

# 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/general-education](http://sdstate.edu/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

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://accessed through mystate.sdstate.edu))

This is your online account for course registration.

### DEGREE WORKS ([accessed through mystate.sdstate.edu](http://accessed through mystate.sdstate.edu))

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

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR ([sdstate.edu/academics/academic-calendar](http://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](mailto:sdsu.registrar@sdstate.edu)  
Phone: (605) 688-6195  
Web: [sdstate.edu/records-registration](http://sdstate.edu/records-registration)

#### Admissions

Enrollment Services Center | 1047 Medary Ave, Box 511 | Brookings, SD 57007  
Email: [sdsu.admissions@sdstate.edu](mailto: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](http://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/DSST/IB

[sdstate.edu/testing-center/prior-learning-credit](http://sdstate.edu/testing-center/prior-learning-credit)

Credit earned by achieving a minimum required score on an exam. Learn more at [sdstate.edu/testing-center](http://sdstate.edu/testing-center).

To request Application for Placement Credit scan the QR code below. Official score reports from the testing entity must be received by the SDSTATE TC before credits can be verified.



### TRANSFER CREDITS

[sdstate.edu/admissions/transferring-credits](http://sdstate.edu/admissions/transferring-credits)

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

Berg Agricultural Hall 162

Email: [sdsu.cafes@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.cafes@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/cafes](http://sdstate.edu/cafes)



## ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

605 688 4723

Lincoln Hall 129

Email: [sdsu.cahss@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.cahss@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/ahss](http://sdstate.edu/ahss)



## EDUCATION & HUMAN SCIENCES

Including Exploratory Studies Program

605 688-6181

Wagner Hall 249

Email: [sdsu.ehs@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.ehs@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/ehs](http://sdstate.edu/ehs)



## ENGINEERING

Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering

605 688-4161

Crothers Engineering Hall 201

Email: [sdsu.engineering@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.engineering@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/engr](http://sdstate.edu/engr)



## NATURAL SCIENCES

605-688-4420

Avera Health & Science Center 131

Email: [sdsu.naturalsciences@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.naturalsciences@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/science](http://sdstate.edu/science)



## NURSING STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

605-688-4106

Wagner Hall 335

Email: [sdsu.brookingsnursing@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.brookingsnursing@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/nursing](http://sdstate.edu/nursing)



## PHARMACY & ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

605-688-6197

Avera Health & Science Center 133

Email: [sdsu.pharmacy@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.pharmacy@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/pharmacy](http://sdstate.edu/pharmacy)



## HONORS COLLEGE

VAN D. & BARBARA B. FISHBACK HONORS COLLEGE

605-688-5268

Honors Hall 119

Email: [sdsu.honors@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.honors@sdstate.edu)

Web: [sdstate.edu/honors](http://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](mailto:sdsu.advisingcenter@sdstate.edu) | Web: [sdstate.edu/wintrode-student-success-opportunity-center/first-year-advising-center](http://sdstate.edu/wintrode-student-success-opportunity-center/first-year-advising-center)

*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. Your advisor can also provide information about campus resources and is a great starting point if you have questions about anything related to your college experience and aren't sure where to go.*

*Most majors at SDSU start with an advisor in the First Year Advising Center. 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 is achievable. It will take some work, but we're here to help!

**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](http://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

Lincoln Hall  
[sdstate.edu/wintrode](http://sdstate.edu/wintrode) student success opportunity center/study hub/study hub modern-languages

*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](http://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](http://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/school-english-interdisciplinary-studies/writing-center](http://sdstate.edu/school-english-interdisciplinary-studies/writing-center)

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



### BRIGGS LIBRARY

[sdstate.edu/library](http://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](http://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](http://sdstate.edu/studyhub)



# WEB & MOBILE APPLICATIONS

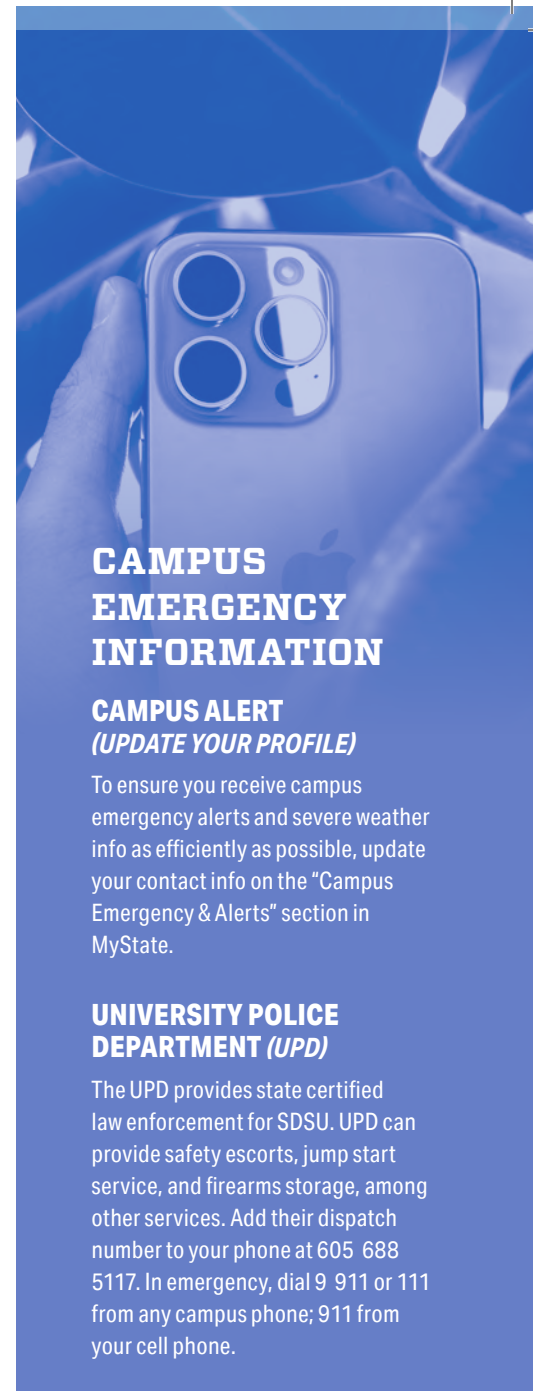
Your student account — [@jacks.sdstate.edu](mailto:@jacks.sdstate.edu) — is the primary form of communication from the university, professors, and advisors. Your jacks email and password is also how you will login to the web applications within MyState and any mobile applications.

## WEB APPLICATIONS

<b>MyState</b>	<b>mystate.sdstate.edu:</b> <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>Student Profile:</i> grades and academic history <i>Also:</i> housing app & meal plan selection, parking account, textbooks, health clinic appointments, scholarship app, Testing Center appt
<b>D2L</b>	<b>d2l.sdstate.edu:</b> <i>Course materials for online and some on-campus courses</i>
<b>Jacks email</b>	<b>jacksemail.sdstate.edu:</b> <i>Primary communication from the university</i>
<b>Zoom</b>	<b>zoom.sdstate.edu:</b> <i>Video conferencing (also an app)</i>
<b>IT Support Center</b>	<b>help.sdstate.edu:</b> <i>Self-help by reading knowledge base, request a service, submit an issue via ticket</i>
<b>Jacks Club Hub</b>	<b>sdstate.campuslabs.com/engage:</b> <i>Student clubs and events info</i>

## MOBILE APPLICATIONS

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



## CAMPUS EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### 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.

### UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT (UPD)

The UPD provides state certified law enforcement for SDSU. UPD can provide safety escorts, jump start service, and firearms storage, among other services. Add their dispatch number to your phone at 605 688 5117. In emergency, dial 9 911 or 111 from any campus phone; 911 from your cell phone.

### DUO ISSUES?

[help.sdstate.edu](http://help.sdstate.edu)

Search #Duo | Need a bypass code? [myduo.sdstate.edu](http://myduo.sdstate.edu)  
Support Desk: 605 688 6776

### WHAT IS MY ACCOUNT?

[myaccount.sdstate.edu](http://myaccount.sdstate.edu)

Find your @jacks email.

### PASSWORD ISSUES?

[help.sdstate.edu](http://help.sdstate.edu)

Search #password | Need a password reset? [loginhelp.sdstate.edu](http://loginhelp.sdstate.edu)  
Support Desk: 605 688 6776

## TECHNICALLY SPEAKING | [help.sdstate.edu](http://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

Search #printing

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

Search #O365

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

Cloudapps are also available at [cloudapps.sdstate.edu](http://cloudapps.sdstate.edu)