DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY®

dakota state university

feels like
home

about us

psu 101

enter ready to learn

leave ready to lead

Our mission is to prepare cyber-savvy graduates who are lifelong learners, problem solvers, innovators, and leaders to live lives of positive purpose and consequence.

the dsu difference

a close-knit community

With a home base in Madison, South Dakota, we're the perfect size for feeling right at home.

technology focus

Everything you learn will be geared for the future. Even if you don't consider yourself a tech wiz.

experiential learning

These aren't your parents' lecture halls. We fuse active learning and real-world experiences with nationally recognized instruction. By the time you leave, you'll be more than ready to succeed.

Founded in **1881**

99.1%
Placement rate
for most recent
graduates

80+
Academic Programs

73%
Students receive
financial aid (2023)

22:1
Student to
faculty ratio

50
US States
represented

$10,671
Average financial
aid award (2023)

3,509
Students (2023)

6
Residence Halls

40+
Student clubs &
organizations

14
Athletic
Programs

academics

academics

Technologically advanced. Student-centered. We make the world's latest tech an integral part of every program. So whether you're studying digital forensics or exercise science, you'll make the grade with a future-proofed education.

interests

technology

teaching

business

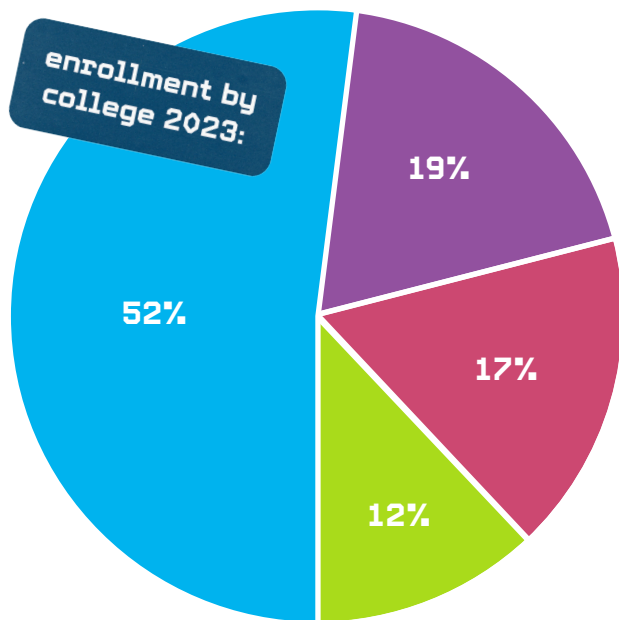**digital media & communications**

math & science

health

colleges

- ▬ college of arts & sciences
- ▬ college of business & information systems
- ▬ the beacom college of computer & cyber sciences
- ▬ college of education & human performance

enrollment by college 2023:

52%

19%

17%

12%

want to test your skills?

Put yourself to the test as you battle other universities on a competitive cyber team.

4+1 program

Two degrees. Five years. One incredible opportunity.
Our 4+1 program blends undergraduate and graduate degree coursework, helping you earn your bachelor's
and master's degree at the same time.

honors program

Ready for a challenge? The General Beadle Honors program challenges our brightest minds with next-level research, experiential learning, and so much more.

dsu online

Flexible classes through DSU Online help you access a world-class education — no matter your location or schedule.

tutoring

Help is always provided to anyone who asks for it. Tutoring sessions are open to all students, both online and in-person – for free.

dsu in the news

princeton review ranks dsu game design program in top 50 programs

dsu programming team advances to north american championship

dsu to offer advanced ai degrees

dsu enrollment tops 3,500 for first time ever

dsu faculty research drives advances in ai & quantum

99.1% PLACEMENT RATE

T RATE 99

majors & programs

With more than 80 academic programs, your learning experience is exactly what you make it.

ask admissions | dsu.edu/admissions

Have questions on a program? Or want to know how your interests match a specific field of study? Connect with an admissions specialist and they'll get you in touch with the right people and resources.

technology

- Artificial Intelligence, B.S.
- Computer Science, B.S.
  Artificial Intelligence-Machine Learning Specialization
  Software Engineering Specialization
- Cyber Leadership and Intelligence, B.S.
  Digital Forensics Specialization
  World Affairs and Human Behavior Specialization
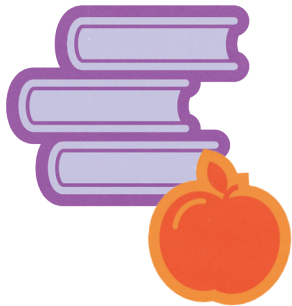- Cyber Operations, B.S.
- Network & Security Administration, B.S.

health

- Exercise Science, B.S.
- Health Informatics & Information Administration, B.S.

teaching

- Elementary Education, B.S.ED.
- Elementary Education / Special Education, B.S.ED.
- K-12 and Secondary Education
  Biology, B.S.
    Biology Education Specialization
  Business Education, B.S.ED.
  Computer Education, B.S.ED.
  English, B.S.
    English Education Specialization
  Mathematics, B.S.
    Intermediate Education Specialization
    Secondary Education Specialization
- Physical Education, B.S.ED.
- Special Education, B.S.ED.

business

- Artificial Intelligence in Organizations, B.S.
- Business, B.B.A.
  - *Accounting Specialization*
  - *Business Technology Specialization*
  - *Esports Management Specialization* `new`
  - *Finance Specialization*
  - *Management Specialization*
  - *Marketing Specialization*
- Computer Information Systems, B.S.
  - *Application Development Specialization*
  - *Business Analytics Specialization*
  - *Project Management Specialization*
- Professional Accountancy, B.S.

digital media & communications

- Computer Game Design, B.S.
- Digital Arts and Design, B.S.
  - *Computer Graphic Specialization*
  - *Digital Sound Design Specialization*
  - *Production Animation Specialization*
- Digital Content Creation, B.S. `new`
- English, B.S.
  - *English for New Media Specialization*

math & science

- Biology, B.S.
  - *Integrated Biology Specialization*
- Mathematics, B.S.
  - *Cryptography Specialization*
  - *Information Systems Specialization*

general studies

- General Studies, B.S.
- Individualized Studies, B.S.

associates

- Business Analytics, A.S.
- Business Management, A.S.
- Digital Accounting, A.S.
- General Studies, A.A.
- Health Informatics & Information Technology, A.S.
- Network & Security Administration, A.S.
- Project Management, A.S.
- Software Development, A.S.
- Web Development, A.S.

masters

- Analytics, M.S.
- Computer Science, M.S.
- Cyber Defense, M.S.
- Educational Technology, M.S.Ed.
- General Management, M.B.A.
- Health Informatics & Information Management, M.S.
- Information Systems, M.S.

doctoral

- Computer Science, Ph.D.
- Cyber Defense, Ph.D.
- Cyber Operations, Ph.D.
- Information Systems, Ph.D.

learn more about dsu's online programs at dsu.edu/online

pre-professionals

- Accelerated Nursing
- Athletic Training
- Chiropractic Medicine
- Dentistry
- Law
- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physicians Assistant

degree in three

DSU's Degree in Three option provides students with the same coursework and curriculum as a traditional four-year degree, but in a different timeframe.

- Computer Science, B.S.

  Students can earn their degree even faster than the *degree in three* plan depending on their previously earned college credits and math test placements.

- Cyber Operations, B.S.

  Students can complete their bachelor's degree in three years, or they can participate in the 4+1 program to complete their bachelor's degree in three years and their M.S. in Computer Science in five years.

- Elementary Education, B.S.E.

  Students take 12–15 credits per semester as a full-time student.

- Network & Security Administration, B.S.

  Students take 15 credits per semester as a full-time student.

student
life

life on campus

Time in class is only part of the full experience. College is where you find your people and pursue your passion. Here, you'll find tons of extracurricular activities and ways to get involved – plus amenities to keep you comfortable in your new home.

housing

We offer six unique resident halls and even more off-campus housing options.

WIFI in every room

Laundry and Dining Facilities

Events regularly hosted by Residence Life

dining

With a dining hall, coffee shops, and grab-and-go options, you'll never worry about going hungry.
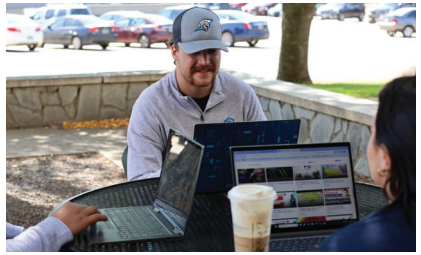
Trojan Marketplace

Queue Grille

Bits 'N Bytes Convenience Store

8th St. Square with Starbucks®

student services

Find the resources to grow in the classroom and beyond.

Study Abroad

On-Campus Fitness Center

Career & Internship Fairs

Disability Services

Free Counseling

fast facts

dsu offers study abroad programs that give students the chance to go to ireland, japan, australia and dozens more places around the globe

100% of students say they feel extremely safe on campus

(niche.com)

students live on campus for the first two years of their academic career

get to know us

Tour campus online with our interactive map.
map.dsu.edu

student clubs & organizations

Get started. Get involved. Get a little outside of your comfort zone. DSU's student orgs and athletics are a great way to do it all.

40+ clubs & organizations

naia athletics

Men's:
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Track & Field (indoor & outdoor)

Women's:
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Softball
- Track & Field (indoor & outdoor)
- Volleyball

intramural sports & gaming

- 5 on 5 Flag Football
- Board Games
- Cornhole
- Co-ed Volleyball
- N64 Mario
- NFL Blitz the League
- Perfect Dark
- Pickleball
- Soccer
- Spikeball
- Super Smash Bros
- Volleyball Foursquare

esports

- Call of Duty
- FGC
- League of Legends
- Overwatch
- Rocket League
- Rainbow 6 Seige
- Smash Ult.
- SMITE
- Valorant

honor societies

- Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta)
  Biological Honor Society
- Delta Mu Delta
- General Beadle Honors Program
- Kappa Sigma Iota (KSI)

co-curricular

- Collegiate (FBLA)
- Computer Club
- CybHER Club
- DSU Association for Information
  Systems Club (AIS)
- English Club/Sigma Tau Delta
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Game Design Club
- Teachers of Tomorrow

institutional organizations

- DSU Live
- SoundLabs
- Student Activities Board
- Student Association Senate
- Trojan Ambassadors
- Trojan Tutors

student media

- KDSU (Campus Radio Station)
- Trojan Times (Campus Newspaper)

special interest clubs

- The Alliance
- Amateur Radio Club
- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Artificial Intelligence Club
- Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)
- Chess Club
- Cooking & Gardening Club
- Cricket Club
- Dakota Skate
- DSU Esports Club
- Fitness Club
- Games Club
- International Club
- Lights, Camera, Action (LCA)
  Film Club
- Native American Student Association
- Newman Club
- Pi Beta Kappa
- Student Veterans of America
- Swing Dance Club
- Tennis Club
- Theatre Club
- Trojan Entrepreneurs Club (TEC)
- World Languages Club

put your skills to the test by competing on nationally renowned academic teams

life in madison

For a small town, Madison has a lot going on. Like two lakes, nearby state parks, delicious dining and a cute little downtown. You'll be surprised how fast it feels like home.

a few things to do in the area:

- Arcades
- Boating
- Bowling
- Concerts
- Dining
- Golf
- Hiking
- Hunting & Fishing

- Movies
- Shopping
- Skiing
- Sporting Events
- Swimming
- Theater
- Waterparks
- Zoos

just down the road: sioux falls, south dakota

South Dakota's largest city, along with Sioux Falls Regional Airport, is only a short drive down the road.

tuition & scholarships

Paying for admissions can feel like a lot. But it doesn't have to be. Our admssion team is here to answer any questions you have about tuition rates, scholarships, financial aid and much more.

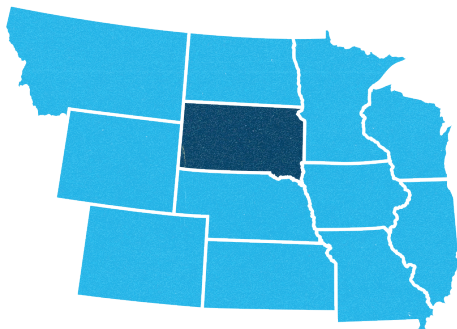## 2024-2025 undergrad tuition & fees

$17,913

Estimated cost per year as a South Dakota resident

$21,015

Non-Resident

sd advantage

The SD Advantage program allows out-of-state students to attend DSU for in-state prices. If you're a new student from one of these states, you're eligible for the South Dakota resident rate.

- Minnesota*
- Kansas*
- Missouri*
- North Dakota
- Montana
- Wyoming
- Colorado
- Nebraska
- Iowa
- Illinois
- Wisconsin

New to SD Advantage program for 2024-2025.

Check out **dsu.edu/cost** for full details on the SD Advantage program.

scholarships & financial aid

Every new student who applies to DSU is eligible for scholarship opportunities. Here are just a few you need to know.

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featured scholarships

champion scholarships
— **$3,000 to $20,000 over four academic years**

Awarded at different levels to on-campus, incoming freshmen. These scholarship levels are dependent upon your high school GPA and standardized test scores and can be renewed annually.

dsu rising scholarships
— **$20,000 over four academic years**

The DSU Rising Annual Scholarships are a four-year guarantee of up to $20,000 ($5,000 per year). You don't need to apply for DSU Rising Scholarships—we award them automatically based on certain academic criteria upon admission.

horatio alger denny sanford scholarship
— **$10,000 over four academic years**

Established in 2018, the Horatio Alger Denny Sanford Scholarship helps high school seniors who have overcome great obstacles. The scholarship awards $10,000 dispersed throughout your college experience.

net price calculator

Looking to get a better idea on the cost of school and your scholarship opportunities? Use our university net price calculator to get a better estimate on the cost of tuition at DSU. **dsu.edu/cost**

ask admissions: dates to remember

Starting in late fall you can apply for federal financial aid with the FAFSA. You can also apply for DSU Foundation Scholarships any time September 1 – March 1.

Learn more about tuition cost, scholarships, and financial aid.
dsu.edu/cost and **dsu.edu/scholarships**

visit

planning
your visit

The best way to get a feel for campus is taking a good walk around.
Check out these visit options and schedule a personalized visit anytime.

study zone

individual & group tours

Schedule a tour led by a student ambassador to get a feel for campus, chat with professors, and meet with an admissions counselor.

discover dsu days

A free lunch and shirt aren't the only benefit to these group events. You'll learn more about student life, financial aid, academic programs, and get a taste for life on campus. These half-day events include:

- Campus tours
- Presentations on student life, academic programs, financial aid and our laptop program
- Panel discussions with students
- Breakout discussions with faculty
- Lunch on campus
- Options to meet with an ADA coordinator, veterans representative, or athletic coach

Friday, October 18

Saturday, November 2

Friday, November 8

Friday, December 13

Friday, January 31

Friday, February 21

Saturday, April 12

program preview days

Get a sneak peek on what you'll learn at a program preview day. You'll meet with faculty, staff, and current students within the programs below while getting the most hands-on program exploration experience.

Educators Rising - Wednesday, October 9

CyberExpo - Friday, October 25

Computer Game Design Day - Friday, November 1

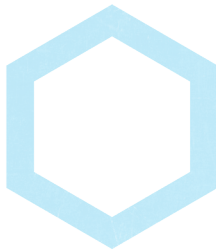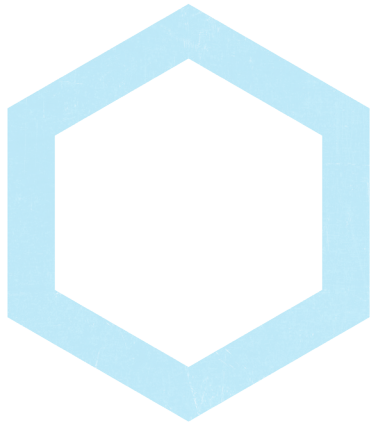**Computer Game Design Day** - Monday, March 31, 2025

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See ways to visit at **dsu.edu/visit**