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### Associate of Science (A.S.)
- Agricultural Science

### Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
- Advertising
- American Indian Studies
- Economics
- English
- French Studies
- German
- Global Studies
- History
- Journalism
- Music
- Political Science
- Spanish

### Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)
- Architecture
- Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Studio Art

### Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.)
- General Studies

### Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.)
- Landscape Architecture

### Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.)
- Music Education

### Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
- Accelerated Nursing
- Advertising
- Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
- Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Agricultural Business
- Agricultural Education, Communication and Leadership
- Agricultural Science
- Agricultural Systems Technology
- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Apparel Merchandising
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WELCOME TO SDSU!

We welcome you to South Dakota State University! SDSU is a dynamic, thriving university that aspires to excellence. The faculty, staff and administration at SDSU are committed to assisting transfer students with a successful transition to our university.
SECTION ONE
TRANSFER ADMISSION
REQUIREMENTS & APPLICATION

You are considered a transfer student if you have college credits from an accredited institution and are six or more months beyond high school graduation. The SDSU Admissions Office processes applications on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply in advance of the semester they wish to attend in order to arrange housing, apply for financial assistance and attend New Student Orientation.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION:

• Admission Application [http://www.sdstate.edu/admissions]

• $20 Application Fee
  If you have previously attended SDSU or another South Dakota public university as a degree-seeking student within one year prior to the term of application or have been called into active duty with the military you are not required to pay the application fee to SDSU.

• Official High School Transcript

• Official Report of ACT Scores

IN ADDITION, ALL TRANSFER APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

• Official College Transcript(s)
  You must request official transcripts from all nonregental schools you have previously attended. All transcripts should be sent from the issuing institution directly to the Enrollment Services Center, Admissions Office, Box 511, Brookings, SD 57007. If you are currently enrolled at another institution you may send partial transcripts and be considered for provisional admission until the final transcript arrives.

• Students transferring from a degree-seeking program from one South Dakota Board of Regents (SDBOR) university to a degree-seeking program at another SDBOR university will be required to apply for admission but you do not need to have transcripts sent from other SDBOR universities. Students who have been admitted to a degree-seeking or special program at one SDBOR university may register for courses at any SDBOR university without submitting another application.

Ryan Vandekieft
Transfer Student Coordinator
REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO TRANSFER TO BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS

- Transfer students who have completed 24 or more semester credits are eligible for admission if they meet the following requirements:
  - Have a 2.0 (“C”) or higher cumulative grade point average. Students entering the professional program in education must have a 2.5 GPA. Admission to the professional programs in nursing or pharmacy is on a competitive basis.
  - Are in good standing with their most recently attended school.
- Transfer students with less than a cumulative 2.0 grade point average may be admitted on probation, but each applicant is considered on an individual basis.
- Transfer students under age 24 who have earned fewer than 24 semester college credits must also meet the freshman admission requirements.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO TRANSFER TO ASSOCIATE PROGRAMS

Transfer students under 24 years of age transferring into associate degree programs with fewer than 12 transfer credit hours must meet the associate degree admission requirements. Students with 12 or more transfer credit hours with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 may transfer into associate degree programs at the discretion of the university.

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

SDSU is dedicated to providing educational opportunities for students from abroad and has traditionally enrolled students from more than 40 different countries each semester.

To be considered for admission, an international student must submit:

1. International Student Application
2. Official academic transcripts for all secondary and postsecondary education
3. Official score report for Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
4. Financial certification form/supporting financial documentation
5. Application fee of US $20
International students generally need to have a secondary or college transfer grade point average of 2.5 for engineering or a 2.25 for other majors. Transfer students from academic programs at other U.S. institutions must have completed at least 25 consecutive semester credits (37.5 quarter credits) at a single institution. A minimum score of 500 on the TOEFL or a 5.5 on the IELTS is required for non-native speakers of English (minimum is subject to change). Applicants whose native language is English or those who are from a country where English is the only language are not required to submit results from a TOEFL.

International students are required to purchase and maintain university-approved health insurance for themselves and their dependents for the duration of their enrollment at SDSU.

SDSU regrets that it is unable to offer financial aid such as scholarships or tuition waivers to international students. Applicants must, therefore, show clear evidence of adequate resources for financing their program of study.

SDSU reserves the right to require advance deposits of estimated tuition, fees and living expenses when warranted by prevailing foreign exchange difficulties.

International students have a separate application packet. Completed applications, for applicants outside the United States, must arrive by: June 15th to be considered for fall admission; November 15th for spring admission. Applications not meeting the deadline requirement for one semester will remain active and when complete will be considered for the next semester.
Visit Campus
As transfer students prepare to transition to SDSU we encourage a visit to campus. During most visits we can arrange for a time to meet with the academic departments of interest and the transfer admissions coordinator. A visit to campus will provide an opportunity for students to ask questions about their interest in a specific academic program or the Exploratory Studies program. This program is designed for students who are uncertain about their choice of major or just want to explore the academic opportunities SDSU has to offer before deciding on a field of study. Students will also be able to ask questions about courses that could potentially transfer for SDSU credit and other steps they need to take for a smooth transition to SDSU.

Transfer Student Orientation
Transfer students arrive at SDSU with a wide variety of post-high school experiences and typically understand what it means to be a college student. To further assist students in transitioning to SDSU, we offer several transfer student orientation sessions specifically for the transfer student. This is a one-day orientation program designed to provide information about campus resources as well as register for courses for the upcoming semesters. Students are able to register for a full year of courses at a time.

Meet with Academic Adviser
All transfer students are assigned an academic adviser. The adviser and advisee relationship is important as the academic adviser assists the transfer student in achieving educational goals while also being able to identify transfer courses that meet program requirements at SDSU. Students should plan to see their academic adviser as soon as they arrive on campus. If an adviser is not listed on your WebAdvisor page check with either the Wintrode First-Year Advising Center or your home department to be assigned an adviser.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
SDSU provides an affordable education. Remember to include SDSU Financial Aid code (003471) on your FAFSA to be considered for grants, student loans and work study. If transfer students have specific questions regarding their financial aid the Office of Financial Aid can be reached by telephone at 605-688-4695. The transfer student scholarship application can be completed to receive consideration for all available transfer student scholarships.
SECTION THREE
TRANSFERRING CREDITS

TRANSFER EQUIVALENCY CALCULATOR
Identifying how previously completed courses will transfer to SDSU is one of the most important questions for transfer students. A good starting point is the transfer equivalency calculator which is available at: http://sdstate.edu/admissions/undergrad/transfer/credits.cfm. This easy-to-use tool helps transfer students identify which of their already completed courses will transfer and how. At times, courses may not be included in the calculator database thus no equivalency is identified. In these cases check with the transfer services coordinator at 605-688-4067.

TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION
An important first step in transferring to SDSU is to request that ALL final, official transcripts be sent to the SDSU Enrollment Services Center, Box 511, Brookings, South Dakota 57007. Once SDSU has received ALL final and official transcripts from ALL previous universities and colleges attended processing may take 4 - 6 weeks. If you have not received a completed evaluation of transfer credit contact the transfer services coordinator at 605-688-4067.

When the transfer credit evaluation is complete the review can be viewed on WebAdvisor. Consult with your academic adviser on the transfer credit evaluation to inform further course selection and remaining requirements for degree completion.

DOMESTIC TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION (UNDERGRADUATE)
Courses may transfer to SDSU as specific SDSU courses (i.e. ENGL-101), remedial or developmental courses (i.e. ELEC-000T), or as specific department (i.e. MATH-100T) or general elective credit (i.e. ELEC-300T).

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION (UNDERGRADUATE)
Students who have been accepted to SDSU and who wish to transfer credit from colleges or universities outside the United States must provide SDSU with an ICAP.
Comprehensive Course-by-Course evaluation ($205 for online application/$235 for paper application) from World Education Services Inc. (http://www.wes.org). The cost of the evaluation will be paid by the student. In the case of an undergraduate international student, this process should be started as soon as the student receives his or her visa.

If a student has already completed a course-by-course evaluation from another National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member, he or she can submit this evaluation to the Records Office. Upon review, the Record's Office may be able to use this evaluation to assist in the transfer of credits to SDSU. If it is determined that the current evaluation is not sufficient the student will then need to submit their transcripts to WES for evaluation.

To ensure that evaluations are based on documents that are accurate and valid WES adheres to strict and specific document requirements for each country of education. WES verifies documents for authenticity and adheres to the standard used in North America for the submission of academic records. To learn more about WES procedures, please visit the following website:

• Understanding the WES Document Requirements at (http://www.wes.org/required/index.asp)

Please submit a formal application before your documents are scheduled to arrive at WES. Without an application on file, WES will be unable to process your academic records or confirm that they have been received.

Be sure to submit clear and legible photocopies of word-for-word English translations along with your foreign language documents. Please do not send original translation documents as they cannot be returned.

Credit will be considered for transfer if equivalent to SDSU courses. No elective credit for courses taken at international institutions is allowed for courses not equivalent to SDSU courses. English and speech courses taken from an international institution are not accepted for credit unless English is the official language of the country. With official notification from the transferring international institution that English and/or speech course(s) were taught in English, students can petition to transfer English or speech. For those international institutions that have an articulation agreement with SDSU, the agreement determines the courses that transfer for full credit.

Transfer-credit grades from international institutions are not entered in the cumulative or semester grade point averages but are entered on the SDSU transcript as CR-passing grades. There is a limit of 32 credits transferred from international institutions determined to be vocational/technical-level programs.

What went well during the process of transferring to SDSU?

“I looked into transferring my last semester at Ridgewater. I talked with an adviser to work with identifying which courses would transfer. I could not have asked for a better individual to work with—he talked with not only me, but my family as well.”

Shane Erickson | Raymond, Minnesota
Transfer Student from Ridgewater College in Willmar, Minnesota
PRIOR LEARNING CREDIT
Prior Learning Credit is available at SDSU. Listed below are the primary types of prior learning experiences, which may count for credit.

• AP Credit
• Credit by Exam
• Challenge by Portfolio
• Dual or Concurrent Credit
• Military Experience

For specific information about one of these areas contact the transfer services coordinator at 605-688-4067.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS
An articulation agreement is an agreement between two or more institutions, which allows for a smooth transition of credits earned at one institution to another by minimizing duplication of coursework. Courses may satisfy general education requirements, major requirements or elective credit.

For specific information on articulations agreements contact the transfer services coordinator at 605-688-4067.
ACADEMIC CATALOG
The Undergraduate Catalog is the official source of SDSU’s undergraduate academic programs, courses, policies and procedures. The catalog can be used as a guide in planning a course of study and in meeting requirements for graduation. The information contained in the catalog is the most accurate at the time of publication and changes may become effective before the next catalog is published. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to stay up to date on current regulations, curricula and the status of specific programs being offered.

- To view SDSU’s Undergraduate Catalog go to: http://catalog.sdstate.edu/.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS
Many transfer students have already completed some, if not all, of their general education requirements. The general education curriculum is required for all undergraduate students. Transfer students who identify courses that may meet general education requirements but were not initially evaluated as so should work with their academic adviser to see if credit can be granted. Even though students may have completed all of the required general or liberal education courses required at their previous institution, all students are required to fulfill the specific SDSU general education requirements.

The general education requirements are outlined below:

**System Goal #1:** Written Communication (6cr)

**System Goal #2:** Oral Communication (3cr)

**System Goal #3:** Social Sciences/Diversity (6cr), 2 disciplines

**System Goal #4:** Humanities and Arts/Diversity (6cr), 2 disciplines

**System Goal #5:** Mathematics (3cr)

**System Goal #6:** Natural Sciences (6cr)

In addition to the System General Education Requirements, Institutional Graduation Requirements (IGRs) include:

**IGR Goal #1:** First Year Seminar (2cr)

**IGR Goal #2:** Cultural Awareness and Social and Environmental Responsibility (3cr)

Students are also required to complete a course that meets the requirements for information literacy, globalization and advanced writing. Many academic programs have courses that meet these requirements in their curriculum but students should meet with their adviser to know that the content areas are fulfilled.
ACADEMIC ADVISING GUIDESHEETS
Academic advising guidesheets are a resource to assist students in planning their path to graduation. The guidesheets break down each of SDSU's majors by identifying the required courses for each semester. Students use this tool when preparing for registration and when selecting classes. The guidesheets are truly a guide. When completed, they will not look the same for every student and with the help of an academic adviser students can create their own customized graduation path. To find the guidesheets, visit http://www.sdstate.edu/academic/guidesheets.

What went well during the process of transferring to SDSU?
“It was a good transition, just jumped right in. I feel prepared even though the focus is different—at South Central College in Mankato, Minnesota, the focus was more on technical skills and the focus here is more on design.”

Matt Rockers | Winnebago, Minnesota
Transfer Student from South Central College in Mankato, Minnesota
Attending SDSU means earning an incredible education at an affordable cost. About 88 percent of SDSU students receive some type of financial assistance each year to help cover educational costs. Financial limitations should never prohibit a student from going to college. We’re here to help. If transfer students have specific questions regarding their financial aid the Office of Financial Aid can be reached at 605-688-4695 or at http://www.sdstate.edu/admissions/financing/.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Only one transfer scholarship application needs to be completed to receive consideration for all awarded transfer student scholarships. Dollar values vary by department and available funds and are generally awarded by the end of May (for students entering fall semester) or end of December (for students entering spring semester). View the printable application at http://www.sdstate.edu/scholarships. Once you’re settled on campus, inquire with your academic adviser and department regarding available scholarships for current students. Also, continue checking MyState for updated academic and criteria scholarships.

Contact the SDSU Admissions Office with additional inquiries about scholarships.
SOUTH DAKOTA RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS
To establish residency for tuition purposes, in accordance with South Dakota Board of Regents policy, a student must live in South Dakota for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first scheduled day of classes of the semester. Additionally, consideration is given to students based on high school graduation, military affiliation and family residency status in South Dakota. Attendance at another university controlled by the South Dakota Board of Regents (Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and University of South Dakota) does not count in determining the 12-month period of residence. To be considered for South Dakota residency status, please contact the SDSU Admissions Office at 605-688-4121 to fill out the application and provide requested documentation.

CHILDREN OF ALUMNI
Children of SDSU alumni living outside South Dakota may be eligible for the Dakota Return Child of Alumni Program, which awards in-state tuition starting fall 2015. One parent or legal guardian must have graduated from SDSU with an associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree, and the transferring student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher on prior post-secondary coursework. Resident tuition can be retained for the difference between the necessary credit hours for graduation, typically 120, and the number of credits the student transfers. For example, a student who transfers 60 credits to SDSU will be eligible for two years of in-state tuition and fees, averaging 15 credits per semester. Paperwork is available through the SDSU Admissions Office (605-688-4121), and it is recommended to submit paperwork as early as possible prior to the start of the semester.
FEDERAL WORK STUDY
Eligibility for need-based federal financial aid is based on analysis of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [http://www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Review of student and parent/guardian (when applicable) financials will determine the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) that can be contributed to your college education. The difference between the estimated cost of attending SDSU (tuition, fees, room, board, books and personal expenses) and your EFC will determine your financial need. Students qualifying for financial aid will receive an award letter outlining the specific value of federal grants, loans and work-study programs awarded for the upcoming academic year. Be sure to include SDSU financial aid code 003471 on your FAFSA application.

COST ESTIMATE INFORMATION
Cost of attendance is calculated each semester and includes total tuition, fees, room, board, books, parking and personal expenses. Tuition and cost-of-living rates are adjusted annually by the South Dakota Board of Regents, SDSU and partnering entities. The final semester cost is relative to total registered credits, selection of on-campus residence and dining plan. Additional program fees may apply for selected programs, which support university programs and course delivery.

The current undergraduate cost estimate can be viewed at [http://www.sdstate.edu/admissions/financing/undergrad/cost/](http://www.sdstate.edu/admissions/financing/undergrad/cost/).
Numerous academic support services are available at SDSU. As a transfer student, we encourage you to investigate and seek out services as needed.

WINTRODE STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Students with outstanding academic records have many friends who want to reward their success. When it came to assisting students, however, Virgil and Josephine Wintrode always preferred to put their support on the student who needed just a little encouragement to get over the hump. Opening its doors in 2007, the Wintrode Student Success Center now features the Wintrode Tutoring Program, the First-Year Advising Center, Early Alert and the Academic Success Program. These programs are designed to help students gain the skills they need to move forward with confidence. Detailed information about the center and its various support programs can be found at http://www.sdstate.edu/gs/center.
THE WINTRODE TUTORING PROGRAM
SDSU students receive free tutoring in select courses through scheduled appointments and walk-in review sessions. Scheduled appointments typically are held in small groups, although requests for one-on-one tutoring may be accommodated, depending on tutor availability. Students who would like tutoring in a subject that is not on the regular course list should contact the tutoring coordinator for assistance with finding a tutor.

FIRST-YEAR ADVISING CENTER
The First-Year Advising Center (FYAC) is designed to assist students with the college transition and with building a firm academic foundation. Academic advisers in the FYAC advise most incoming first-year students and all students who have not yet declared a major. Academic advisers assist students with setting academic, career and personal goals; help students develop strategies for achieving those goals; advise students into courses based on their academic program and interest areas; and connect students with campus and community resources.

EARLY ALERT
SDSU participates in an Early Alert program to identify undergraduate students who need assistance from academic and student service offices. The Early Alert program allows faculty to notify students about their performance from week one through the last day to drop classes each semester. When faculty enter alerts in the Starfish software program, students are notified through email about the faculty member's concern. Academic advisers, athletics advisers, residential life staff and many other campus departments then contact students to talk with them about their progress in the identified course(s) and to help them create a success plan to improve their performance.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM
The Academic Success Program supports students who are currently on academic probation or who have been readmitted to SDSU following suspension due to low academic achievement. Participants in the Academic Success Program enroll in UC 101, Strategies for Academic Success, an early intervention course designed to help students identify issues that led to probation or suspension status, develop an action plan to ensure future academic success and increase personal responsibility and self-management.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION
Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of weekly review sessions for students enrolled in historically difficult courses. SI is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades. At each SI session, you will be guided through this material by the SI leader, a student who has previously taken the course and performed well. The SI program is co-coordinated between TRiO Student Support Services and the Wintrode Tutoring Program.
MATH HELP CENTER
The SDSU Math Help Center provides free walk-in tutoring for students in Math 095, Pre-College Algebra; Math 102, College Algebra; Math 103, Quantitative Literacy; Math 115, Precalculus; Math 120, Trigonometry; Math 121/L, Survey of Calculus and Lab; Math 123, Calculus I; Math 125, Calculus II; and STAT 281, Introduction to Statistics. No appointment is necessary. The Math Help Center is an excellent place to work on your homework as the tutors can help when you get stuck. The center is located in the Architecture, Mathematics and Engineering (SAME) building, Room 292.

SDSU BRIGGS LIBRARY
Library services and collections are housed in the Hilton M. Briggs Library, which is named for President Hilton M. Briggs who served the university from 1958 to 1975. Library collections consist of more than 675,000 bound volumes, 640,000 government documents, 18,000 e-books, 38,000 online journals and other electronic resources.

Briggs Library users have access to books, journals, archives, maps and government documents collections as well as wireless networking, laptop loans and more than 80 public computer workstations providing access to the Internet, library databases and software such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, statistical packages and more. Briggs Library contains group study/conference rooms for student use, informal lounge areas, and photocopiers and scanners. Special collections of congressional papers, archival, state and local history, and curriculum materials are available for students, faculty and researchers. In addition, materials from thousands of other libraries worldwide are available through interlibrary loan. The Briggs Library building is also the home of International Affairs and Outreach, the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning and the Writing Center.

The faculty and staff at Briggs Library are proud of the services they offer to the SDSU community as well as to distance students and faculty in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, Pierre and other locations throughout South Dakota and the U.S. Each year they teach hundreds of classes on information literacy and the use of library resources. They respond to thousands of information requests annually through personal contacts, via telephone at 605-688-5107, and by means of email, online chat and texting. Look for the “Ask Us” link on the library homepage at http://www.sdstate.edu/library.
WRITING CENTER
The SDSU Writing Center is located in The Hilton M. Briggs Library, Room 103. The center serves all students at the university. Students can chat about an essay for a composition or history class, a research paper, abstracts for a human development or psychology paper, or a job or graduate school application letter—in short, any type of writing that they have concerns about. Consultations take place during any stage of the writing process—from determining the ideas, focus and framework to citing sources and figuring out how semicolons work and polishing the style. You can schedule an appointment by calling the center at 605-688-6559 or at http://www.sdstate.edu/engl/for-students/writingcenter/schedule-an-appointment.cfm. Sessions are normally scheduled for 45 minutes, with 10-15 minutes between sessions reserved for walk-ins. Making an appointment is advised but not required.
UNIVERSITY HOUSING
SDSU offers a variety of housing options ranging from traditional residence halls to brand-new buildings with suite options. First-year and sophomore students are required to live on campus. As a transfer student, you have an opportunity to be a part of a transfer student Living-Learning Community within the halls. We also have housing options for apartment living and family student housing. Visit the SDSU Residence Life webpage at http://www.sdstate.edu/reslife/ for more information.

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Students who are two years removed from high school can select from on-campus residence halls and apartments or live within the Brookings community. The user-friendly http://offcampushousing.sdstate.edu database conveniently includes a searchable database of rental properties featuring floor plans, proximity maps, lease requirements and additional listing of amenities. Set up a student profile to enable assistance matching roommates.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
The Center for Student Engagement offers activities in partnership with many organizations and a variety of categories including fine and performing arts, Greek life, multicultural, political, recreational, service, spiritual and veteran services. For more information about student life at SDSU visit http://www.sdstate.edu/campus.
CAREER SERVICES
Facilitating the transition from student to professional and helping students and employers connect are two goals that drive the services of the Office of Career Development. From students exploring career options and job possibilities to employers posting jobs and conducting on-campus interviews, we provide help both online and in person. Follow http://www.sdstate.edu/careercenter/students to find more information.

DISABILITY SERVICES
The Office of Disability Services provides assistance for students with a wide range of disabilities. Your first step is to fill out the Student Information Form. Along with this application you'll need to send documentation of the disability. Documentation guidelines can be found at the link below. After that, set up an appointment to discuss services we can provide that will enhance your learning experiences at SDSU. For more information visit http://www.sdstate.edu/campus/disability.

MULTICULTURAL CENTER
The Multicultural Center offers campus initiatives that demonstrate the valued practice and philosophy of multiculturalism within the university community. Programs and activities developed by the center promote high achievement among the increasing number of minority students at SDSU. The center enhances and compliments the university mission by broadening the social, cultural, education and recreational experiences of students. More information is available at http://www.sdstate.edu/campus/multicultural.

VETERANS AFFAIRS
The vision of the SDSU Veterans Affairs Office is to assist military veterans, their family members and their survivors in obtaining all federal and state educational benefits and entitlements they have earned by serving in the United States military, and to provide guidance and support services that will aid veterans in their transition to academic and civilian life. More information is available at http://www.sdstate.edu/campus/veteransaffairs.
SECTION EIGHT
ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

HONORS COLLEGE
The Van D. and Barbara B. Fishback Honors College at SDSU provides talented, motivated students in any major with an enriched, personalized curricular pathway and experiential learning opportunities, which allow them to maximize their learning at SDSU.

Students who earn a 27 or higher ACT score and/or are in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class are eligible to take Honors College courses. Students not meeting these requirements but who wish to take Honors College courses should contact the Honors College at 605-688-5268. Continuing students need a 3.0 cumulative grade point average to enroll in Honors College courses. Visit http://www.sdstate.edu/honors to learn more.

STUDY ABROAD AND NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE
Study abroad opportunities are available to SDSU students. As a transfer student you will need to complete one full academic semester at SDSU and have an SDSU transcript before applying for a student abroad program. Studying abroad will allow you to understand and appreciate diversity, enhance your knowledge and reconsider your assumptions about the world around you. These experiences can be short term such as one to six weeks or a full semester or academic year. Visit http://www.sdstate.edu/international-affairs/study-abroad to learn more.

The National Student Exchange program allows students a chance to study at schools within the United States, Canada and U.S. territories at similar costs to SDSU. For more information contact Multicultural Affairs at 605-688-5585.
Student organizations provide great opportunities to be engaged with other students, faculty and staff within the SDSU community. Visit http://www.sdstate.edu/campus/clubsorgs to learn more.

Throughout the week and on weekends many additional activities and events are scheduled for little to no cost. Events include:

- Capers Variety Show
- Casino Night for Charity
- Friday Night Flicks
- Hobo Day (Homecoming)
- Karaoke and Open Mic Nights
- May Day Music Fest
- Oozeball
- Relay for Life
- SDSU Dancing with the Stars
- Step Show

**What recommendations do you have for other potential transfer students?**

“Talk with other SDSU students. Get involved right away. Made me feel right at home.”

*Abby Ottenbacher | Eureka, South Dakota
Transfer Student from within the SD BOR University System*
CAMPUS RECREATION
The Wellness Center is dedicated to supporting academic success and personal development by promoting and encouraging healthy lifestyles for the members of the SDSU community. The Wellness Center houses state-of-the-art fitness equipment, a variety of recreational and intramural programs, effective wellness education, and the conveniently located Student Health Clinic and Counseling Center. Visit http://www.sdstate.edu/wellness-center to learn more.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
“Go Big. Go Blue. Go Jacks!” Cheer on the Jackrabbits as they compete against other top-ranked teams. Jackrabbit Athletics compete at the NCAA Division I level, which provides great opportunities to show support for SDSU's student-athletes and be a part of Jackrabbit Nation.

SAFETY
The Office of Safety and Security is here to create and maintain a safe and secure environment where learning, research and campus life can thrive. The university houses a fully staffed 24-hour-a-day police department right on campus as well as offices for environmental safety and emergency management. Campus security reports can be found online at http://www.sdstate.edu/safety.

GREEK LIFE
For over 40 years, Greek Life at SDSU has been home to high-achieving students and future leaders. Home to eight men’s and four women’s fraternities, the Greek community has a fit for any student interested in exploring Greek life.

Each chapter is dedicated to a philanthropic organization and gives back to the community on a local and national level. Members gain valuable skills through holding chapter offices, developing and implementing events, networking and the commitment to the values of the fraternal organization. For more information, contact the program adviser for Greek Life at 605-688-5252 or visit http://www.sdsugreek.cselect.org.
BROOKINGS COMMUNITY
The city of Brookings is a progressive and growing community with numerous industry partners (Larson Manufacturing, Daktronics, BelBrands, 3M, etc.) The population of Brookings is about 23,000. The community provides students opportunities to enjoy entertainment and great food. You can even use your Hobo Dough on your student ID card at many local businesses.

For a comprehensive list of businesses, events and town happenings, visit the Brookings Chamber of Commerce website at http://www.cityofbrookings.org.
**SECTION 10**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **Q. Where can I find information on which of my courses transferred to SDSU?**
   
   **A.** For students who have submitted final, official transcripts, completed transfer evaluation information can be viewed via WebAdvisor. Log in to WebAdvisor and select Unofficial Transcript/Course History under the Academic Profile menu. You will see the SDSU courses received from your transfer evaluation under the term you took the courses.

2. **Q. I’ve looked at my transfer courses for my completed transfer evaluation. How can I see how they can apply to my SDSU major?**
   
   **A.** You can see how transfer courses from a completed evaluation may apply to your SDSU major by running a Program Evaluation on WebAdvisor under the Academic Profile menu.

3. **Q. When I received my completed transfer evaluation, I had a course that transferred as elective credit, but I think it should have transferred as a specific SDSU course. What can I do?**
   
   **A.** To request a different equivalent course from a transfer evaluation, please submit a Transfer Equivalency Change Request form. This form is available in the Records Office in the Enrollment Services Center at the reception desk, or call Transfer Services at 605-688-4607.

4. **Q. I sent my AP and CLEP scores to SDSU, but I don’t see the credit on my SDSU transcript. Is there anything else that I need to do?**
   
   **A.** In order to have credit earned by examination recorded on your academic transcript, students must complete an Application for Placement Credit form at the Testing Center (605-688-4499). A recording fee may apply.
Q. Do I need a specific laptop or computer?
A. Whether you are writing a term paper, accessing lecture slides from your professor, or simply taking a break to update your social media from the past weekend, it’s increasingly important to stay connected. A specific computer brand or system is not generally required, but the Office of Information Technology provides recommended system specifications to keep you ahead of the curve. SDSU will provide the required antivirus software so there is no need to purchase any separately. The University Bookstore offers discounted pricing for both Microsoft Office and Adobe products. Be sure to check with your academic adviser for information regarding any specific technology-related requirements for your major.

Computer labs are available for all students as well as a number of major-specific labs. The labs are not only equipped with computers but also scanners and printers. Most of the labs accept Hobo Dough. You can also find printers in select locations across campus including the University Student Union. Laptop check-out stations are located in Briggs Library and the University Student Union. All SDSU provided computers come with the current Microsoft Office Suite software and run on Windows 7 operating systems. The university also provides a virtual lab accessible to students from anywhere (access via Cloudapps.sdstate.edu). This virtual lab allows you to access campus resources remotely.

Q. If I don’t know who my adviser is or don’t have one listed on WebAdvisor, what do I do?
A. You can come to the Wintrode Student Success Center to check on your adviser assignment. At the center, an adviser can work with you and your department to be sure you are assigned to an adviser in your major area of study. The advisers will also be able to answer your questions until you make contact with your assigned adviser.

Q. I served in the military. Does SDSU award college credit for military experience?
A. Yes, with approved documentation, SDSU awards up to six credits for completion of basic training and can give additional credit with applicable military experience. SDSU can review your military experience upon receipt of an official JST-Joint Services Transcript, CCAF-Community College of the Air Force Transcript, or a DD-214 form. Please contact SDSU Transfer Services at 605-688-4067 for details.

Q. What is Hobo Dough?
A. Your MyJacks ID Card is a vital part of your life on campus and is the official identification and access card for students, faculty and staff. Hobo Dough is a prepaid, stored-value account on your MyJacks Card used to pay for purchases on and off campus. Some of the area’s most popular local businesses accept Hobo Dough. You can deposit money into your Hobo Dough account in a number of easy ways including online, the load stations on campus or by mail.