

NORTHERN
STATE UNIVERSITY



**Report to Joint
Appropriations Committee**

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Overview

Northern State University

- Fall 2015 enrollment: 3,496
- Full-time equivalent: 2,035.1
- Undergraduate: 3,041
- Undergraduate full-time: 1,443
- Graduate: 455
- Graduate full-time: 58
- Student / faculty Ratio: 19:1
- Retention Fall 2014 to Fall 2015: 69.1%
- Enrollees from 42 states and 42 countries



Recognized Achievement

Accreditations

- American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- American Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (final visit Feb. 1-2)
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Higher Learning Commission
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education



Recognized Achievement

Awards

- 2016 Best Regional Colleges in the Midwest, US News & World Report
- 2016 Top Public Schools in the Midwest, US News & World Report
- 2016 Best Colleges for Veterans in the Midwest, US News & World Report
- 2016 Best Online Bachelor's Programs, US News & World Report
- 2016 Military Friendly School by Victory Media
- 2016 Best in State Online College, Affordable Colleges Online
- 2016 Best Online Colleges in Accounting, Affordable Colleges Online
- 2015 Top 30 Attractive Yet Affordable College Campus, Affordable Schools
- 2015 Most Affordable Online Colleges for Bachelor's Degrees, College Choice
- 2016 Best Colleges for Your Money, Money Magazine



Workforce Development

Largest Programs

- Elementary education
- Biology
- Music
- Business management

Newest Programs

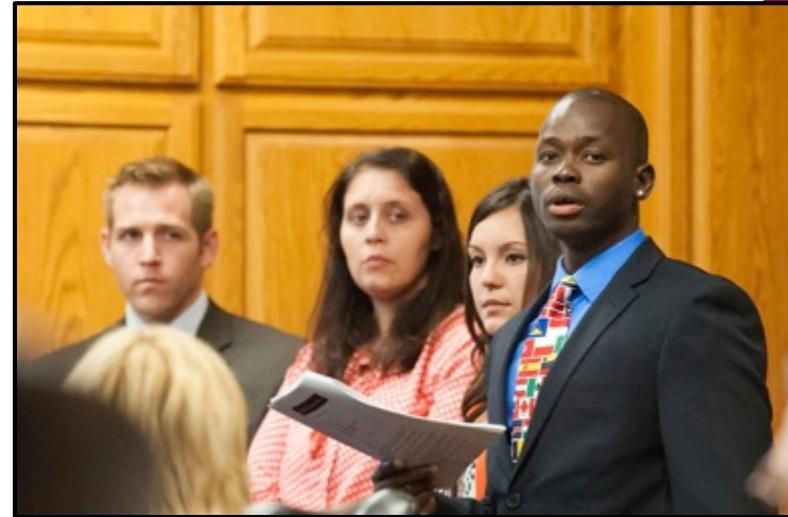
- Agribusiness minor
- Chinese language (Mandarin)
- Environmental science
- Marketing minor
- Online accounting degree (B.S.)
- Public history minor



Growing Master's Programs

Banking + Financial Services

- Addresses need for banking and finance skills throughout SD
- SD bank assets second highest in U.S. (19%)
- Courses offered face-to-face and online



Music Education

- Addresses critical teacher shortages in music education in SD
- Online to fit educators' schedule demands
- Offers advanced skills to enhance music program quality



Student Success Initiatives

Title III Grant

- Academic achievement protocol
- Professional advisors offer focused support
- Enhance academic preparation (\$1.9 million over 5 years)
- Identify intern and career placement opportunities
- Housed in each school / department / content area

Starfish Early Alert

- Early alert support tool
- Faculty participation: 91%
- Fall 2015 engagement:
 - Flags – 3,338
 - Kudos – 2,768
 - To Do's – 665
 - Referrals – 6
 - Total – 6,777



Student Success Initiatives

TRIO Student Support Grant

- NSU Awarded \$1.4 million TRIO Student Support Grant
- Five-year grant benefitting 165 students
- Provide academic advising, financial literacy, tutoring, peer mentoring, workshops and other mentoring
- Connect participants with career options and academic supports



Student Academic Highlights

Honors Program

- Freshman immersion course with common syllabus
- Common Read component with acclaimed author presentation
- 2015 author: Suki Kim, “Without You, There is No Us”
- More than 135 students currently enrolled
- 73 students have graduated *In Honoribus* since 2009



Student Academic Highlights

- Ami Umezawa – SD MTNA Young Artist award (piano)
- Haley Hubbard – Best Classical Acting award, Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region 5
- Jordan Abu-Sirriya – Gilman Scholarship to study Arabic in Amman, Jordan
- Chelsea Kerbaugh – Fulbright Scholarship to teach in Vietnam



Student Athletic Highlights

- Three NSU fall sports led the conference in All Academic honors
- Joe Gomez earned All-American in wrestling
- Breann Jackson, All-American in track and field
- Kelsey Chambers and Drew Smith, All-Americans in volleyball
- Sasha Hovind earned 4-time All-American honors in cross-country and track & field



Campus Improvements

Johnson Fine Arts Center Renovation

- \$14 million - \$5 million HEFF / \$9 million private
- Main theater renovated
- Additions include black box theatre, art gallery, box office, classrooms and practice rooms



Greenhouse

- Completed August 2015
- \$750,000 HEFF funding
- Includes: main plant area, two biotechnology chambers, automatic climate control systems, potting area and teaching classroom



Campus Improvements

FY16 M&R Projects Budgeted at \$2.16 million

- \$524,000 state appropriation
 - \$210,000 academic building repairs
 - \$313,923 classroom renovations and updates
- \$1.47 million HEFF
 - Classroom renovations and upgrades to meet program needs
 - Campus infrastructure updates
 - Academic Building repairs and improvements
- \$168,000 General Activity Fees
 - Updated Dacotah Hall Wellness Center

Maximize State Investment

Cost Savings Initiatives

- Print Management Savings
 - Optimized printer environment to increase efficiencies and reduce costs
 - Reduced print devices from 300 to 107
 - Eliminated 1 FTE (annual savings of \$73,000)
 - Total estimated annual savings in printing costs: \$60,000
- Childcare Center closing
 - Unable to achieve self-sustaining revenue
 - Space repurposed for student activities
- Underperforming programs eliminated
 - M.S. in Training and Development in E-Learning
 - B.S. in French Studies



Grant-Funded Initiatives

New and Continuing Initiatives

- Jump Start / First in the World Grant
- EPSCoR Grant to expand biotechnology research capabilities
- West Nile Virus research grant with Centers for Disease Control
- CEEDAR grant for educator development
- NSU-REU grant with SDSU and BHSU for environmental research
- Undergraduate Competitive Research Grant program
- Undergraduate Research Forum



Meeting SD Education Needs

NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning

- Since 2001, NSU Center for Statewide E-Learning has partnered with 98% of SD districts to meet critical education needs
- 1,200 students served from 92 school districts
- 24 daily Digital Dakota Network sections and 22 daily online class sections offered this year
- Completion rate: 83%
- Pass rate: 98%



Thank You

