

A NEW JACK'S GUIDE TO ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGY AT SDSTATE



SOUTH DAKOTA
STATE UNIVERSITY

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 120 credits is required to earn a bachelor's degree from SDState. The curriculum combines general education courses with academic college and major field courses.

30 CREDITS OF SYSTEM GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (SGR)

SGRs provide a broad foundation for building knowledge and understanding throughout your academic, professional, and civic lives. Find more info at sdstate.edu/academics/general-education.

GOAL	CREDITS
Written Communication	6
Oral Communication	3
Social Sciences/Diversity	6 (2 disciplines)
Arts & Humanities/Diversity	6 (2 disciplines or a foreign language sequence)
Mathematics	3
Natural Sciences	6

60-90 CREDITS IN MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY INCLUDING ELECTIVES

These are courses and requirements specific to your major and often include elective credits. Electives allow you to explore interests or pursue a minor or second major, and count toward the 120 credits needed for graduation.

TRACKING YOUR DEGREE

Here are just a few of many tools you can use to learn about your major and course requirements.

UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG (catalog.sdstate.edu)

The catalog is the official guidebook to your academic programs, including majors, minors and certificates. Here are some sections students find particularly useful:

- General Education Requirements (lists course options for each SGR)
- Academic Programs - Majors, Minors, Certificates (includes program overview, contact information, and required and elective courses)
- Course Descriptions & Schedules (learn about course content)

ADVISING GUIDE SHEETS (sdstate.edu/academic/guidesheets)

Guide sheets provide sample plans of study for each major and are especially useful when working with academic advisors to select courses and in tracking your degree progress.

REGISTRATION SELF SERVICE (accessed through mystate.sdstate.edu)

This is your online account for course registration.

DEGREE WORKS (accessed through mystate.sdstate.edu)

Degree Works helps you track your progress in completing degree requirements.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR (sdstate.edu/academics/academic-calendar)

Add this link to your favorites and keep track of course add/drop dates, final exam dates, holidays and other academic dates. Use the calendar to plan your year and be sure to plan personal holidays in coordination with holidays noted on the calendar.

Registrar (Records & Registration)

Enrollment Services Center
Email: sdsu.registrar@sdstate.edu
Phone: (605) 688-6195
Web: sdstate.edu/campus/records

Admissions

Enrollment Services Center | 1047 Medary Ave, Box 511 | Brookings, SD 57007
Email: sdsu.admissions@sdstate.edu (transcripts available for secure email download can be directed here)
Phone: (605) 688-4121
Toll-Free: 1-800-952-3541
Web: sdstate.edu/admissions

INSIDE THIS GUIDE:

- The basics of SDState degree requirements
- Academic colleges
- Academic advisors
- Academic supports (tutoring, supplemental instruction and other help)
- Online accounts and technology

BRINGING CREDITS TO SDSTATE

Many students take advantage of opportunities in high school to earn college level credit.

DUAL CREDIT/COLLEGE IN THE SCHOOLS (CIS)/POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS (PSEO)

Credit earned taking college level coursework while still enrolled in high school, including courses taken in the high school, online, or on a college campus.

High school students who complete college courses must request transcripts be sent to SDState Admissions from each college/university where credit was earned.

AP/CLEP/DANTES/IB

www.sdstate.edu/testing_center_sdstate_tc/credit_prior_learning

Credit earned by achieving a minimum required score on an exam. Learn more at sdstate.edu/testing-center.

To add AP or CLEP credits to your SDState transcript, you must submit your scores to the Testing Center (use code 6653) AND fill out an application for placement credit with their office (CLEP only).

There is no transcripting fee for AP credits. An \$8.50 per credit fee is assessed to any CLEP or IB credits added to an academic transcript. All other prior learning credit is assessed at \$90.75 per course.

TRANSFER CREDITS

www.sdstate.edu/admissions/transfer_credit_evaluator

Credit earned post high school from an institution of higher education. Transcripts from each college/university where credit was earned should be sent directly to the SDState Admissions Office.

**REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS
BE SENT TO ADMISSIONS!**



WHAT'S A COLLEGE ANYWAY?

South Dakota State is made up of seven academic colleges that house its more than 200 fields of study (including majors, minors, specializations and advanced degrees).

Your college is determined by your major. Depending on what you've decided to study, you may fall under more than one.



COLLEGES & UNITS



AGRICULTURE, FOOD & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Academic Programs Office

605 688-5133

Raven Precision Agriculture Center 295

Email: sdsu.cafes@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/cafes



ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

605 688 4723

Wagner Hall 251

Email: sdsu.cahss@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/ahss



EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES

Including Exploratory Studies Program

605 688-6181

Wagner Hall 249

Email: sdsu.ehs@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/ehs



ENGINEERING

Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

605 688-4161

Crothers Engineering Hall 201

Email: sdsu.engineering@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/engr



NATURAL SCIENCES

605-688-4420

Avera Health & Science Center 131

Email: sdsu.naturalsciences@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/science



NURSING STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

605-688-4106

Wagner Hall 335

Email: sdsu.brookingsnursing@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/nursing



PHARMACY & ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

605-688-6197

Avera Health & Science Center 133

Email: sdsu.pharmacy@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/pharmacy



HONORS COLLEGE

VAN D. & BARBARA B. FISHBACK HONORS COLLEGE

605-688-5268

Honors Hall 119

Email: sdsu.honors@sdstate.edu

Web: sdstate.edu/honors

While not an official degree-granting college, the Honors College offers a curriculum and unique extracurricular opportunities intended to enhance and complement a student's chosen major.

FIRST YEAR ADVISING CENTER (FYAC) AND YOUR ADVISOR

605 688 4155 / Wintrode Student Success & Opportunity Center in Wagner Hall

Email: sdsu.advisingcenter@sdstate.edu | Web: sdstate.edu/firstyearadvising

You're never alone at SDSU, especially when it comes to your academic success. Every student has an academic advisor who helps with the transition to college, degree and career planning, and course registration each semester.

Most majors at SDSU start with an advisor in the First Year Advising Center. Students enrolled in human biology, pre-nursing, pre pharmacy, respiratory care, medical laboratory science, or any two year program other than general studies are advised within their respective academic programs.

No matter where your advisor is located, you are sure to have someone who cares about you and your success. Contact your advisor any time to discuss courses, majors, internships, personal goals, career plans, or if you're just looking for a little support and advice.

ACADEMIC SUPPORTS 101



COMMIT TO YOUR OWN SUCCESS

Your academic success, which results in your graduation, is 100 percent achievable. It's just going to take some work.

At SDState, success is the sum of two important factors: student commitment (that's you) and university support (that's us).

SDState offers tons of outlets for our students to get help with classes, labs and assignments. ALL students are encouraged to access these resources early and often regardless of past academic performance.

These are some of the most popular and effective supports we have – and they're all free to you. Check out individual websites for contact information and available hours.

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Wintrode Center in Wagner Hall
sdstate.edu/si

Like a review session, SI is offered in numerous classes and gives you an opportunity to review course materials with classmates.

SPANISH ROUND TABLES

sdstate.edu/school-american and [global-studies](http://sdstate.edu/global-studies)/clubs and activities

Opportunities for practice in Spanish conversational skills.



SPEECH CENTER

Pugsley 305 | Schedule via ConnectState on MyState

As a CMST 101 student, you can practice your speech and receive feedback before presenting in class.

WINTRODE TUTORING PROGRAM

Wintrode Center in Wagner Hall
sdstate.edu/wintrodetutoring

Set up tutoring appointments in a variety of courses and get advice on developing successful study strategies.

CONNECTSTATE

sdstate.edu/academics/connectstate
or access on MyState dashboard

Schedule tutoring appointments with the Wintrode Tutoring Program, Writing Center or Speech Center online. You can also schedule time to meet with your advisor. Use your MyState username and password to access ConnectState.



WRITING CENTER

Briggs Library 103
sdstate.edu/writing-center

Tutors are available to help you develop and improve writing skills for assignments in any SDState course.



BRIGGS LIBRARY

sdstate.edu/library

Find research resources, computer terminals and quiet study spaces throughout the school year. Reserve a study room for yourself or a group project.

MATH HELP CENTER

AME Building 292
sdstate.edu/mathematics-statistics/math-help-center

Access free walk-in tutoring for mathematics and statistics courses.

STUDY HUB

For discipline specific tutoring and academic support info as well as resources for study strategies, visit the SDState Study Hub site.

sdstate.edu/studyhub



WEB & MOBILE APPLICATIONS

Your student account — @jacks.sdstate.edu — is the primary form of communication from the university, professors, and advisors. Your jacks email and password is also how you will login to the web applications within MyState and any mobile applications.

WEB APPLICATIONS

MyState	mystate.sdstate.edu: <i>Registration Self Service:</i> register for courses <i>Financial Aid Self Service:</i> access your financial aid info <i>Student Account Self Service:</i> student billing functions <i>ConnectState:</i> book advising, tutoring, speech & writing center appts <i>Degree Works:</i> track degree progress <i>Also:</i> housing app & meal plan selection, parking account, textbooks, health clinic appointments, scholarship app, Testing Center appt & results
D2L	d2l.sdstate.edu: <i>Course materials for online and some on-campus courses</i>
Jacks email	jacksemail.sdstate.edu: <i>Primary communication from the university</i>
Zoom	zoom.sdstate.edu: <i>Video conferencing (also an app)</i>
IT Support Center	help.sdstate.edu: <i>Look up info in knowledge base, list of services, submit a ticket to fix an issue</i>
Jacks Club Hub	jacksclubhub.sdstate.edu: <i>Student clubs and events info</i>

MOBILE APPLICATIONS

South Dakota State	Bring MyState, ConnectState, maps and other info to your phone
Duo Mobile	Two-factor security authentication to access SDSU apps
Brightspace Pulse	D2L access for your phone
Office 365	One-stop shop for all Microsoft apps
Transact eAccounts	MyJacks card and Hobo Dough for your phone
Transact Mobile Ordering	Order food then pick it up
Starship-Food Delivery	Order food then have a robot deliver it to you
Rave Guardian	Select friends/family as guardians, set safety timers, dial SDSU PD directly
SDState Wellness Center	See hours, digital ID, GroupFIT, intramurals, registration, open
SDSU Jackrabbits	SDSU Athletics app

CAMPUS EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY

Help us keep you safe by taking advantage of this free campus safety system.

CAMPUS ALERT (UPDATE YOUR PROFILE!)

To ensure you receive campus emergency alerts and severe weather info as efficiently as possible, update your contact info on the "Campus Emergency & Alerts" section in MyState.

DUO ISSUES? | help.sdstate.edu

Search #Duo | Need a bypass code? myduo.sdstate.edu
Support Desk: 605 688 6776

PASSWORD ISSUES? | help.sdstate.edu

Search #password | Need a password reset? loginhelp.sdstate.edu
Support Desk: 605 688 6776

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING | help.sdstate.edu



SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

Search #systemsSpecifications

View the recommended computer specifications. You are also encouraged to contact your department to learn about any recommended computer models, specs, and programs prior to purchasing.



PRINTING

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WebPrint stations are available in most computer labs as well as the Student Union and library. Students can also print at BluePrint for a more professional finish. Hobo Dough can be used for printing.



OFFICE 365 & CLOUD APPS

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SDState students can install Office 365 ProPlus **for free.**

Cloudapps are also available at cloudapps.sdstate.edu