



DICKINSON  
STATE UNIVERSITY

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**TRANSFER  
GUIDE**

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IN **BLUE**



# YOUR GUIDE TO *Transferring to* **DSU**



## Why transfer to DSU?

Students from all over the world thrive here, in part because Dickinson State is:

- **IDEALLY SITUATED.** In addition to a world-class education and promising career opportunities, DSU students enjoy proximity to all the fun activities that make North Dakota famous—the scenic Badlands, Theodore Roosevelt National Park, New Salem Sue, the City of Rugby (North America’s geographical center), rich farmlands, rolling prairies, and more. And the North Dakota State Capitol building is less than 1.5 hours away by car!
  - **CAREER FOCUSED.** Our programs equip students for a wide range of exciting careers in high-demand industries such as agriculture, health care, computer science, education, and business. Numerous internships, work-study programs, and cooperative education opportunities give students the practical training they need to excel in a growing workforce.
  - **RENOWNED.** DSU students learn from a highly experienced, caring group of faculty members who are active writers and researchers. Ninety percent of our faculty members have earned the highest degrees in their fields.
  - **INSPIRING.** Whether it’s students taking part in the biannual God’s Child service project, or alumni hosting a fundraising event, our students and graduates give back to the community in countless ways.
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“Integrity”  
“Accessibility”  
“EXCELLENCE”  
“Inquiry”  
“Innovation”

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These are just a few of the words students and community members use to describe Dickinson State University. Our hometown vibe provides the perfect backdrop for forging lifelong friendships, pursuing passions, and connecting with our surroundings—all while earning a first-rate education.

This guide provides a quick snapshot of what DSU has to offer—both on and off campus. Learn about our more than 50 student clubs and organizations, which cover everything from filmmaking to Saddle Bronco riding. Explore DSU's 53 academic degree options. Discover what it takes to become a Blue Hawk.

**Try DSU on for size. We're willing to bet it's a pretty good fit!**

# OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND AT *Dickinson State*



## Both In the Classroom...

### FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS

Accounting  
Agricultural Studies  
» Options:  
Natural Resource Management  
Integrated Ranch Management  
Business/Marketing  
Range Management  
Equine  
International Agri-Business and  
Soil Science  
Applied Science in Technology  
Art  
Art Education (Secondary Education)  
Art Entrepreneurship  
Biology  
» Options:  
Professional  
Wildlife  
Biology Education  
Business Administration  
» Minors:  
Accounting  
Agri-Business  
Banking and Finance  
Entrepreneurship  
Human Resource Management  
International Business  
Management  
Management Information Systems  
Marketing  
Office Administration  
Business Education  
Chemistry  
» Options:  
Geology  
Chemistry Education  
Choral Music Education (K-12)

Coaching  
Communication  
Communication Education  
Composite Music Education (K-12)  
Computer Science  
Computer Technology Management  
Elementary Education  
English  
English Education  
Environmental Health  
Environmental Science  
Exercise Science  
Finance  
History  
History Education  
Human Resource Management  
Information Technology  
Instrumental Music Education (K-12)  
International Business  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Education  
Music  
Nursing  
Physical Education  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Science Composite (Secondary Education)  
Social Science Composite  
Social Science Composite Education  
Social Work (UND linkage)  
Spanish  
Spanish Education  
Technology Education  
Theatre Education  
Theatre  
University Studies  
Writing

### TWO-YEAR PROGRAMS (OR LESS)

Ag Sales and Service  
» Options:  
Agriculture Business Management  
Equine Management  
Equine Training  
Technology in Agriculture (Associate of Arts)  
Farm and Ranch Management - Certificate  
Human Resource Management - Certificate  
Practical Nursing  
Office Administration  
» Concentrations:  
Accounting  
Agri-Business  
Computer Science  
Graphic Design  
Legal  
Management  
Medical

### PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Athletic Training  
Chiropractic  
Criminal Justice and Corrections  
Dental Hygiene  
Dentistry  
Dietetics  
Law  
Medicine  
Medical/Lab Technology  
Mortuary Science  
Occupational Therapy  
Optometry  
Pharmacy  
Physical Therapy  
Veterinary  
Wildlife Management

### CAMPUS LOCATIONS

» Dickinson (Main Campus)  
» Bismarck Campus  
» Williston Campus  
» Online



## And Beyond!

### RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Residential living opportunities include:

- Fully furnished units (except North Campus Apartments)
- Phone line with local service
- Basic cable
- Computer access to the campus mainframe
- Laundry facilities
- Vending machines
- Lounge spaces with pool table and more
- Kitchen facilities
- Main offices with games, athletic equipment, and mail distribution

### STUDENT SUPPORT

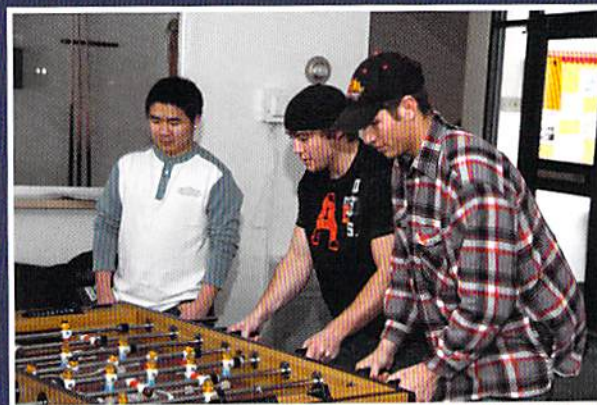
North Dakotans are known far and wide for their friendliness and generosity, and DSU carries that spirit in its student support programs and campus policies. Dickinson students can address concerns—academic or otherwise—with any of the nine departments in our Division of Student Development:

- Academic Success Center
- Career Development Center
- Financial Aid
- Center for International Programs
- Residential Life
- Security
- Student Activities
- Student Health Services
- Wellness Program

### OFF-CAMPUS CULTURE

With endless outdoor activities, distinctive shops and eateries, and cultural attractions, the Dickinson community provides students and residents alike with an unforgettable community experience. Check out just a few of our on- and near-campus hotspots!

- **BIESIOT ACTIVITIES CENTER**  
[www.dickinsonstate.edu/bac](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/bac)  
The BAC is a 3,500-seat venue that hosts athletics, community events, and more.
- **WEST RIVER COMMUNITY CENTER**  
[www.dickinsonparks.org/WRCC.asp](http://www.dickinsonparks.org/WRCC.asp)  
This 93,000-sq-ft recreational center features swimming, golf, fitness, and more.
- **DICKINSON AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
[www.dickinsonlibrary.org](http://www.dickinsonlibrary.org)  
More than a library, it's a social, educational, and recreational hub of Dickinson.
- **HEART RIVER GOLF COURSE**  
[www.dickinsonparks.org/hrgc.asp](http://www.dickinsonparks.org/hrgc.asp)  
This 18-hole, par-72 course offers a perfect mix of competition and relaxation.
- **CITY OF DICKINSON**  
[www.visitdickinson.com](http://www.visitdickinson.com)  
Explore more Dickinson attractions and start planning your trip here!



# TIME OF TRANSITION: *Tips*

There are many reasons to consider a transfer to Dickson State. Perhaps you attended a two-year campus and are now ready to complete your four-year degree. Maybe you are transferring because you are interested in a specific major or in opportunities to participate in athletics or fine arts, or maybe you are transferring for personal reasons. Whatever your reason, we want to help make your transfer experience a positive one. Here are some tips to help you be successful as you transfer to DSU.

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# For Success at DSU

## Use Your Campus

Dickinson State University recognizes that as a transfer student you require different orientation needs than incoming freshmen. That's why we offer programs designed to make all incoming students feel right at home. As a transfer student, you will work with enrollment coaches to help you through the technical parts of the transfer process. Your transcripts will be evaluated, and you will work with a content area advisor at an advising and registration session to make sure you are on the right path to completing your degree. Once you are here, you will have resources for success, including content and transfer advisors, the Academic Success Center, Tutoring Center, the Career Development Center, and the Alumni Foundation. Become familiar with the resources available to you—utilize these resources and ask questions.

## Take Advantage of Advising and Career Development Tools

Academic planning is crucial for your success as a transfer student. As a transfer student at DSU, you will have two advisors to assist you—your content area advisor and a transfer student advisor. These advisors are here to help you access the resources you need for success in and out of the classroom. Your content area advisor is available to help you understand your degree audit—what courses have transferred to DSU and what you still need to take. Your transfer student advisor can help you learn about your online account and registration, as well as provide direction regarding financial aid, satisfactory academic progress, and resources for academic support.

The Career Development Center is also a great resource for you. In the Career Development Center, you can explore your career interests and the Career Ladder Program—partnerships between DSU and local business that give students career opportunities and a chance to blend classroom education with business experience. The staff in the Career Development Center will also assist you with résumé writing, interview skills, and networking opportunities. Explore the Career Development Center online at: [www.dickinsonstate.edu/campus\\_life/career\\_services](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/campus_life/career_services).

## Get Involved

As a DSU student, you'll have opportunities to take part in student volunteer projects, social events, workshops, spring break trips, and orientation activities that will not only help you learn the ins and outs of DSU, but will also provide you with fantastic avenues for social networking and excellent ways to improve your résumé.

The best way to become a vital part of your new campus is simply to dive right in. Getting involved with a student-run club, volunteer project, political campaign, sports team, intramural club, professional association, music, or performing arts group will help you meet like-minded students and become a contributing part of the university community. View our clubs and organizations online at: [www.dickinsonstate.edu/campus\\_life/clubs\\_and\\_organisation](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/campus_life/clubs_and_organisation).

If you can't find anything on campus that catches your eye, start an organization of your own or venture out into the surrounding community. Stop by the Office of Student Development for information on organizations and opportunities.

# Exploring Financial Aid AT DSU

The Office of Financial Aid at Dickinson State University provides students and their families with knowledge and access to financial aid programs, as well as specialized services with an emphasis on quality, accuracy, and efficiency. Follow these steps to ensure timely delivery of your materials and maximize your eligible financial awards.



## Step 1: File the FAFSA

Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). Follow the steps online to acquire a federal student aid PIN, which will allow you to electronically sign the required forms. Submit the FAFSA to DSU's school code 002989.

If you are selected for financial aid verification, you will need to submit verification documents for timely processing and distribution of your financial aid.

## Step 2: Apply for a DSU Scholarship

The DSU Foundation awards nearly \$1 million dollars in scholarships annually. Apply online at [dsufamily.com](https://dsufamily.com) prior to December 15 for priority consideration.

## Step 3: Review Your SAR

After submitting the FAFSA, you should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), which determines your financial aid eligibility and the amount your family can reasonably be expected to contribute toward your education—the Expected Family Contribution or EFC. Verify that all information on the SAR is correct.

## Step 4: Review Your Award Package

Once you receive your financial aid award notice, follow the instructions to accept or decline your award(s) online.

# Track Your TRANSFER

We are looking forward to welcoming you to DSU. Now that you have decided to transfer, what comes next? Keep this checklist handy during the transfer process to ensure you're on the right track.



## Months Prior to Transfer

- **SUBMIT YOUR ADMISSION APPLICATION** to Dickinson State University. Be sure to have the transcripts from your current institution sent. You will need to send official transcripts when you apply and send updated official transcripts once you finish your final semester at your current school.
- **SCHEDULE A CAMPUS VISIT.** The admissions staff will help schedule your visit, which may include: a tour of campus and campus housing; a visit with a content area advisor in your major; and campus events such as athletic competitions, theater productions, dance, and concert performances. Share your interests with us, and we will personalize a campus visit for you.
- **APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.** At Dickinson State University you have two avenues for financial aid: federal and institutional.
  - » For federal aid, you need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to determine whether you qualify for federal and state grants, work-study programs, or loans. Note: If you are transferring midyear, you can go online and amend your current FAFSA to add DSU's school code 002989.
  - » For institutional aid, you can apply through the DSU foundation online. You will need to have your DSU student ID number in order to complete the application for scholarships. Ask your DSU enrollment coach for your ID number and apply by December 15 annually.



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### Months Prior to Transfer

- **CONTACT THE HOUSING OFFICE** to explore all of your living arrangement options. Students who have completed fewer than 60 credit hours are required to live in DSU campus housing.
- **SUBMIT ALL FINAL ADMISSIONS DOCUMENTS** and register for a SOAR advising and registration session.
- After you have met with your advisor and have your schedule, **TAKE A SELF-GUIDED TOUR** of campus to locate where your classes will meet.

# ADMISSIONS *Requirements*

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## Admissions Requirements

To be considered as transfer status at DSU, students must have completed 24 or more semester hours (36 or more quarter hours) of credit toward a degree and remain in good standing at their most recent institution attended.

Transfer students must meet the admissions requirements for the semester and academic year they are admitted. Current admission requirements and deadlines are available online at: [www.dickinsonstate.edu/future\\_students/howtoapply](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/future_students/howtoapply).

### FOR CONSIDERATION, ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT:

- A completed application and \$35 nonrefundable application fee
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended. (You must request official transcripts from all schools—even if you don't like the grades you received or you did not complete the courses.)
- Copy of immunization record (showing proof of MMRs 1 & 2)

Applicants who have completed fewer than 24 semester hours must also submit:

- ACT or SAT scores
- High school transcript in an officially sealed envelope
- College Preparatory Course Report Form (CORE)





# Checklist

## Your DSU Transfer Application Checklist

HAVE YOU...

- Submitted an online application by clicking "Apply Now" from your VIP page?
- Paid the \$35 one-time application fee?
- Mailed your application materials (see list on previous page) to:  
**Office of Admissions**  
**Dickinson State University**  
**291 Campus Drive**  
**Dickinson, ND 58601**
- Completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)? (Use school code 002989.)
- Applied for institutional scholarships through the DSU foundation?
- Received your DSU acceptance letter?
- Submitted your housing application online?
- Submitted all requested verification documents to the Office of Financial Aid?
- Accepted/Declined your financial aid award package?
- Registered for a SOAR session online?

# GRADUATE Opportunities

Dickinson is more than just a great place to live and learn—it's also a great place to work. Dickinson and the surrounding region have one of the fastest-growing economies in the nation, creating job opportunities for graduates to work in their field of study. DSU's Career Development Center hosts an annual career fair attended by well-known local and national companies that include:

- Baker Boy
- Baker Hughes
- Brady, Martz & Associates
- Clear Channel Radio
- Fisher Industries
- Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing
- Land O' Lakes
- Marathon Oil Company
- ...and many more!

The Career Development Center provides services and resources that assist students and graduates with career planning and the search for employment. This includes a comprehensive range of professional development services such as career assessment and exploration, job readiness skills, résumé development, interviewing skills, and other tools to ensure you are best positioned to compete for careers in today's global marketplace.

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## Alumni Success Story:



### TYSON SPRINGER '09

Tyson Springer transferred to Dickinson State University from North Idaho Junior College in 2003. Springer competed as a wrestler for the Blue Hawks and was a three-time NAIA All-American athlete. During the 2004-2005 season, Springer was named the NAIA wrestling national champion. After graduating in 2009 with a degree in University Studies, Springer worked at DSU for four years as an assistant wrestling coach. Currently, Springer is the head wrestling coach at Doane College in Crete, NE.



# CONTACT US:

**Ready to try DSU on for size?  
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Get started today. Visit [www.dickinsonstate.edu/apply](http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/apply) to create your customized VIP page or contact DSU's Office of Admissions at (701) 483-2175 and let an Enrollment Coach reveal your next steps for joining the Dickinson State community!

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