). Assistantships are typically limited to 16 months.

Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs) provide monthly stipends. Students on assistantship perform research or teaching duties in the department in return for their stipend.

In addition to the stipend, graduate assistants receive a graduate tuition waiver. Tuition waivers cover base tuition for NDSU graduate credits only. Students are responsible for differential tuition, student fees, and tuition for non-graduate level credits taken or Cooperative Education credits.