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The information contained in this handbook is the most accurate available at the time of publication, but changes may become effective before the next handbook is published. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to stay abreast of current regulations, curricula, and the status of specific programs being offered. Further, The University reserves the right, as approved by the Board of Regents, to modify requirements, curricula offerings, and charges, and to add, alter, or delete courses and programs through appropriate procedures. While reasonable efforts will be made to publicize such changes, a student is encouraged to seek current information from appropriate offices.

The University of South Dakota is an equal education/equal employment opportunity institution, committed to providing all qualified students the opportunity to obtain a university education without regard to a person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, national origin, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic recognized under applicable law. The University of South Dakota does not discriminate in employment, in the recruitment or admission of students, or in the operation of any program or service. Inquiries may be directed to:

Ashley Lemons
Director of EO & Title IX Coordinator
Slagle Hall 205
Phone: 605-658-3665
titleix@usd.edu

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy:

In accordance with **South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.4.4**, the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents shall offer equal opportunities in employment and for access to and participation in educational, extension, and other institutional services to all persons qualified by academic preparation, experience, and ability for the various levels of employment or academic program or other institutional service, without discrimination based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, national origin, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic recognized under applicable law. The Board reaffirms its commitment to the objectives of affirmative action, equal opportunity, and non-discrimination in accordance with state and federal law. Redress for alleged violations of those laws may be pursued at law or through the procedures established by the provisions of **1.4.3** of this policy.

For additional information, please contact the Director of EO & Title IX Coordinator, Ashley Lemons, Slagle Room 205, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-658-3665

SDBOR POLICY: **1.4.4 Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, Affirmative Action**

Federal Law prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act of 2009). The University has designated Ms. Cheryl Tiahrt, Chief Information Officer, as the Coordinator to monitor compliance with these statutes. This obligates USD and Ms. Tiahrt to provide equal access for all persons with disabilities.

Cheryl Tiahrt
Chief Information Officer
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University of South Dakota
414 E. Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069
Phone: 605-658-6026

Notice of Non-Harassment Policy:

In accordance with [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.4.1](#), the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents shall not tolerate harassing conduct. The Board reaffirms its role in preparing students to be future leaders. Such conduct destroys the bonds of cooperation and the purpose of society, which society rests by demeaning some members of the community. The purpose of this institution is to shape the skills and conscience of future generations; because of this purpose, no form of harassment can be tolerated.

If you believe you have been discriminated against or harassed on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, national origin, or any other legally protected category, class or characteristic recognized under applicable law, or harassment on any grounds, you may discuss your rights, seek information on the University's policies, or file a complaint. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and complaints regarding discrimination and harassment.

For complaints or concerns please contact:

Ashley Lemons
Director of EO & Title IX Coordinator
Slagle Hall 205
Phone: 605-658-3665
Titleix@usd.edu

Admission decisions at the University of South Dakota are made without regard to disabilities. All prospective students are expected to present academic credentials at or above the minimum standards for admission and meet any technical standards that may be required for admission to a specific program. If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the:

Office of Accessibility
Academic Commons (ID Weeks) 103
University of South Dakota
414 E Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069
Main Phone: 605-658-3745
Director's Phone: 605-658-6183
Fax: 605-658-3357
E-Mail: accessibility@usd.edu

Letter from the Dean of Students

Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2025-26 academic year. It's a great time to be a Coyote! Please take some time to review the University of South Dakota Student Handbook, which provides valuable information regarding your safety, activities you can participate in, and services provided at USD. You might want to bookmark this in case you need to reference it at some point.

Student Services supports the USD community by offering educational and social opportunities that encourage student engagement, promote skill development and prepare students for life after graduation. We empower students by providing dynamic experiences that foster a sense of belonging, assist students in gaining life skills, and encourage students to contribute to a positive community – all while developing a sense of purpose, tradition, and community at USD. We promote wellness and provide resources to help students be successful.



I encourage you to participate in the various activities and organizations available at USD. By getting involved, you will not only have a more enriching experience at USD, but you will also set yourself up for success; research demonstrates that students who are involved in their collegiate career are more likely to persist toward graduation and enjoy their college experience. Set goals, make good choices, stretch outside of your comfort zone, and take time to reflect on your experiences. If you need assistance, ask for help – we are here to serve you. At USD you will find a community that is student-centered and focused on student success. As Assistant Vice President of Student Support Services and Dean of Students, I am here to promote an environment that is responsive to all students and be your advocate, so please do not hesitate to contact me at DeanofStudents@usd.edu.

Best wishes for a great academic year. Go Yotes!

Kate Fitzgerald

Assistant Vice President of Student Support Services and Dean of Students

Letter from the Student Body President

Hey Yotes!

On behalf of the entire student body, welcome to USD and the Coyote community! Whether you're from a small town nearby or halfway across the world, we're so excited you're here. USD is more than just a university, it's a place where you can truly grow into who you want to be. You'll find a supportive network all around you, fellow students, professors, staff, and alumni. They are ready to help you on your personal and professional journey.

At USD, we're proud not just of our strong academics, but also of the countless opportunities that make your experience here one-of-a-kind. From Sorority and Fraternity Life to research, 200+ student orgs, and study abroad programs, there's something for everyone. And if you don't find your perfect fit? Start something new, many of our organizations began as student ideas!

The Student Government Association (SGA) is here for *you*. We're your voice to faculty, administration, the Board of Regents, and even the South Dakota Legislature. Our job is to make sure your time at USD is as rewarding and fun as possible, but we can't do it without you. Got ideas to improve campus life? Questions? Just want to chat? Reach out anytime at sga@coyotes.usd.edu or stop by our office in the Muenster University Center (MUC) 143, right across from the Center for Career Design, between 10 AM and 5 PM. We're here to listen and help however we can.

USD has been building a legacy of leadership, positivity, and progress for the past 163 years, and now *you're* part of that story. Every new class helps shape this university, and I have no doubt you'll leave your mark too. Represent USD with pride, and let's keep building a future we can all be proud of.

Welcome to the pack. Let's make it a great year—Go Yotes!

Keegan Baker
President, USD Student Government Association



General Information

Class Management

Instructors are fully responsible for the operation, management, and conduct of their classes within the limits of policy as determined by the faculty. Policy 1.018 was adopted by the University Senate on June 6, 1984, as amended on June 6, 2001:

Students are to receive, from the instructor, at the beginning of each course a written statement of course policy and requirements. These will include criteria for grading, attendance requirements, final examination date and student responsibilities related thereto, and any other special assignments, e.g., term papers or projects. The statement shall also include the office hours of the instructor which are regularly maintained during the academic term. A statement of course policy and requirements will be filed by each instructor with his/her department chair.

Federal agencies require the University to track students who cease to attend one or more of their classes, and failure to track them incurs institutional fiscal liability. Please be sure your attendance policies comply. The following action was taken at the March 14, 2001, University Senate meeting:

It is the policy of the University Senate that all faculty members, at a minimum, take attendance in their introductory (100-200 level) courses.

In addition to the policies approved by the University Senate, faculty must include the following Academic Integrity statement listed below, in all course syllabi:

Academic Integrity

No credit can be given for a dishonest assignment. A student found to have engaged in any form of academic dishonesty may, at the discretion of the instructor, be:

- a. Given a zero for that assignment.
- b. Allowed to rewrite and resubmit the assignment for credit.
- c. Assigned a reduced grade for the course.
- d. Dropped from the course.
- e. Failed in the course.

Freedom in Learning

Under Board of Regents and University policy, student academic performance may be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled. Students who believe that an academic evaluation reflects prejudiced or capricious consideration of student opinions or conduct unrelated to academic standards should contact the dean of the college or school that offers the class to initiate a review of the evaluation.

Academic Accommodation

The University of South Dakota strives to ensure that physical resources, as well as information and communication technologies, are reasonably accessible to users in order to provide equal access to all. Any student who feels s/he may need academic accommodations or access accommodations based on the impact of a documented disability should contact and register with the Office of Accessibility during the first week of class or as soon as possible after the diagnosis of a disability. The Office of Accessibility is the official office to assist students through the process of disability verification and coordination of appropriate and reasonable accommodations. Students currently registered with the Office of Accessibility must obtain a new accommodation memo each semester.

Please note: If your home institution is not the University of South Dakota but one of the other South Dakota Board of Regents institutions (e.g., SDSU, SDSMT, BHSU, NSU, DSU), you should work with the Office of Accessibility coordinator at your home institution.

Office of Accessibility, Academic Commons (ID Weeks) 103

Phone: 605-658-3745

Email: accessibility@usd.edu

[Office of Accessibility Web Site](#)

Emergency Procedure Guidelines

[USD Emergency Preparedness website](#)

[USD Security and Safety website](#)

For Emergencies, call 911

USD has emergency guidelines and operating procedures in place for a wide variety of possible emergency situations. Individuals should become familiar with emergency response procedures on the emergency information website in order to have a plan and know what to do before, during, and after an emergency.

The University of South Dakota has implemented a [Campus Alert Notification System](#) for students, faculty, and staff. This service allows USD to send critical weather-related and emergency alerts to your cell phone, landline, or computer. Students are also encouraged to download the [Everbridge Safety Mobile App](#) on their personal cellular devices. Notifications may also be received via the Everbridge mobile app in the event of a major emergency. In the event of a major emergency, the University's homepage will also be updated with USD Emergency Information including the nature of the emergency and further emergency procedures. Students, faculty, and staff will receive Campus Alert registration instructions via an email to their USD email address. Once registered, notification settings can be modified by logging in to the [Campus Alert System](#). If you have any questions about changing notification settings please contact the ITS Helpdesk (I.D. Weeks 104, 605-658-6000, servicedesk@usd.edu).

Identification Number

Office of the Registrar

Belbas Center, 223

Phone: 605-658-3880

Email: registrar@usd.edu

Every student must have an accurate Social Security number (or assigned student identification number) before proceeding with registration. This number must be entered or verified on the USD information form. This number, unlike the student's name, is unique; it controls the accuracy of the student's records. Any inaccuracies in the Social Security number (or assigned student identification number) should be reported by the student to the Registrar's Office.

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, applicants for admission and enrolled students are advised that the requested disclosure of their Social Security number to the Registrar's Office is voluntary. The applicant or student has the right to refuse disclosure of the number or request its removal from records without penalty. If this right is exercised, only the assigned student identification number will be used for record purposes throughout the duration of the student's involvement with the University.

The Social Security or student identification number will be used: (a) to identify such records as applications for admission, registration and course enrollment documents, grade reports, transcript requests, certification requests, and permanent academic records; (b) to determine eligibility, certify school attendance, and report student status; and (c) as an identifier for grants, loans, and other financial aid programs. The student's Social Security or student identification number will not be disclosed to individuals or agencies not associated with The University of South Dakota, except as provided for in the [USD Student Records Policy](#).

Instructor-Initiated Drops

Office of the Registrar
Belbas Center, 223
Phone: 605-658-3880
Email: registrar@usd.edu

The instructor of a course may drop a student for non-attendance or non-participation, provided the student is in violation of the official attendance or participation policy for the course. Instructor-initiated drops are at the instructor's discretion, but they must be submitted to the Registrar's Office. The grade assignment procedures are in accordance with the policies for student-initiated drops. A course cannot be dropped after it has been 70% completed. This date is published for each term in the [Academic Calendar](#).

Transcripts

Office of the Registrar
Belbas Center, 223
Phone: 605-658-3880
Email: registrar@usd.edu

Official transcripts must contain the seal of the University and the facsimile signature of the University registrar. Students may request an official transcript from the Registrar's Office by submitting an [Online Transcript Request](#) or by submitting a [Signed Written Transcript Request Form](#). Students may obtain an unofficial course listing at any time via [Self-Service](#).

Co-curricular transcripts, housed on the [USD Involved](#) platform, allow students to document their campus leadership and student organization involvement during their collegiate career and create a comprehensive co-curricular snapshot. Within co-curricular transcript paths, a student can choose learning experiences and programming offered in the areas of inclusive excellence, personal development, leadership development and civic engagement; focused on skills

development to meet employer expectations and life experiences to deepen their global perspective.

University Police Department

Davidson Building
Phone: 605-658-6199
Email: universitypolice@usd.edu

The [University Police Department](#) is a law enforcement agency on the campus of the University of South Dakota that subscribes to working collaboratively with the campus community. Employed with sworn officers and civilian staff, the University Police Department provides the public services of protecting life and property, enforcing traffic and parking regulations, investigating criminal activity, and preserving the safety of our campus community.

The University Police Department is located in the Davidson Building, directly south of the ID Weeks Library. Our office is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and an officer is always available.

Important Phone Numbers:

- Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies (*from campus phones*): 911
- Non-emergencies: 605-658-6199

Click here for [additional safety and security resources](#).

Withdrawal from the University

Office of the Registrar
Belbas Center, 223
Phone: 605-658-3880
Email: registrar@usd.edu

All students who find it necessary to completely withdraw from the University (drop their only class or drop all their classes for the current term) must go to the Registrar's Office (Belbas 223, 605-658-3880). Tuition and refundable fees are assessed or refunded, as appropriate, according to the date of official withdrawal, defined as the date the [Application for Complete Withdrawal](#) is filed with the appropriate University official.

Services for Students

Academic Commons

Academic Commons, ID Weeks Library, 1st Floor

The [Academic Commons](#) is an integrated learning center on the first floor of the I.D. Weeks building that assembles the resources students need to achieve their academic goals. All members of the campus community benefit from the comprehensive academic support services centralized into this single, convenient location. Students frequent the Academic Commons to work alone or in groups whether it's writing a paper, conducting research, or meeting with an advisor or tutor. Service areas include: Academic Advising and Success Center, Writing Center,

Presentation Center, Lab Consultant, Information Technology Services Help Desk, and all of the services of the University Libraries.

Academic Advising and Success Center

Academic Commons, ID Weeks Library, 1st Floor

Phone: 605-658-3600

Email: advising@usd.edu

The [Academic Advising and Success Center](#) is designed with students' long-term success in mind. The advisors coach you through your major and career plans so that you graduate from USD well-prepared for the world. Services offered by the Academic Advising and Success Center include:

- Academic scheduling and exploration, declaration, or change of major
- Guidance in finding and securing competitive internships
- Helping students succeed academically and socially in their first year (First Year Experience)
- Academic resources, including Supplemental Instruction, free tutoring, and consultation with a Learning Specialist

Beacom School of Business Career Success Center

Beacom Hall, 103

Phone: 605-658-6529

Email: BeacomCSC@usd.edu, Lauren.Foxhoven@usd.edu

The [Beacom School of Business Career Success Center](#) (CSC) provides support and assistance to all Beacom School of Business students and alumni in preparing for a career and locating quality internship opportunities, part-time and full-time employment. Services provided include resume development and review, interview preparation, cover letter writing, and job/internship search assistance. The CSC builds relationships with alumni and employers to optimize internship, job and career opportunities; this is done through employer visits, career fairs, workshops, presentations to Beacom School of Business student organizations, and other networking events.

Coyote Dining

Muenster University Center, 109

Phone: 605-658-6776

Dining Email: Dining@usd.edu

Catering Email: USDCatering.USA@sodexo.com

[Coyote Dining](#) by Sodexo, offers services including student employment and campus-wide catering services. All freshmen & sophomores on campus are required to have a meal plan. Meal swipes can be used at Coyote Dining Hall. Flex dollars can be used at any campus dining location as well as concessions and campus convenience stores. Both 24/7 convenience stores require a physical ID card.

Coyote Dining staff will make every effort to fulfill the requirements of a special diet. Coyote Dining and Sodexo are proud to offer dietitian services to students with meal plans; questions regarding

a specialized diet can be directed to the dietitian, [Eric Finley](#). Menus for Coyote Dining Hall are available online at the [DineUSD Website](#) and via the Everyday app. These menus can be filtered by dietary restrictions or by major allergen. Coyote Dining Hall also has an allergen-friendly station called Simple Servings.

Campus Dining Locations:

Coyote Dining Hall

Coyote Dining Hall is an all-you-care to eat location featuring several different concepts such as Simple Servings: Allergy-Friendly Fare, Bistro Grill, Craft It Deli, Savory, Sprouts, Showcase, and U-Cook. Coyote Dining Hall is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Friday as well as brunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. Coyote Dining Hall is the only location on campus where meal swipes can be used.

Qdoba Mexican Eats

Qdoba Mexican Eats is a fast-casual restaurant specializing in a variety of fresh Mexican foods. Qdoba foods are hand-crafted, slow-cooked, and flame-grilled.

Chick-fil-A

Chick-fil-A serves all-natural, breaded, boneless chicken breast sandwiches and nuggets, as well as waffle fries and fresh lemonade. The expanded menu now features shakes and several alternative side options.

Peking Plate

Peking Plate offers a variety of American-Chinese favorites such as orange chicken, lo main, and crab rangoons. Also available are classic India staples such as Punjabi. Round out your meal with a flavored, boba tea.

WOW American Eats Café

WOW American Eats Café brings its southwest flavors to burgers, chicken sandwiches, salads, and chicken wings, all complimented by an array of made-from-scratch signature sauces and spice rubs ranging from traditional buffalo and BBQ to Asian, Australian, and French-inspired creations.

The Grind ft We Proudly Serve Starbucks

The Grind features Starbucks coffee products while also offering a variety of grab-and-go meals, hot sandwiches, baked goods, and essential on-the-go snacks.

24/7 Market at Beede Bump

Located in North Complex, Beede Bump is a 24/7 market combining the corner store with the style of a modern market, featuring grab 'n go dining options for breakfast, lunch, or any time of day, including sandwiches and salads, bakery, multiple beverage options (coffee, energy, water, and juice) as well as your traditional convenience store options. Beede Bump also features LeBread Express, providing students with access to a hot sandwich, calzone, pasta bowl, and more.

24/7 Market at Coyote Village

Located in Coyote Village, CV Market is a 24/7 market combining the corner store with the style of a modern market, featuring grab 'n go dining options for breakfast, lunch, or any time of day, including sandwiches and salads, bakery, multiple beverage options (coffee, energy, water, and juice) as well as your traditional convenience store options. CV Market also features LeBread Express, providing students with access to a hot sandwich, calzone, pasta bowl, and more.

Coyote Catering

Coyote Dining also operates an extensive catering department specializing in food and refreshments for meetings and luncheons, private parties, banquets, and picnics. The catering department is pleased to assist with all menu and refreshment items. Services are available to the student body, faculty, staff, and community. Catering information can be found at [USD's Catering Website](#).

Center for Career Design

Muenster University Center, 101

Phone: 605-658-3603

Email: career@usd.edu

Find your path to a meaningful future at USD. The [Center for Career Design](#) will help you explore interests, plan a path from major to career, connect with employers, and build the durable skills employers value.

The Center for Career Design can you help you:

- Identify a career where the work is meaningful to you.
- Think more deeply about what you want your life to look and feel like overall.
- Identify experiential “investments” that develop professional skills and personal insights (traditional engagement includes internships, student orgs, research, volunteering. Less conventional activities include hobbies and unique skills).
- Get through a transition (graduation, major change, e.g.) when you have no idea where to go and are feeling overwhelmed or even paralyzed by the options or making a wrong life decision.
- Prepare for the job search with advice and strategies for effective resumes, interviewing, cover letters, etc.

Center for Teaching and Learning

Center for Continuing Education, UCE 101

Phone: 605-658-6774

Email: ctl@usd.edu

The [Center for Teaching & Learning](#) (CTL) develops and supports opportunities for student success by cultivating a welcoming educational community dedicated to excellent teaching and an improved student learning environment, regardless of location or modality. The CTL's goals are to:

- encourage and support effective teaching;
- cultivate an institutional climate that values and supports teaching excellence
- influence institutional policies to promote and reward excellent teaching and learning; and,
- foster the scholarship of teaching and learning.

To further this mission, the CTL offers a wide range of programs and services, including professional support for faculty members in course design, digital accessibility, universal design for learning, and integrating technology into the classroom. The CTL facilitates both required and optional training opportunities for all faculty, graduate students, and staff in a variety of areas. The CTL is the administrative home of the Technology Fellowship Program—a special paid opportunity for South Dakota resident undergraduate students to develop professional skills in

the use of technology for instructional purposes. Tech Fellows are employed across campus and within the CTL. The Tech Fellow program is designed to help students learn and apply new technology skills while assisting faculty and staff with the use of technology to improve the student experience.

Charlie's Bookstore & Fan Shop

Muenster University Center
 Fan Shop Phone: 605-658-3800
 Bookstore Phone: 605-658-3733
 Fan Shop Website: usdcharliestore.com
 Bookstore Website: usd.textbookx.com
 Email: customerservice@usdcharliestore.com
 Facebook: [@usdcharliestore](https://www.facebook.com/usdcharliestore)
 Instagram: [@usdcharliestore](https://www.instagram.com/usdcharliestore)

Charlie's Bookstore & Fan Shop takes pride in being the official store for the University of South Dakota community. Our mission is to provide students, faculty, staff, alumni and fans with high-quality USD-branded apparel, course materials and fan essentials whether in person at our campus or downtown Vermillion location or [online](#). All purchases at Charlie's support USD student scholarships.

USD Online Bookstore is convenient, affordable, and always open. USD provides students with 24/7 access to an online bookstore through our official partner, Akademos by VitalSource. Powered by the TextbookX platform, this online resource offers a streamlined and affordable shopping experience for all your course material needs. Choose from a wide variety of formats including new, used, eBooks, rentals, and marketplace options—all in one convenient location.

Key Features of the Online Bookstore:

- Personalized Shopping Experience: Visit usd.textbookx.com and log in using your USD credentials to view a customized page displaying your courses and required materials.
- Comprehensive Order Management: Track orders, process returns, sell back textbooks, and connect with TextbookX customer support—all from your account dashboard.
- Flexible Shipping Options: Ship orders directly to your home or residence hall. Free shipping is available on select orders over \$79.

Need Help with Your Order?

- Contact [TextbookX Support](#)
- Browse helpful articles from [Coyote One Stop](#)
- Contact [Charlie's Bookstore & Fan Shop](#) with any questions

First Day Access (FDA) / Inclusive Access Program:

First Day Access (FDA) is a digital course materials program that provides students with discounted content delivered directly through D2L on or before the first day of class. The cost appears as a separate charge on your university bill.

- Students may opt out of the FDA program via D2L before the Census (add/drop) date to avoid charges. Those who opt out will be responsible for acquiring the materials independently.
- For questions about FDA access, contact [TextbookX Help](#) or call 855-955-0398.
- For billing inquiries, contact the Business Office at businessoffice@usd.edu.

\$500 Book Advance Program:

Eligible students may receive a \$500 **Book Advance**, which will appear as a payment option during checkout on the USD online bookstore platform. The amount used will be billed to your university account and must be paid according to your account terms. Authorized financial aid may be applied toward this balance. For payment-related questions, contact the Business Office at businessoffice@usd.edu.

Charlie's Career Closet

Burr House

Email: career@usd.edu

Charlie's Career Closet provides new and gently-used professional and business casual attire to USD students, free of charge. Students are eligible to receive 10 free items per semester with their current USD student ID.

Charlie's Cupboard Campus Pantry

Center for Continuing Education, Room 114

Email: CharliesCupboard@usd.edu

Charlie's Cupboard Campus Pantry is an on-campus resource available to USD students in an effort to promote food security. This free service is available to all students with a student ID. Charlie's Cupboard is located in the Center for Continuing Education next to the North Complex. Their Office Hours during the school year are Thursdays from 4-6pm. They also have pop-up cupboard hours on Mondays from 2:30-6pm. The pantry offers various personal hygiene and grocery items. All students are encouraged to visit Charlie's Cupboard Campus Pantry and to follow social media on Instagram and Facebook.

Childcare (Vucurevich Children's Center)

Vucurevich Children's Center

Phone: 605-677-6880

Email: childcare@usd.edu

The **Vucurevich Children's Center** is the university's childcare provider for students, faculty, and staff. It offers accessible, affordable, quality, on-campus childcare. Located on the northern edge of campus across from the Dakota Dome, the Center provides services for children six weeks to five years of age. The Center employs federal workstudy students each year as well as non-workstudy students. Please contact the Center if you are interested in seeking employment opportunities.

Counseling & School Psychological Services Center

Delzell Education Center, 211

Phone: 605-658-6638

Email: cspsc@usd.edu

The [Counseling & School Psychological Services Center](#) (CSPSC) is administered by the Division of Counseling and Psychology in Education. The Center's primary purpose is to provide clinical training opportunities for graduate students pursuing degrees in counseling or school psychology. All trainees are supervised by licensed and/or certified faculty members. A variety of counseling and mental health services are provided.

Counseling services are offered free of charge to students and community members from September to May. Inquiries about counseling services may be directed to the CSPSC by calling 605-658-6638. Generally, clients are contacted within a week of reaching out for services.

Diagnostic services are available to children of preschool, elementary, and secondary school age, and their families. We also see college-age students if we can support the referral needs. Referrals are accepted from clients, parents, physicians, schools, or other interested parties. Clients are seen by appointment only. Psychological Services are available September through May. Inquiries about diagnostic services should be directed to the CSPSC by calling 605-658-6638. There is a fee on a sliding scale for specific diagnostic services.

Coyote Cash (Coyote Card Office)

Academic Commons, I.D. Weeks 104

Phone: 605-658-3559

Email: CoyoteCard@usd.edu

[ITS Service Desk](#)

Your [Coyote Card](#) is your single most important identification here at USD. This multi-purpose ID will be your identification, meal card, and library card, among many other uses! You'll use your card for residence hall access, laundry & vending machines, event admittance, printing, and purchasing books and supplies. It can even be used as a debit card at various campus and community vendors around Vermillion. Deposits to the Coyote Cash account can be made with cash, check, or credit card.

- You can request your student USD ID by completing the [Student ID Request](#) or by stopping by the Coyote Card Office in I.D. Weeks Library, room 104
- [Coyote Card Mobile](#) will make it easier and more convenient for students and faculty to access buildings like their residence hall or assigned academic building. They can also make payments on and around campus including paying for dining services, using just their iPhone, Apple Watch or Android phone. Visit [Installing Coyote Card Mobile](#) to install the app.
 - Note: Coyote Card Mobile does not replace your physical Coyote Card. A Coyote Card is still required, it must be carried at all times and upon request must be shown or surrendered to USD Officials.
- Deposit money to your card following [Add Coyote Card Funds](#)
- Guests can make deposits for you following [Guest Deposit on Coyote Card](#)
- A list vendors that accept Coyote Cash as payment can be found [Coyote Cash Vendors](#)

Dean of Students

Muenster University Center, 218

Phone: 605-658-3555

Email: DeanofStudents@usd.edu

The [Dean of Students](#) works with many non-academic services and programs that are focused on providing student development activities and services that will enhance student learning and success. These areas include Campus Dining, the Wellness Center, Sorority & Fraternity Life, and many others under Student Services. The Dean of Students is available to assist students with their concerns, issues and questions. Please see the [Academic Excused Absence Policy](#) section of this handbook for information regarding absences.

Dental Hygiene Services

Delta Dental Oral Health Center- Vermillion

Center for Health Education, 101

Phone: 605-658-5959

Email: dh@usd.edu

USD Dental Clinic- Sioux Falls

521 N Main Ave, Suite 202

Phone: 605-367-8046

Email: dhsf@usd.edu

The university offers dental hygiene and limited dental services to all students, faculty, staff, and the public at reduced prices. The department has two clinics: one on the Vermillion campus and one in Sioux Falls. Services offered include prophylaxis (cleaning), oral cancer screenings, blood pressure readings, periodontal assessments, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealants, conservative periodontal therapy, custom-fit mouth guards, tooth desensitizing and bleaching. In addition, dental services such as exams, fillings, and extractions are provided within a limited scope by licensed dentists. Nitrous oxide/oxygen sedation and local anesthesia are also available for pain and anxiety management. Both dental hygiene clinics are teaching clinics in which students are supervised by university faculty who are licensed practitioners.

Event Planning & Scheduling

Central Scheduling

Muenster University Center, 130

Phone: 605-658-3563

Email: scheduling@usd.edu

The [Central Scheduling](#) office is the primary point of contact when you want to hold an event, conference, or camp at USD. They can direct you to information about coordinating room set-up, on-campus marketing, security, parking, and housing. All events that are held in the Muenster University Center, Aalfs Auditorium in Slagle Hall, Farber Hall, Danforth Chapel, and select meeting rooms on campus are scheduled through the Central Scheduling office. Rooms ranging in seating size from 15 to 200 are also available through this office. Making rooms and space reservations on campus, including MUC Tabling, can be reserved through [25Live](#).

MUC meeting rooms come with specific layouts and cannot be changed due to high demand and back-to-back reservations.

MUC Ballroom can be configured in a variety of ways to fill your needs such as round tables, long tables, theater style seating, stage, and lectern with ample seating and dining capabilities. All MUC Ballroom layouts must be given to Central Scheduling one month prior to the event and no changes can be made within seven days of the event.

Please see the [Facility Use Policy](#) section of this handbook for more information. All technology services for any building will need to be set up with Information Technology Services and all food and refreshments for meetings/events on campus must go through Campus Catering: usdcatering.usa@sodexo.com.

Financial Aid

Belbas Center
 Phone: 605-658-6250
 Phone: 877-269-6837 (toll-free)
 Email: Financial.Aid@usd.edu

The basic function of the [Financial Aid Office](#) is to assist students who may lack financial resources to support their education. USD accepts the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). By filing the FAFSA, students are applying for all Title IV aid programs - Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, College Work-Study, and Federal Direct Loans. Detailed information is available from the Student Financial Aid Office. Students who enroll in anything other than regular, on-campus classes must notify the Student Financial Aid Office in writing of their plans in order for financial aid to be properly credited and disbursed.

Health Insurance

Student Health Services

20 S Plum Street
 Phone: 605-677-3630
 Email: USD.Immunizations@sanfordhealth.org

Students are strongly encouraged to have insurance coverage for medical expenses. There are several options available to you to seek health insurance coverage in the federal health insurance marketplace or from private insurance carriers. The [Health Insurance Marketplace](#) website has interactive tools that will assist you in finding an insurance plan that meets your coverage needs and will help you determine if your income level qualifies you for a subsidy. The state of South Dakota has three providers available in the health insurance marketplace, including: Avera Health Plans, Sanford Health Plan, and DakotaCare.

International Student Services

Al Neuharth 126
 Phone: 605-658-6255
 Email: isso@usd.edu

For all international students, [SDBOR Policy 3.5.2](#) requires that you have credible health insurance as determined by the SD Board of Regents. You are responsible for purchasing health insurance coverage that meets BOR Policy 3.5.2 requirements, any federal visa requirements, and IRS regulations. The South Dakota Board of Regents has identified several health insurance options that are acceptable under BOR policy. They are listed below. You will be required to provide proof of coverage to the Gallagher International Office by the add/drop date of each academic term. If you do not provide proof of insurance, you will not be able to enroll at USD or at any SD Board of Regents university. The default health insurance plan for international students at SD Board of Regents schools is provided by Academic Health Plans (AHP). For more information, please visit the [SD Board of Regents Student Health](#) page. All international students are required to purchase an Academic Health Plans (AHP) plan as detailed above. Under limited circumstances, this requirement may be waived if a student provides adequate proof of coverage by completing the [Health Insurance Waiver Request Form](#). The following reasons will qualify you for a waiver of the health insurance requirement:

- Sponsored Student Insurance (Embassy, Government, NGO, etc. Does NOT include family-sponsored insurance.)
- Employer-Sponsored Insurance (MUST include Medical Evacuation and Repatriation) for Employees or Dependents
- Athletic Insurance for Primary Insurance Only
- ISEP or other official Exchange Program
- Home Country Coverage that Meets SDBOR Minimum Coverage Requirements (detailed on Form B) and is Valid in the United States
 - Students must first check with their international office to determine if the insurance mandated by their home government is eligible for a waiver.

Proof of coverage is required by the first day of classes, as specified by the academic calendar, and should be provided to the Gallagher International Center. If you do not provide proof of coverage you will be withdrawn from enrollment at your university or be auto enrolled and the plan fee added to your student bill. For any questions on the above, please contact the International Student Services by email isso@usd.edu or by phone 605-658-6255.

Information Technology Services

ITS Service Desk

Academic Commons, I.D. Weeks 104

Phone: 605-658-6000 or 877-225-0027

Email: servicedesk@usd.edu

Online: [Report an Incident or Request Service](#)

The [Information Technology Service Desk](#) is staffed with full-time technicians who will take the time to assist you with your technology needs. Perspective students, parents, students, faculty, and staff will find answers to our most commonly asked questions and instructional documents in [Coyote One Stop](#). See [Using Coyote One Stop](#) and [Student Resources](#)

SD BOR Policy 7:1, Acceptable Use of Information Technology Systems Policy

All members of the USD community must use University computing and information resources responsibly, respecting the rights of other users and the integrity of application data and systems. Use of information and technology resources at the University is governed by the University and South Dakota, SD Board of Regents (SDBOR) policy, as well as state and federal statutes. [The SD Board of Regents Policy 7:1, Acceptable Use of Information Technology Systems](#) applies to all use of University computing resources and defines user responsibilities.

USD Account Activation

Your USD account is required to access technology resources: The Account Activation page will provide you with the information needed and steps to activate your account. Here you will also find a list of some of the services provided by ITS that your Activated USD Account allows you access to.

Duo - Multi-Factor Authentication

USD is committed to helping students, faculty, and staff protect themselves online from serious threats such as losing a paycheck, a financial aid refund, or even your own identity. 2-Factor Authentication is mandatory for all students, faculty, and staff at USD.

Coyote One Stop

Coyote One Stop is our self-service destination to locate information quickly. Through this website, you can request assistance and find answers to your questions and request Services. See [Using Coyote One Stop](#)

ITS Alert Board

ITS conducts routine system maintenance on Wednesday mornings between 6 AM and 7:30 AM Central Time. View scheduled maintenance and outages In [Coyote One Stop](#). Here you can find up-to-date information about technology-related issues. To receive new alerts by email, [subscribe to the Net-Notice listserv](#).

Computer Labs

The University of South Dakota has Computer Labs across campus. All labs offer standard software, while some offer specialized software to support specific curriculum. To log onto the computers, you will need your USD username and password. To view lab locations and details go to [Computer Labs](#).

Wireless Network

- Connect your computer and smart phones to [Eduroam](#) wireless network
- Connect your **wireless-only gaming/smart devices** to the [Smart Devices network](#)
- To connect **wired gaming device or TV** see [Registering Gaming Systems, TVs to Wired Internet](#)
- Issues with the wireless network? The [Wireless Network Issues](#) service aids in connecting to University wireless network and/or reporting wireless issues

Personal Computers on Campus

USD offers Basic phone troubleshooting from wherever you are, if you have technical issues or questions, please click the **Request Assistance** button on the [Personal Computer support](#) page. More extensive issues would need to be checked in at one of our locations.

Laptop purchase

Laptop purchases are available at the Service Desk or [online](#)

Free Office 365

- USD students can download and install a full version of [Microsoft Office](#) at no cost
- This installs Word, Excel, PowerPoint and many others
- Subscription is valid as long as you are an active student
- Install on up to 5 devices, PC or MAC, and access Office Mobile applications on phone and tablet devices, click the **Install Office 365** button on the [Office 365](#) page

Apply for a job at the ITS Service Desk using Coyote Careers.

International Student Services & Study Abroad

Gallagher International Center

AI Neuharth 126

Phone: 605-658-6255

Email: isso@usd.edu

USD's Gallagher International Center (GIC) is found in the AI Neuharth Media Center. The GIC is the primary support office for international students (defined as F-1 or J-1 visa holders) on campus and assists them with special problems and questions concerning their educational stay in the United States. Questions relating to international student status and compliance, employment authorization, Social Security numbers, nonimmigrant documents, cultural adjustment, etc., should be directed to the office. International Student Orientation is held the week before classes begin each fall and spring to help new international students adjust to campus and community life. The GIC facilitates cultural programming, such as trips to regional centers such as Sioux Falls, and semester cultural trips to the Black Hills. All international students are requested to contact the GIC upon their initial arrival to campus. The GIC is also tasked by the university to ensure compliance with federal regulations pertaining to F-1 and J-1

student visa holders. These regulations may conflict and supersede items elsewhere in this handbook. In these situations, individuals can contact the GIC for guidance.

Study Abroad

Al Neuharth 126

Phone: 605-658-3594

Email: theworld@usd.edu

USD students can participate in a wide variety of study away opportunities to enhance their learning. Students may earn academic credit by studying abroad with USD-affiliated programs or studying away at a US or Canadian institution with the National Student Exchange. Students can also participate in service learning or undergraduate research around the USA or abroad. Students must meet eligibility requirements and complete the [application process](#) to participate in off-campus study, internship, research, and service-learning programs.

- USD Direct Programs
- USD Third-Party Program Providers
- USD Faculty-Led Programs
- National Student Exchange (NSE)

Law School Career Services Office

Knudson School of Law, Career Services and Professional Development

Phone: 605-658-3546

Email: LawCareerServices@usd.edu

The [Law Career Services Office](#) offers job search assistance and career planning resources to all students and alumni of the USD Knudson School of Law. The office provides individualized advising in developing job search strategies, revising application materials such as resumes and cover letters, and connecting candidates with opportunities for internships, externships, pro bono work, and post-graduate positions. Resources are continuously updated and expanded to assist students in pursuing their legal career goals.

Legal Aid

Phillip Terwilliger Phone: 605-659-6688

Email: Terwilligerlaw@live.com

The [Student Government Association](#) (SGA) sponsors a legal aid service available to any University of South Dakota student seeking general legal service. Phillip Terwilliger, attorney at law, serves as the legal aid provider. Contact Phillip directly to make an appointment.

Muenster University Center

Phone: 605-658-6231

Email: muc@usd.edu

The Theodore R. and Karen K. Muenster University Center (MUC) is an integral part of the university's educational environment. The MUC sponsors programs and offers services that

address the expressed needs of students, faculty, and staff. Maintenance and the operations of the facilities and programs are paid for by student fees and the MUC's commercial operations.

There are numerous big-screen televisions complete with high-definition satellite and digital cable systems. There are casual board rooms for studying as well as many places to lounge. MUC 219 is available to students as a space to study or host organization events and meetings.

The Muenster University Center provides a central location for many of the vital services that students need to manage their life while attending USD. They include [Campus Dining](#), [Student Government Association](#), [Center for Career Design](#), [Charlie's Bookstore and Fan Shop](#), and several areas of [Student Services](#). Other services include:

MUC Information Desk

Muenster University Center, 1st Floor

Phone: 605-658-6231

Email: muc@usd.edu

The MUC Information Desk is open daily to answer your questions and provide referrals.

Student Activities

Muenster University Center, 219D

Phone: (605) 658-3557

Email: usdinvolved@usd.edu

The University of South Dakota works to ensure that USD students have [activities](#) and events to attend and participate in on a daily basis on our campus. These events come from student organizations along with various offices within Student Services and beyond. All events, unless otherwise noted and advertised, are free to all students who pay the Student Support Fee (SSF).

Native Student Services

Native American Cultural Center

409 E. Clark St.

Phone: 605-658-3587

Email: nss@usd.edu

University of South Dakota's Student Services strategies include [Native Student Services](#) (NSS) as an integral part of the support systems for Native and Indigenous students attending the university. Native Student Services serves as a college transition resource and the primary cultural, social, and academic support services office for Native and Indigenous students. Through programming and community building, students are empowered to retain their sense of belonging at the university without compromising their cultural identity by applying these values and strengths in their academic experiences.

Native Student Services is housed within Student Services and is located in the Native American Cultural Center (NACC) at 409 E. Clark Street. All students are welcome at the NACC and are encouraged to attend programming.

Notary Public Service

USD Student Services
MUC 219A
Email: Kim.Moore@usd.edu
Phone: 605-658-3558

USD Foundation
1110 N. Dakota Ave.
Email: Peggy.Mach@usdfoundation.org
Phone: 605-741-5050

Notary service is available in MUC 219A or at the USD Foundation Office. Contact Kim Moore or Peggy Mach for an appointment.

Office of Accessibility

ID Weeks Library 103
Phone: 605-658-3745
Fax: 605-658-3357
Email: accessibility@usd.edu

The mission of the [Office of Accessibility](#) is to provide students with disabilities, accommodations and resources to ensure full access to all the programs and services of the University of South Dakota and to promote a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The purpose of Office of Accessibility is to ensure, for students, University of South Dakota compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendment Act (ADAAA) of 2009, and other applicable federal and state laws, and provide disability expertise to the campus.

The Office of Accessibility recognizes disability as an important part of the human experience and supports the University of South Dakota's commitment to fostering a welcoming community and expanding opportunity for all. Through education and awareness around disability and learning variability, the office promotes greater understanding and helps ensure that every student can fully participate in the academic and campus experience.

The Office of Accessibility endeavors – through collaboration, education, technical assistance, and collegiality – to assist the University of South Dakota administration, faculty, staff, and students in creating a universally accessible and inclusive campus for all people.

The Office of Accessibility is an integral part of the University of South Dakota, committed to ensuring students with disabilities experience an accessible campus. The Office of Accessibility provides support to students with disabilities to ensure full and equal access to the educational opportunities, programs, and activities USD offers through the provision of reasonable and appropriate accommodations. Reasonable and appropriate accommodations do not fundamentally alter the nature of programs or lower academic and other essential performance standards.

A student is responsible for actively participating in the accommodation process by making timely and appropriate disclosures and requests. Any delay in the process on the student's part may result in limiting the ability of the Office of Accessibility to provide reasonable accommodations. The process includes:

- **Self-Disclose Disability and Register** – It is the student's responsibility to identify as a person with a disability and register with the Office of Accessibility. A student may self-disclose at any time; however, students are encouraged to self-disclose and register before classes begin. A student may contact the Office of Accessibility online, email, phone, or schedule a time to meet to self-disclose, register, and begin the interactive process of requesting accommodations.
- **Provide Disability Documentation** – A student must provide the Office of Accessibility with documentation to support their request for accommodations. Each student and each disability are unique; therefore, the type of documentation each student provides will be different. However, all documentation must be current and relevant, address the current impact of the disability, and illustrate a connection between the disability and the requested accommodation.
- **Request Accommodations** – Accommodation requests are approved to assure full access to the educational opportunities, programs, and activities of USD. Accommodations assure access by lessening or removing a barrier that may exist due to the student's disability. A student must request accommodations that are reasonable and appropriate in a college setting.
- **Actively Communicate** – A student must actively and continuously communicate with the Office of Accessibility and faculty to ensure the accommodations are effective. Active communication also allows for accommodations to be adjusted as needed throughout the course of the semester.

If you are a student with a disability, please contact the Office of Accessibility as soon as possible if you want to request accommodations. If you are a student and you suspect you may have a disability, contact the Office of Accessibility to discuss evaluation options via campus and community resources.

Opportunity Center

Muenster University Center, 204A/B

Phone: 605-658-3434

Email: opportunitycenter@usd.edu

The **Opportunity Center** is your first stop for student success! The Opportunity Center is a central connecting point for student success resources and student organizations from all areas of campus. If you have a question about campus resources and policies, are looking to get more involved on campus, or simply don't know where to go to ask your questions, be sure to stop by the Opportunity Center on the second floor of the MUC. Our dedicated staff looks forward to connecting with you and helping you get the most out of your Coyote experience.

In addition to being a great place to get questions answered, the Opportunity Center is the home of campus-wide leadership programming. This includes a First Year Leadership Experience and the President's Senior Leadership Institute. Additionally, the Opportunity Center is tasked with encouraging intentional, robust, and varied campus discussions, therefore we are a resource for all students and student organizations looking to bring speakers to campus. Need a little extra support? Our Peer Success Coaches have been there, done that as students and are here to help you find goal-oriented solutions to your challenges and help you improve your study skills, get involved on campus, or prepare for what comes next!

Outreach and Multicultural Affairs

Muenster University Center, 219D
Phone: 605-658-3557
Email: OMA@usd.edu,

Outreach and Multicultural Affairs supports creating a sense of belonging for all students at USD. Our vision is to encourage and foster cultural understanding of students from all backgrounds on campus as well as partner with faculty, staff, and departments across campus to enhance the student experience through cultural events and education. We support and contribute to the student experience by helping to facilitate meaningful and open conversations and create programming that reflects the needs of students, connects communities, and encourages social engagement, cultural celebration, and shared understanding. As a community, we will thrive on collaboration, support celebration, and education of multicultural identities.

MUC 219 is a connecting space available and open to all students for meetings, events, studying, games, and socializing. This space and its resources are vital to increasing the access, retention, and success of students, faculty, and staff from all walks of life. Meet us there! There is a place for you.

Psychological Services Center

SD Union, 120
Phone: 605-658-3720
Email: PSC@usd.edu

The **Psychological Services Center** (PSC) provides a variety of psychological services to University of South Dakota students, faculty, staff, and residents of Vermillion and surrounding areas. It also serves as a teaching, training and research center supported by the University of South Dakota Psychology Department. This outpatient clinic provides confidential treatment to children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families through a variety of modalities, including brief or long-term individual, marital, family or group psychotherapy. We offer assessment only, such as ADHD testing for a flat rate of \$300. A one-time fee of \$20 is charged to all clients at the end of the first clinical session. This fee covers assessment materials. Full-time USD students pay only the \$20 initial fee. Students referred to us by the Student Counseling Center do not have to pay the initial \$20 fee. Family members of full-time students, part-time students, USD faculty and staff members, and their immediate family, are charged one-half of the sliding scale. Community clients are charged on a sliding scale based on their income and ability to pay. The clinic is open during the academic school year on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and evening hours until 7:00 p.m. are available by appointment.

Registrar's Office

Belbas Center, 223
Phone: 605-658-3880
Email: registrar@usd.edu

The **Registrar's Office** maintains the university [academic calendar](#); prepares the annual schedule of classes; manages classroom assignments; [verifies student enrollment and degrees](#); maintains and monitors [academic records](#), degree requirements for undergraduates, and degree awards; coordinates [commencement](#) ceremonies; evaluates transfer credits and non-coursework; provides [veterans' benefit services](#); and prepares official university [transcripts](#) and diplomas. The

office maintains permanent academic records for all students enrolled in University coursework, including those who enroll through the Division of Continuing Education. Many of the services provided by the Registrar's Office are available online.

Scholarships

Office of Scholarship Administration

Belbas Center 310

Phone: 605-658-6262

Email: scholarships@usd.edu

USD Scholarship Policy

Scholarship Acceptance and Terms:

Acceptance of an individual student aid award is an agreement to the terms and conditions of that award as well as all policies governing USD scholarships. It also permits USD and the USD Foundation to release basic information (name, year in school, hometown, major, etc.) to donors, media, educational affiliates, and for use in University communications.

Every student's financial award package (scholarships, gifts, and need-based assistance) is subject to audit with the final determination to be made by the USD Financial Aid Office in compliance with federal aid regulations. A student's USD funds may not exceed in-state direct costs (tuition, fees, room and board). If the student also receives non-USD funds (including all forms of federal, state, and external assistance), the total of all funds cannot exceed the total direct and indirect costs of education. Indirect costs include allowances for personal expenses and transportation.

- USD reserves the right to adjust individual scholarship awards after a student has accepted them to ensure the effective use of federal, state, and university dollars.
- Full-time fall and spring enrollment (or program equivalency) on the Vermillion campus is required for all USD scholarship recipients unless otherwise stipulated by USD Foundation donor preferences.
- Renewable awards are contingent upon maintaining a minimum grade point average, completion of donor appreciation letters if requested, and meeting all other conditions of the renewal criteria as specified in the award notification.
- Scholarships may not be prepaid, such as early graduation, or accessed prior to the semester(s) indicated in the award notification.
- Priority consideration for scholarship recipients will be given to those who complete online academic scholarship applications.
- If a student is awarded any scholarship equal to or greater than the cost of in-state tuition and fees for 30 credits, the Coyote Commitment, USD Dual Credit, USD Housing, USD Grant, or USD Valedictorian Scholarship offers previously made by the University will be replaced with the new award.
- Students wishing to appeal or petition USD scholarship criteria or renewal should complete the [Scholarship Appeal Process](#) in Coyote One Stop.

School of Education Center for Student & Professional Services

Delzell Education Center, 113 & 114

Phone: 605-658-6606

Email: SOEStudentServices@usd.edu

The [Center for Student & Professional Services](#) (CSPS) supports prospective students, current students, and alumni of the School of Education. Academic advising is available for undergraduate students with majors in Kinesiology & Sport Management, Art Education, Elementary Education, Music Education, Physical Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education. The CSPS hosts networking and recruitment events, and it provides professional resources and internship opportunities for the USD School of Education.

Service Learning

Muenster University Center, 219B

Phone: 605-658-3566

Email: engage@usd.edu

USD Involved: [USD Involved Website](#)

The [Office of Service Learning](#) connects ALL USD students with real-world, hands-on volunteering and community service opportunities, working with local community partners, USD faculty and service based student organizations.

The Alternative Way of Learning (AWOL) program provides student-led service-learning and leadership opportunities including:

- Alternative breaks during the university's winter and spring break
- Monthly alternative weekends during the academic year to serve in the local community
- Early move-in program New Yotes Community Engagement (NYCE) program for first-year or incoming students in August

Sexual Violence Prevention

In collaboration with [Sorority and Fraternity Life](#), [Outreach and Multicultural Affairs](#), [Student Activities](#), [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#), [Title IX](#), [Student Counseling Center](#), and [University Police](#), the Outreach Coordinator plans educational activities with the aim of preventing campus sexual violence domestic/dating violence, and stalking through advocacy and education.

We do this by:

- Creating a team of campus and community partners to enhance victim services
- Strengthening prevention and education programs
- Responding to sexual violence with a victim-centered approach
- Educating students about what constitutes sexual violence
- Mobilizing students and other community members to take a stand against sexual violence

USD offers several resources to help victims, survivors, and everyone else in the pursuit of healthy, consensual relationships. For more information, reach out to any offices listed above.

Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic

[Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic](#)

[Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders](#)

McKusick Technology Center

Phone: 605-658-3870

Fax: 605-658-3359

Email: csd@usd.edu

Screenings, comprehensive evaluations, and treatment options related to speech, language, and hearing are available to all USD students. There is no fee for clinical services provided to USD students at no cost (product excluded). The USD Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; appointments can be made by contacting the USD Speech, Language, and Hearing Center at 605-658-3870.

Student Counseling Center - Vermillion Campus

East Hall 118

Phone: 605-658-3580

Email: scc@usd.edu

Schedule an appointment: [Link to Schedule an Appointment](#)

The University of South Dakota [Student Counseling Center](#) (SCC) provides accessible, high-quality, and culturally responsive mental health services to support students' emotional well-being, academic success, and personal development. Operating under a brief therapy model, SCC offers short-term, goal-oriented care that emphasizes collaboration, strengths-based approaches, and real-world problem-solving. Services include individual and group counseling, same-day appointments, case management, and 24/7 crisis support through UWill (Coyote Care). An initial screening process helps determine the most appropriate services and connects students to internal or external resources tailored to their needs.

While SCC addresses a wide range of concerns such as anxiety, stress, identity issues, academic struggles, and trauma, certain conditions fall outside its scope. These include needs requiring long-term therapy, complex psychiatric care, psychological testing, court-mandated treatment, and services for non-enrolled students. In such cases, SCC provides referrals to community providers and continues to support students through the transition. The center's goal is to deliver timely, student-centered care while ensuring those needing specialized or extended services are connected to the right resources.

Anyone contemplating suicide or experiencing emotional distress may call Coyote Care (833-569-1686) to speak with a trained counselor who can provide support and connect them to local resources if necessary. This support line provides access to unlimited clinical support, risk assessment, connections to therapy and other next steps, emergency response, identifying students of concern and reporting. The service can be used by all students, whether on or off campus or abroad.

Student Counseling Center - Sioux Falls Campus

Administration Building, 156

Phone: 605-658-3580

Email: scc-sf@usd.edu

Click here to [schedule an appointment](#)

The [USD-SF Student Counseling Center](#) is a training clinic that is free to all currently enrolled USD students on the Sioux Falls campus or community. Services are confidential and are offered only in person. This clinic is open from late August through the beginning of May. All interns are supervised by licensed professionals. Services provided include individual counseling, educational programs, and crisis intervention for personal, mental health. The counseling center Sioux Falls is a place that allows students to address concerns related to life skills that include, but are not limited to problem-solving, assertiveness training, confidence, self-esteem, habit control, values clarification, stress management, academic concerns, and coping skills.

Anyone contemplating suicide or experiencing emotional distress may call Coyote Care (833-569-1686) to speak with a trained counselor who can provide support and connect them to local resources if necessary. This support line provides access to unlimited clinical support, risk assessment, connections to therapy and other next steps, emergency response, identifying students of concern and reporting. The service can be used by all students, whether on or off campus or abroad.

Student Engagement

Muenster University Center, 203
Phone: 605-658-3586
Email: michelle.harvey@usd.edu

The [Student Engagement Team](#) provides opportunities for students to participate in activities, practice leadership skills and learn other essential skills for the workplace. Student engagement combines the areas of student activities, outreach and multicultural affairs, service learning, sorority and fraternity life and spirit teams. Student Engagement oversees social activities, educational events, student organizations, and traditional events like Dakota Days, Family Weekend, Move in and New Student Orientation, etc.

Student Health Services at Sanford Vermillion Clinic

Sanford Vermillion Clinic
20 S. Plum Street
Phone: 605- 677-3700 (appointments)
Phone: 605- 677-3630 (student health director)
Email: usd.immunizations@sanfordhealth.org

All USD students currently enrolled are eligible to use the [Student Health](#) Services at the Sanford Vermillion Clinic by presenting their Coyote Card. Sanford Vermillion Medical Center provides discounted and free services for enrolled students. Students are responsible for fees associated with services received in Student Health. Co-pays for physicals and immunizations are due at the time of service. Services provided outside of Student Health, such as treatment in the Emergency Room or by specialists, are not covered by Student Health Services and the payment is the responsibility of the student.

The medical records of patients seen at Sanford Clinic Vermillion are confidential. The student must sign a written release of information to provide medical information to health care professionals, insurance companies, and others. Parents, spouses, or friends do not have access to the information contained in a student's medical record unless the student approves. The only exception to this policy is a life-threatening situation or a court subpoena.

The Health Clinic is a primary care facility and renders basically the same services as a personal physician's office. Hospital, Emergency Room, and Outpatient care is not included in the Basic Health Services, and therefore it is recommended that each student have valid health insurance.

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Muenster University Center, 206
Phone: 605-658-3561
Email: srr@usd.edu, Emma.Thompson@usd.edu

The Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities (SRR) is charged with ensuring that the individual rights of students are upheld throughout the university community, while common standards for personal behavior are evidenced by all who enjoy USD affiliation. In addition to administering due process and adjudicating allegations of misconduct, SRR can assist with procedural questions related to SDBOR policy 3.4.1, the Student Code of Conduct, such as the referral process and resolution options, as well as in identifying available resources to support student success.

- SRR is committed to fostering an environment of engaged citizenship for students.
- Accordingly, reasoned and civil discourse, integrity and intellectual honesty, and the recognition of the rights of all are encouraged.
- SRR aids in cultivating a campus-wide ethic of accountability and educational values through its conduct processes.
- As a USD student, you agree to the following statement of integrity:

Statement of Integrity:

We are committed to honesty, fairness, trust, respect, and taking responsibility for our actions. These values are vital to our academic community. As students, faculty, and staff of the University of South Dakota, we make firm our commitment to integrity in word, work, and conduct. We agree to represent all work honestly, to abide by the professional and ethical standards of each discipline, and to insist upon the same commitment from all members of our academic community.

Student Services

Muenster University Center, 218
Phone: 605-658-3555
Email: StudentServices@usd.edu

Student Services is here to help students take full advantage of the numerous resources available to you at USD.

Student Services consists of Campus Dining, University Housing, Student Counseling Center, Center for Career Design, Native Student Services, Outreach and Multicultural Affairs, Student Activities, Service Learning & Community Engagement, Sorority & Fraternity Life, Spirit Teams, Student Health, Student Rights & Responsibilities, Student Veteran Resource Center, TRiO, and the Wellness Center.

We help students engage in their educational experience, ensures students and their families receive all the assistance they need, answers questions, provides a clean, comfortable, and enjoyable on-campus living environment, and most importantly, to have fun. The mission and vision statements below embody the various ways that Student Services is here to aid and support students throughout their academic career.

Student Services Mission Statement

We provide programs, services, and facilities that foster personal development, academic inquiry, and a welcoming campus community. These services and opportunities support and inspire students as they prepare for their future lives, careers, and civic roles in a dynamic and global society.

Student Services Vision Statement

We strive to empower students by creating dynamic experiences that foster belonging and assist students in defining and reaching their goals, while also developing a sense of purpose and community.

Concerns and Complaints

If you have a concern or complaint, we want to hear from you. Complaints can be made via the [online submission form](#). The purpose of this form is to make the university aware of your concerns, complaints, or questions regarding university policies or actions and help to resolve them.

Student Veterans Resource Center

Commons, 103

Center's Phone: 605-658-3570

Coordinator's Phone: 605-658-3571

Email: svrc@usd.edu

The [Student Veterans Resource Center](#) (SVRC) welcomes all veterans, current military, military spouses, and their dependents. We offer social and academic support for our military-connected students to complete higher education goals. Resources include a study space, tutoring, counseling, and an environment in which to share your military experience with other students on campus.

Undergraduate Research

Email: undergraduateresearch@usd.edu

[Undergraduate research](#) can be defined as “an inquiry or investigation conducted by an undergraduate student that makes an original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline.” (*Council on Undergraduate Research*). At USD, we define research very broadly, to include not only lab-based activities in the STEM disciplines, but also other forms of creative activities in the humanities and the arts. The Committee on Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship (CURCS) offers a variety of opportunities for undergraduates to create original work. Performing research has many benefits, enriching both one's undergraduate experience and providing valuable skills for career and graduate school applications.

University Housing

Commons, 100

Phone: 605-677-5663

Email: housing@usd.edu

[University Housing](#) strives to create opportunities for students to develop their personal well-being, interpersonal connections, self-exploration, and commitment to a welcoming community. University Housing is responsible for Coyote Village, McFadden, Beede, Mickelson, Richardson, Olson, Burgess, and Norton Halls. Well-trained and supportive staff members reside in the residence halls and on-campus apartments so they can continually adapt to the evolving and unique needs of our many different students through innovative, comprehensive services in a student-centered environment. All undergraduate students who enroll in courses delivered on the main campus for six credit hours or more, and who are less than two years past their normal high school graduation date, must enter into a housing agreement with the university, unless special permission to live elsewhere is given by University Housing. All students are encouraged to live in the residence halls to connect through the campus living experience as this has been proven to increase satisfaction, grades, and retention.

University Libraries

ID Weeks Library & Academic Commons

Vermillion Campus

Phone: 605-677-5373

Email: library@usd.edu

ID Weeks Fall/Spring Operating Hours *(while students are on campus)*

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Wegner Health Sciences Library

Sioux Falls

Phone: 605-357-1400

Email: wegner@usd.edu

Wegner Library Fall/Spring/Summer Operating Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday Closed

Sunday Closed

**After-hours and weekend badge access available for health sciences & medical student quiet study*

USD - Sioux Falls *(Library Resources)*

Location: FSC1, Room 232

Email: usd-sflibraryservices@usd.edu

USD-Sioux Falls Library Support Fall/Spring Operating Hours *(while students are on campus)*

Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The University Libraries of the University of South Dakota include the I. D. Weeks Library, which serves all the university's programs, and the Wegner Health Sciences Library, which serves the Sanford School of Medicine, School of Health Sciences and other health partners in Sioux Falls and throughout South Dakota. The University Libraries provide print, media, and electronic materials to support the curriculum and bestsellers for leisure and enrichment reading. The University Libraries and Wegner Library feature onsite and online access to over 230 databases, thousands of e-books, and thousands of full-text, academic journals, interlibrary loan and document delivery services obtain desired items not owned by the University Libraries or Wegner Library within a few days, frequently within hours. Subject-specialist library faculty provide reference services as requested by appointment, via phone, email, or chat. Information literacy and library instruction are fully integrated into the USD curriculum. Health-related instruction and comprehensive library services are provided by USD and Wegner Library librarians as participants in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

The I.D. Weeks building provides seats in a mixture of individual and collaborative arrangements and public computers. A variety of rooms and spaces for individual and group study, meetings, digital editing, media viewing, and disability support are available to drop-ins or by reservation.

Library services for the University of South Dakota – Sioux Falls are provided by the ID Weeks Library. A librarian is available for assistance on the Sioux Falls campus.

Veterans' Services Office

Belbas Center, 116
Phone: 605-658-3881
Email: veterans@usd.edu

Veterans' Services, a division within the Office of the Registrar, proudly assists service members, veterans, and their families with applying for and receiving education benefits in compliance with the regulations of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Wellness Center and Natatorium

1031 N. University St.
Phone: 605-658-6799
Email: wellness@usd.edu

The 61,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Wellness Center is located directly north of the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts. Students are admitted free with a USD Student ID. Membership rates for staff, faculty, and the community can be found on the [Wellness Center and Natatorium website](#).

The Wellness Center includes the following amenities and features:

- The Wellness Center uses IMLeagues.com for our intramural platform, and all intramural events (excluding special events) are free of charge to all USD students
- Cardio workout equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines, and exercise bikes
- Weight room with strength training equipment and free weights
- Group fitness studios for activities such as aerobics, pilates, yoga, recreational dance, club activities, and self-defense training.
- Spinning room dedicated to a group exercise class involving stationary bikes and instruction.
- Multipurpose recreation courts—3 large gymnasium-type spaces with court markings for basketball, volleyball, and other sports.
- Walking/jogging track featuring three lanes around the multipurpose recreation and multi-use activity courts.
- 1 Racquetball court.
- Functional training room.
- 38-foot-tall climbing wall.
- The new 45,000 sq ft [Natatorium](#) opened in the Spring of 2025 with a 50 meter pool, a recreational pool, large spa, and steam room. The Natatorium also hosts a Ninja Cross Course.

Western Undergraduate Exchange

SD Board of Regents Policy 5.5.5 – Interstate Tuition Agreements

Office of Admissions
Wagner Welcome Center
Phone: 605-658-6200
Phone: 1-877-COYOTES
Email: admissions@usd.edu

The University of South Dakota participates in the [Western Undergraduate Exchange](#), a program of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Through WUE, students in a number

of western states may enroll in programs at two-year and four-year institutions in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Resident students from these states can participate if they meet eligibility requirements. Students who are interested in this program should contact the [Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) and can also find more information on the [WICHE website](#).

Activities & Organizations

Athletics

Sanford Coyote Sports Center, A304

Phone: 605-658-5500

Ticket Office: 605-677-5959

The University of South Dakota [Athletic Department](#) has tremendous pride and a tradition of excellence that dates back to competition in the 1880s. USD has built a series of successful programs that have thrived at the NCAA Division I level.

All students receive **FREE ADMISSION** to all home regular season Coyote athletic events. Student tickets must be claimed at the online [USD eVenue page](#). Check out the [USD student ticketing information page](#) for step-by-step guidelines on how to claim tickets. For more information on USD athletics and schedules, go to [GoYotes.com](#) or find us on Facebook ([South Dakota Coyotes](#)), Twitter ([@SDCoyotes](#)), and Instagram ([@SDCoyotes](#)).

South Dakota sponsors 18 varsity programs including football, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's track and field (indoor and outdoor), men's and women's cross country, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's golf, women's volleyball, women's soccer, women's tennis, softball, and women's triathlon. The Coyotes' football team, which competes at the FCS level, is a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Other varsity sports compete in The Summit League.

The DakotaDome has been the home of Coyote football since 1979 and was one of the first multipurpose domes in the nation. In 2016, the athletic department opened the Sanford Coyote Sports Center, which houses an arena for volleyball and basketball and an entire sports science department under one roof. The Lillibridge Track Complex and First Bank & Trust Soccer Complex are also on campus, providing Coyote athletes with some of the most state-of-the-art facilities in the nation.

Campus Activities Board

Muenster University Center, 219D

Phone: 605-658-3557

Email: cab@usd.edu

The [Campus Activities Board](#) (CAB) is a student organization that is committed to providing a wide variety of programming opportunities provided by Student Support Fees. Each member of CAB is directly involved in the planning, implementing, and running of various activities for all USD students. The goal of the Campus Activities Board is to ensure that all events are entertaining, engaging, and rewarding. Dedicated students serve as the executive board and members which ensures that each CAB program provides USD students with opportunities for networking, leadership development, education, and entertainment. The Campus Activities Board has opportunities to host widely known events that help enhance the student experience and bring

the campus together in fun and welcoming ways. CAB helps students create lifelong memories and impactful moments that tie them into the Yote Life.

Department of Art

Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts

Phone: 605-658-3455

Email: art@usd.edu

The **Department of Art** at the University of South Dakota offers opportunities for students to engage in creative self-expression, critical thinking, and technical skill development across a range of visual art disciplines including art history, arts in health, painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, ceramics, graphic design, and digital media. Courses in studio art (ART), art history (ARTH), and design (ARTD) are open to all USD students, with many fulfilling general education requirements (SGR#4). Students outside of the major are welcome to enroll in classes or participate in student art organizations and events. The department also offers study abroad options and professional internships. Housed in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts, the John A. Day Gallery showcases public exhibitions throughout the academic year by students, faculty, and visiting artists. The Department of Art is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

Department of Music

Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts, Room 114

Phone: 605-658-3466

Email: music@usd.edu

The **Department of Music** includes a variety of ensembles whose membership is open to all University students. The SOUND of USD (marching band) and Concert Band are open to students without performance auditions. All choirs require a voice placement audition. Students may audition for membership in the Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensembles, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Choir (Concert Choir), and the University Symphony Orchestra. Small ensemble performance opportunities are available in Jazz Ensembles, Percussion Ensemble, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, USD Opera, and Chamber Orchestra. Additionally, the Department of Music faculty provides individual instruction on a variety of instruments and course topics. Credits apply to general education requirements (SGR#4) for majors outside of music registered for MUS 117.

The newly renovated **National Music Museum**, a unit within the College of Fine Arts, includes one of the most outstanding collections of instruments in the world. This collection consists of over 10,000 musical instruments from around the world, rivaling major museums internationally. Its display areas are housed in the National Music Museum, located on Clark Street at the end of Yale Street.

Department of Theatre

Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts

Phone: 605-658-3485

Phone: 605-658-3484

Email: theatre@usd.edu

Ticket Sales

The [Department of Theatre](#) offers a full season of comedy, drama, and musical theatre, in which students are admitted free with a USD Student ID. There are two theatres located in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. The Wayne S. Knutson Theatre is a 400-seat proscenium stage while the Arena Theatre is an up to 75-seat flexible theatre space. These theatres, along with a dance studio, well-equipped scenic and costume studios and design lab, provide an outstanding physical environment for the study of theatre performance and production. The program is further enriched by visiting artists, participation in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, a close association with the Black Hills Playhouse (a summer stock theatre located in Custer State Park), and the South Dakota Shakespeare Festival. Opportunities to participate in the New York Showcase and to study abroad also exist. Classes, auditions, and production crews are open to all USD students. The University of South Dakota is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

Esports

Student Services
McKusick, 201
Phone: 605-658-3425
Email: esports@usd.edu

The [Esports Arena](#) at the University of South Dakota opened in the Fall of 2020, located on the 2nd floor of the McKusick Technology Center on the southeast corner of campus. Open to the USD community, it is designed to promote both a competitive and a recreational gaming environment while striving for inclusive excellence within its gaming community. The lab houses 24 state-of-the-art PC gaming stations, as well as two console gaming lounges. Under the purview of the Assistant Director of Recreational Sports and Esports, the Arena endeavors to serve both the USD Esports Club, as well as the USD and greater Vermillion gaming communities.

Honorary Organizations

Student Services
Office of Student Engagement
Phone: 605-658-3585
Email: StudentServices@usd.edu

For more information regarding any of the following organizations, students should contact the individual departments. The University of South Dakota attempts to recognize excellence in a number of ways. Through these honorary organizations, the university community affirms scholastic accomplishment, leadership, and service. Similarly, the university supports the efforts of our outstanding students as they compete for national and international recognition.

Beta Alpha Psi

The Theta Upsilon chapter of Beta Alpha Psi is the national scholastic and professional accounting fraternity. The primary objective is to encourage and give recognition to scholastic and professional excellence in the field of accounting, which includes the promotion of the study and practice of accounting; provision of opportunities for self-development and association among members and practicing accountants; and encouragement of a sense of ethical, social, and public responsibility.

Beta Gamma Sigma

Beta Gamma Sigma is an international honor society recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of students enrolled in collegiate business and management programs accredited by AACSB International. Graduating "Beta Gamma Sigma" is the highest honor a business student anywhere in the world can receive.

Honors Association

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide academic, cultural, social, and service opportunities to enrich the academic experience of students at the University of South Dakota (USD).

Mu Kappa Tau

Mu Kappa Tau (MKT) is an honorary fraternity for marketing juniors and seniors. MKT believes scholastic excellence should be a high priority for every marketing student and encourages a life-long commitment to an exceptional standard of ethics and achievement within the marketing environment.

Omicron Delta Epsilon

Omicron Delta Epsilon is one of the world's largest academic honor societies. The objectives of Omicron Delta Epsilon are recognition of scholastic attainment and the honoring of outstanding achievements in economics.

Phi Alpha Theta

A professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication, and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. Phi Alpha Theta seeks to bring students, teachers, and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways.

Phi Beta Kappa

This organization is the best-known and most prestigious academic honorary. Students are elected to membership as juniors or seniors based on high scholastic achievement and completion of a liberal education. At the college level, this includes the study of calculus, one year of western civilization, one year of language study (Latin, Greek, French, German, Spanish, Lakota), one year of sequential study of laboratory science, preferably in chemistry, physics, or biology, two courses at the 300 level of social science, in two prefixes.

Psi Chi (Psychology)

Psi Chi is the National Honors Society for Psychology. Membership is open to psychology majors and minors who meet the GPA and credit hours standards for the organization. Students who do not meet the requirements for Psi Chi may join the Psychology Club and attend all meetings and events.

Sigma Tau Delta

Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies. Sigma Tau Delta also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature.

Honors Program

Old Main, 120
Phone: 605-658-3340
Email: honors@usd.edu

The [Honors Program](#) offers both a curriculum and a community. Students are admitted to one of two tracks by application. The majority of students apply as high school seniors and complete the requirements to become a University Scholar: 15-18 credits in Honors, including special core classes, unique seminars, and a thesis. Students who enter the program with more than 24 credits may opt for the Thesis Scholar track; these students may take some Honors core courses and are required to take two upper-division Honors seminars in addition to writing a thesis. Honors Program students receive their academic advising through the Honors Program and are also assigned an academic advisor in their major when they reach 45 college credits (Education, Fine Arts, and Business students also have advisors in their respective departments). The Program is open to students in all majors. Currently enrolled students with a 3.5 GPA or higher and the interest, preparation, and enthusiasm necessary to complete an undergraduate thesis project are encouraged to visit with the Honors Program.

Media & Journalism

Al Neuharth Media Center, 151
Phone: 605-658-6810
Email: mj@usd.edu

The Student Media Operations associated with the [Media & Journalism Department](#) (M&J) provide students with professionally based laboratory resources in which to develop their skills and enhance their academic experience. Experienced media advisors facilitate student opportunities. You do not have to be a Media & Journalism or Sport Marketing & Media major in order to participate. Contact the M&J department for more information.

Coyote Competition

- [American Advertising Federation Chapter](#)
- [Public Relations Student Society of America](#)

Members of the Coyote Competition are involved in both PRSSA and AAF. Coyote Competition provides networking opportunities with regional professionals, internship coordination, national competitions, and conferences. Students develop strategic communication marketing strategies and learn first-hand about the inner workings of the profession.

Coyote Creative

Coyote Creative is a student marketing and strategic communications agency. Students brainstorm ideas, write scripts, and then produce video promotions for other campus groups, university departments, and non-university clients. Projects are designed to promote our “clients” as well as to provide marketing and media production samples for student portfolios.

KAOR-FM

Student-run KAOR-FM 91.1 broadcasts from the USD campus. All programming is locally produced. During the day, Coyote Radio plays a mix of alternative, indie, rap, and rock music with news and sports updates on the hour, as well as live broadcasts of most USD athletic events. In the evenings, you’ll find student talk shows and specialty music shows. Coyote Radio serves the university, Vermillion, and the surrounding communities. Student organizations can submit their activity’s information for broadcast by [e-mailing](#) the station.

KYOT-TV

KYOT-TV is USD's student-run cable television station and the home of Coyote News, the student-produced 30-minute weekly live TV newscast. The news can be seen Wednesdays during the academic year on Cable Channel 21 at 5:00 PM with an encore broadcast beginning at 6:00. Coyote News also can be seen on the "Coyotecampusnews" YouTube channel. Coyote News can be seen statewide on SDN Communications, and in southeast South Dakota on Midco. KYOT also is home to The Red Report, USD's satirical entertainment program as well as sports specials. Students interested in KYOT can volunteer or receive course credit regardless of major, to produce, shoot and edit stories, work in the studio, and maintain the station's social media sites

The Volante

USD's independent, award-winning print and digital newspaper covers the campus and the region. The writers and editors provide weekly and breaking coverage of news, events, entertainment, sports, and local issues to get the campus talking. You can get involved in writing, graphic design, producing multiplatform stories, selling advertising, or keeping content up to date using social media tools. For information about positions and scholarships, contact the M&J Department at (605) 658-6810.

Sport Marketing

The Sport Marketing students get actively involved in marketing and/or media projects for sporting-related events. Students learn NIL contracting and oversee social media marketing for the USD Esports Club. Group members also network with professionals by making industry visits and through invited guest speakers.

Recreational Sports

Student Services
Wellness Center
Phone: 605-658-6797
Email: intramurals@usd.edu

USD offers opportunities for students to get involved in their favorite sports or to try something new through a variety of intramural programs. IMLeagues.com is the platform for all intramural events (excluding special events) that are free of charge to all USD students.

Sport Clubs are a way to stay involved in the sports you love or try a new sport and compete at a higher level than intramurals. Our clubs hold regular practices and represent USD in leagues against clubs from other universities within the region.

Residence Hall Association

Office: Commons 100
Phone: 605-677-5663 (Main Housing Office)
Email: rha@usd.edu

The [Residence Hall Association](#) (RHA) is the governing body for all residence hall students. RHA provides social, intellectual, and cultural programming for residence hall students as well as provides input into a wide variety of policies and hall improvements. Membership consists of everyone living in the residence halls that wishes to participate. RHA provides an arena for students to give input about enhancing the on-campus student experience.

SERVE (Students Engagement & Refinement for Volunteering Empowerment)

MUC 219B (Advisor)

Email: SERVE@coyotes.usd.edu

Advisor Email: April.lee@usd.edu

President Email: noah.sorgdrager@coyotes.usd.edu

USD [SERVE \(Student Engagement & Refinement for Volunteering Empowerment\)](#) is a student-led organization at the University of South Dakota focused on enriching volunteer experiences for USD students within our surrounding communities. We pride ourselves on our goal of supporting the educational mission of USD by connecting students to community services opportunities as well as creating an environment which advocates the importance of community engagement and helping others.

SERVE's branches include Adopt A Grandparent, Adopt A School, Big Pal Little Pal, and Bridges. SERVE has something for everyone! Questions, send an [email](#).

Sororities & Fraternities

Student Services

Muenster University Center, 219G

Phone: 605-658-3564

Email: greek@usd.edu

USD Involved: [Link to USD Involved](#)

The [Sorority and Fraternity Life Community](#) at The University of South Dakota includes roughly 800 students involved in the seven fraternities and four sororities on campus. In addition to providing social and service opportunities, the Sorority and Fraternity Life Community helps students develop friendships, sharpen leadership skills, excel academically, and be a part of something bigger than themselves. Fraternity Recruitment takes place September 1st-4th, 2025, and Sorority Recruitment is August 29th-September 1st, 2025. Both registration links can be found on the [Sorority and Fraternity Life website](#).

Sorority Chapters

- [Alpha Phi](#)
- [Alpha Xi Delta](#)
- [Kappa Alpha Theta](#)
- [Pi Beta Phi](#)

Fraternity Chapters

- [Beta Theta Pi](#)
- [Delta Tau Delta](#)
- [Lambda Chi Alpha](#)
- [Phi Delta Theta](#)
- [Pi Kappa Alpha](#)
- [Sigma Alpha Epsilon](#)
- [Tau Kappa Epsilon](#)

Spirit Squad

Athletics
The Dome
Phone: 605-658-5500
Email: spiritteams@usd.edu

The University of South Dakota [Spirit Squad](#) includes the USD Cheerleading Team, the USD Dance Team, and Charlie Coyote. All teams provide important contributions to the overall spirit and enthusiasm at USD. The USD Cheer Team consists of an All-Girl Team and a Co-Ed Team that both lead the crowd at USD home football games, volleyball games, men's basketball games, women's basketball games, and travel for select away football games. The USD Dance Team performs at home football games, volleyball games, men's basketball games, and women's basketball games. Both squads also travel for all post-season play. The Spirit Squads attend other various athletic events throughout the year as well as compete at the UCA/UDA Collegiate Cheer and Dance National Championships. With all of this and more, they also support USD in other ways by making appearances at university and community events. Charlie Coyote, the official mascot of the university, appears at home football, volleyball, and basketball games as well as away football games while also making appearances at other events both at the university and in the community. A form to request an appearance by any Spirit Squad at an event can be found [here](#).

For more information, or to find out about tryouts, clinics, or sign-ups for any of the Spirit Squads, please [email](#).

Student Government Association

Muenster University Center, 143
Phone: 605-658-3584
Email: sga@coyotes.usd.edu

The [Student Government Association](#) (SGA) is the official representative body for all undergraduate and graduate students at USD, including Law and Medical students. SGA is charged with appointing students to various university committees each year, funding student organizations by allocating student fee dollars, holding hearings to determine a budget for student organizations, advocating for students' concerns, and directing other aspects of nonacademic student life. SGA represents USD's students to the university community, the South Dakota Student Federation, the Board of Regents, and the South Dakota State Legislature. All students are invited to stop by the SGA office across from the Center for Career Design from 10am to 5pm or [email](#).

SGA is composed of senators from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Health Sciences, the School of Education, the Beacom School of Business, the College of Fine Arts, the Graduate School, the Law School, the Sanford School of Medicine, and the first-year class. Senators are elected during the spring semester for a one-year term, aside from the two first-year seats, which are set aside for a fall election among the incoming class. Senators must attend weekly Senate meetings and SGA standing committee meetings, spend two hours in the office each week, and participate in various student outreach activities. SGA meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Al Neuharth Freedom Forum and are live-streamed on the SGA Facebook Livestream.

Student Organizations

The University of South Dakota has over 200 [student organizations](#) that are officially recognized by the Student Government Association. Student organizations at the University of South Dakota are based on, centered around, led, governed, and directed by students. These organizations make a difference in the lives of students by creating a connection to campus, the community, and their peers. From professional development to entertainment, student organizations on campus are based on an array of topics, interests, and fields of study. The large number of organizations allows students to connect with a group of peers with similar interests from professional development to casual and fun. When coupled with the dedication of its student members, the campus culture is greatly enriched. Student organizations have a real and profound effect on the University and the outside world through their vision, goals, and accomplishments. There is a place for you. Further information may be found on the [USD Involved](#) webpage.

The Volante

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 Editor-in-Chief Phone: 605-658-6816
 Advertising Manager Phone: 605-658-6810
 Email: volante@coyotes.usd.edu

Students interested in journalism and marketing can gain valuable experience, become eligible for additional scholarships, and have fun working at [The Volante](#), USD's student-run newspaper. Staff positions are open to all qualified USD students regardless of their major or career plans. What is required is curiosity, an interest in campus affairs, integrity, and a strong command of the language.

Approximately 20 students each semester work together on the news staff as reporters, photographers, graphic artists, and editors. Other Volante positions offer experience in advertising marketing and circulation. All positions are eligible for limited academic credit. Together, the news and marketing staff publish *The Volante* every other Wednesday, except during holiday weeks, final exam periods, and the summer, and post on volanteonline.com on an ongoing basis.

University Art Galleries

Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts
 Phone: 605-658-3437
 Email: Amy.Fill@usd.edu

[University Art Galleries](#) maintains three key galleries, The John A. Day Gallery, Gallery 110, and the Oscar Howe Gallery. University Art Galleries provides artwork across campus in public spaces and displays artworks in the Muenster University Center, I D Weeks Library, and the WM Lee Center's Sculpture Garden. UAG maintains a permanent collection that is available to students and scholars for research and curatorial opportunities.

- John A. Day Gallery - Located in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. The John A. Day Gallery serves the campus and the community through educational exhibitions and events. Providing exhibition opportunities for National and International artists, Northern Plains artists, USD Faculty and Alumni, MFA, and BFA Thesis Shows, as well as works from the permanent collection.
 Open 9 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday.

- Gallery 110 - This smaller space in the Warren M. Lee Center for Fine Arts features monthly exhibitions of the work of local and regional artists, as well as works from the UAG permanent collection. Open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday
- Oscar Howe Gallery Located in the Historic Old Main Building. This gallery is dedicated to exhibiting the works of Yanktonai Dakota artist Oscar Howe. The UAG permanent collection holds the largest single collection of Howe's paintings, drawings, and sculptures. The Oscar Howe Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 am – 5 pm and by appointment.

Policies & Procedures

Academic Appeals

The University of South Dakota Student Academic Appeals Policy 1.001

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 2.9.1 regarding Student Appeals for Academic Affairs.](#)

Students wishing to appeal an academic decision involving such matters as course grades and dismissal from a program must use the appropriate appeal form. The form should be used only if informal discussion with the academic decision-maker does not produce a satisfactory resolution and the student wishes to pursue the matter to the next level.

Find the [Academic Appeals form](#) here, or it can be found on the [Registrar's forms page](#), under Commonly Requested Registrar Forms, under the Academic Forms tab.

For questions, contact your academic advisor, Academic Affairs (Slagle Hall 102, 605-658-3850), or the Academic Dean of your college. Graduate students should contact the Graduate School (605-658-6173 or grad@usd.edu).

Academic Excused Absence Policy

When necessary, make-up of course requirements missed because of student participation in university-sanctioned events and activities, extended excused absences, and military service in accordance with [USD Policy 1.004](#) shall be worked out between the instructor and the student upon the student's timely initiative. For a university-related event, a student must contact their instructor at least five working days or as soon as reasonably possible prior to the absence and provide documentation from the sponsoring unit with approval by that Vice President, indicating the dates that the student will be absent from class.

To the extent possible, it is the student's responsibility to immediately contact each of their instructors regarding unplanned class absences and the possibility of making up missed assignments and exams. The Dean of Students Office will notify instructors of absences due to documented medical issues, documented family funerals, or documented family emergencies upon receipt of documentation from the student. Instructors are required to allow for such make-up in a timely manner when the student's absence has been verified by the Dean of Students or follows university policy. The class and/or department may have special attendance policies, when those policies are not in conflict with the student's right to make up missed requirements as described above.

You can contact the Dean of Students office at 605-658-3555 or deanofstudents@usd.edu for clarification or guidance regarding the Academic Excused Absence Policy. Documentation, such

as a doctor's note, obituary, verification by the USD Title IX Coordinator, etc, can be emailed to deanofstudents@usd.edu. For at home COVID or influenza tests, please [email](#) one picture which includes: the positive test, the student's ID, and the date.

Students will need to work directly with their instructors for absences due to weather, vacations, weddings, car trouble, or undocumented issues. The Dean of Student's duty is to verify documentation. If no documentation is available, students will need to work directly with their instructors.

Academic Integrity Philosophy

Academic integrity is a fundamental concept underlying the educational enterprise of the university. As such, the idea of academic integrity must be embraced by all who are members of the university community and must be a guiding principle in all actions of the university. Academic integrity encompasses the values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility and is the foundation for the standards of acceptable behavior that apply to all within the university community.

To this end, the University of South Dakota seeks to embrace, promote, and maintain an atmosphere of honesty and integrity that can be summed up in the following simple statement:

We are committed to honesty, fairness, trust, respect, and taking responsibility for our actions.

The university should:

1. Promote a well-defined philosophy of academic integrity pertaining to all members of the university community and address the five cardinal values of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility.
2. Promulgate clear procedures for dealing with the transgression of the established policies protecting academic integrity. These procedures should be congruent with applicable laws, Board of Regents policy, and existing university policy, including the Student Code of Conduct and the Academic Appeals process, so as to protect the rights of all involved. The colleges and schools within the university should be allowed latitude in establishing appropriate procedures that take into account not only the values and ideals promoted by the university but also those which are congruent with expectations of acceptable conduct in professional settings. An innate feature of the university community is an emphasis on dialogue and learning; thus, consultation and mediation should be emphasized as the primary means of resolution in instances where academic integrity has been lacking. This emphasis does not preclude stringent application of appropriate university policy when necessary. Similarly, commitment to academic integrity should enhance, not stifle, honest disagreement, debate, and differences of opinion among the members of the university community.
3. Use all appropriate avenues to disseminate and underscore the core values of academic integrity at the university. Applicants, parents, enrolled students, visitors, faculty, staff, and administrators should be aware of the university's philosophy and policies on academic integrity. Commitment to academic integrity should be prominent in all actions of the constituents of the university community. All students, faculty, and staff entering the university community for the first time shall be apprised of the academic integrity policies and should agree to the philosophy that underlies them. The University should take opportunities to reinforce the academic integrity philosophy at appropriate times throughout the academic year
4. Revisit the academic integrity philosophy and policies in a timely manner.

Guidance on the policies and processes concerning suspected [Academic Misconduct](#) is available online. Questions may be directed to [Student Rights & Responsibilities email](#), 605-658-3561, MUC 206.

Alcohol & Drug Policy

[South Dakota Board of Regents Drug-Free Environment Policy 4.7.1](#) – Compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989

The unauthorized manufacture, sale, possession, use, or consumption of alcohol, marijuana, or other controlled substances is prohibited on any property controlled by the Board of Regents and in connection with any university-sponsored activity. All officially recognized university student organizations must adopt and enforce the following minimum policies.

- A. Prohibit the manufacture, possession, use, dispensing, or provision of alcoholic beverages at organizational functions or in the organizational residence by persons under the age of 21 years and the provision of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21;
- B. Prohibit the manufacture, possession, use, or dispensing of marijuana (including cannabis used or possessed for medical purposes) or unauthorized controlled substances at organizational functions or in the organizational residence;
- C. Prohibit the expenditure of organizational funds on alcoholic beverages, marijuana (including cannabis used or possessed for medical purposes), or controlled substances;
- D. Prohibit the informal collection of monies from members, associates, or invitees to be spent on alcoholic beverages, marijuana (including cannabis used or possessed for medical purposes), or controlled substances;
- E. Prohibit the possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, marijuana (including cannabis used or possessed for medical purposes), or controlled substances on premises controlled by the Board of Regents, except as explicitly permitted by Section 3.G.1 of SD Board of Regents Policy 3.4.1, the Student Code of Conduct;
- F. Establish conduct policies and sanctions regarding violations by individual members no less stringent than those set forth under Board Policies, except that limited use of alcoholic beverages is permissible as set out above; and
- G. Require that a report be filed with the Senior Student Affairs Office each semester identifying all actions taken pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

Institutions may impose additional or more restrictive conditions on official recognition.

Alcohol Permitted Rooms Policy

A limited number of units in Coyote Village and McFadden Hall are alcohol-permitted rooms. Eligible students (those of legal age) may apply, provided all application requirements are met, and written approval is received by [University Housing](#).

Alleged Violations of Civil Rights Statutes

The University of South Dakota respects and follows the [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.4.3 regarding Human Rights Complaint Procedures](#).

Campus Media

The University of South Dakota respects and follows the [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 3.2.2 regarding Campus Student Media](#).

The campus student media shall be free from censorship. Student management shall adhere to responsible and ethical media practices. Student editors and managers shall be assured of all rights guaranteed to them by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Classification of Students for Tuition Purposes

The University of South Dakota respects and follows the [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 3.1.1 regarding Resident and Nonresident Classification of Students](#).

*Credit Hour Basis of Tuition Charges:

All tuition charges at the institutions of higher education under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents will be on a credit hour basis.

1. Classification of Students for Tuition and Fee Purposes

Students enrolling in any of the state institutions shall be classified as resident or nonresident for admission, fee, and tuition purposes by the Registrar's Office. The decision shall be based upon information furnished by the student and all other relevant information. The University is authorized to require such written documents, affidavits, verifications, or other evidence necessary to establish the residence of the student, including proof of emancipation, adoption, or appointment of a guardian. Students have the burden of establishing residency by clear and convincing evidence.

Students may request a review of the original classification decision. Information on the review and appeals process is found at the end of this section.

2. Establishing Bona Fide Residence

For tuition purposes, residence means the place where a person has a permanent home, at which the person remains when not called elsewhere for labor, studies, or other special or temporary purposes, and to which the person returns at times of repose. It is the place a person has voluntarily fixed as the person's permanent habitation with intent to remain in such place for an indefinite period. A person, at any one time, has but one residence, and a residence is not lost until another is gained.

The residence of an unemancipated person under twenty-four years of age follows that of the parents or of a legal guardian who has actual custody of the person or administers the property of the person. In the case of divorce or separation, if either parent meets the residence requirements, the person shall be considered a resident.

Students who enter the state for the predominant purpose of attending a Board institution and who are under the custody of a guardian in fact, that is, a person who has been designated in writing by the student's parents or legal guardian to serve as their attorney in fact for purposes related to the individual un-emancipated student's affairs, may file a residency petition with the Board at the time of admission.

A person shall be classified as a resident student if the person has continuously resided in South Dakota for at least twelve consecutive months immediately preceding the first scheduled day of classes of the semester or other session in which the individual registers in the regental system; except that un-emancipated students whose parents established their residence in South Dakota for reasons not predominantly related to qualifying their children

for reduced tuition, may be classified as residents notwithstanding the fact that they have not resided in South Dakota for the requisite twelve months prior to the first scheduled day of classes.

If it appears that the parents of a person properly classified as a resident student under the provisions of this section have removed their residence from South Dakota, the person shall be reclassified to the status of nonresident unless the parents have been residents for the twelve months immediately preceding such removal. However, no such reclassification is effective until the beginning of a semester next following the removal.

Physical presence in South Dakota for the predominant purpose of attending an institution of higher education controlled by the Board of Regents does not count in determining the twelve-month period of residence.

Absence from South Dakota to pursue post-secondary education does not deprive a person of resident student status.

A person once properly classified as a resident student shall be deemed to remain a resident student so long as remaining continuously enrolled in the regental system until the person's degree shall have been earned.

Attendance shall be deemed "continuous" if the person has been enrolled at a school or schools in the state as a full-time student since the beginning of the period for which continuous attendance is claimed. Such a person need not attend summer sessions or other such sessions beyond the normal academic year in order to render "continuous" attendance.

3. Petition for Reclassification

After twelve months of continuous presence in South Dakota, students who were initially classified as nonresidents may petition for reclassification. Students who wish to begin this process should contact the Registrar's Office (Belbas Center 223; 605-658-3880; registrar@usd.edu).

The following factors shall be considered relevant in evaluating a requested change in a student's nonresident status and in evaluating whether the person's physical presence in South Dakota is for the predominant purpose of attending an institution of higher education controlled by the Board of Regents:

1. The residence of an unemancipated student's parents or guardians;
2. The situs of the source of the student's income;
3. To whom a student pays taxes, including property taxes;
4. The state in which a student's automobile is registered;
5. The state issuing the student's driver's license;
6. Where the student is registered to vote;
7. The marriage of the student to a resident of South Dakota;
8. Ownership of property in South Dakota and outside South Dakota.
9. The residence claimed by the student on loan applications, federal income tax returns, and other documents;
10. Admission to a licensed profession in South Dakota;
11. Membership in civic, community, and other organizations in South Dakota and elsewhere; and
12. The facts and documents pertaining to the person's past and existing status as a student.

The existence of one or more of these factors does not require a finding of resident student status, nor does the nonexistence of one or more require a finding of nonresident student status. All factors shall be considered in combination, and resident student status may not

result from the doing of acts which are required or routinely done by sojourners in the state or which are merely auxiliary to the fulfillment of educational purposes. The fact that a person pays taxes and votes in the state does not in itself establish residence.

Retention of Residence While in Military Service:

In determining residence status for tuition purposes, it is presumed that persons in military service who list South Dakota as their “home of record” and who, immediately upon release, return to South Dakota to enter college will be classified as residents.

Changes of Classification:

Change in classification from nonresident to resident shall become effective upon the next registration after the application for resident classification is approved. The [Application for Resident Status](#) is available online, or can be found on the [Registrar Forms webpage](#) under Commonly Requested Registrar Forms, under the Residency Forms tab. The deadlines for submission of the residence questionnaire for each term are indicated in the annual [Schedule of Classes](#).

Classification Appeal Procedure:

Students may formally appeal the reviewed decision (see paragraph above) to The University of South Dakota. The appeal form is available in the Registrar’s Office, or [online](#). The appeal is then reviewed by USD’s Residency Appeals Committee.

Students may further appeal the committee’s decision to the Executive Director of the South Dakota Board of Regents. Upon receipt of an appeal, the Executive Director will request that USD forward copies of the student’s appeal file, including all documentation used in making the committee’s decision. The student’s letter must include a clearly laid-out explanation of why the student disagrees with the committee’s decision. The [Appeal of Resident Status to the BOR Executive Director form is available online](#), or can be found on the [Registrar Forms webpage](#), under Commonly Requested Registrar Forms, under the Residency Forms tab.

Commitment to Freedom of Expression

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.6.2 regarding Commitment to Freedom of Expression](#).

The Board and its institutions have a long history of commitment to the principles of free expression and encourage the timely and rational discussion of topics whereby the ethical and intellectual development of the student body and general welfare of the public may be promoted. Freedom of expression includes the right to discuss and present scholarly opinions and conclusions on all matters both in and outside the classroom without Board or institutional discipline or restraint. This freedom includes the right to speak and write as a member of the institutional communities governed by the Board or as a private citizen on matters of public concern. The Board and its institutions are committed to these principles and provide all members of their community the latitude to explore ideas and to speak, write, listen, challenge, and learn. Except insofar as limitations on that freedom are necessary to the functioning of the institution, the Board fully respects and supports the freedom of all members of the institutions’ community to discuss any problem or issue that presents itself.

The ideas of different members of the institutions’ community will often and quite naturally conflict, and some individual’s ideas will even conflict with the institutions’ values and principles. But it is not the proper role of the Board or the institutions to attempt to shield individuals from viewpoints they find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even deeply offensive. To be clear, the Board greatly values and is responsible for upholding a culture of civility at its institutions. All members of the institutions’ community share in the responsibility for maintaining a climate of mutual respect.

Such a climate is essential to First Amendment principles of academic freedom and freedom in learning, as both principles rely on the discursive order and restraint from disruption that civility demands of each of us. Yet, while the manner in which ideas are conveyed may be uncivil and disrespectful, ideas, themselves, are not. In other words, concerns about civility and mutual respect can never be used as a justification for closing off discussion of ideas, however offensive or disagreeable those ideas may be to some members of our institutions' community.

The freedom to debate and discuss the merits of competing ideas does not, of course, mean that individuals may say whatever, whenever, and wherever they wish. The institutions may restrict expression that violates the law, that falsely defames a specific individual, that constitutes a genuine threat or harassment, that unjustifiably invades privacy or confidentiality interests, or that is otherwise directly incompatible with the functioning of the institution, including any limited public or nonpublic forum it creates. In addition, the institution may reasonably regulate the time, place, and manner of expression to ensure that it does not disrupt the ordinary activities of the institution. But these are narrow exceptions to the general principle of freedom of expression, and it is vitally important that these exceptions never be used in a manner that is inconsistent with the Board's commitment to a free and open discussion of ideas.

It is the Board's fundamental commitment to the principle that viewpoints may not be suppressed because the ideas put forth are thought by some or even by most members of the institutions' community to be offensive, unwise, immoral, or wrong-headed. Controversial speech and robust debate are expected and valued at the institutions. The right to engage in such expression is one of the rights protected by the United States Constitution. Indeed, encouraging intellectual diversity in faculty and fostering the ability of members of the institutions' community to engage in such debate and deliberation in an effective and responsible manner is an essential part of the institutions' educational missions.

As a corollary to the Board's commitment to protect free expression, and as suggested by the above discourse on civility, members of the institutions' community must also act in conformity with the responsibilities of free expression. Although members of the institutions' community are free to criticize and contest the views expressed on campus, and to criticize and contest speakers who are invited to express their views on campus, they may not obstruct or otherwise interfere with the conduct of the institutions or the freedom of others to express views they reject or even loathe. To this end, the Board and the institutions have a responsibility not only to promote a lively and fearless freedom of debate and deliberation, but also to protect that freedom when others attempt to restrict it.

Accordingly, the Board will adopt and interpret policies consistent with this commitment and institutions will ensure their policies and procedures uphold the commitment contained herein and within the policies adopted by the Board setting forth reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions.

This policy shall not be interpreted in any manner to: (i) mandate new funding by institutions to ensure its enforcement, (ii) limit the authority and responsibility of faculty to maintain pedagogical order in the classroom, or (iii) abridge the rights provided in BOR Policy 1.6.1.

On or before November 1st of each year, each institution shall provide a report to the Executive Director on institutional activities germane to this policy, which shall include: (i) all actions taken by the institution to promote and ensure intellectual diversity and the free exchange of ideas, and (ii) a description of any events or incidents that impeded intellectual diversity and the free exchange of ideas.

Communicable Disease Policy

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 3.5.1 regarding communicable disease](#).

Complaints Against a Dean or Vice President

If a complaint is made against a dean or vice president, the formal appeal procedure shall begin at the next administrative level and continue as specified herein except that each step will be conducted at a higher administrative level.

Concerns & Complaints

If you have a concern or complaint, we want to hear from you. Complaints can be made via an online submission form. The purpose of this form is to make the university aware of your concerns, complaints, or questions regarding university policies or actions and help to resolve them. [File a Concern or Complaint here](#).

Employee-Employee & Faculty-Student Consensual Relationships

The University of South follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 4.8.4 regarding Consensual Relationships](#).

Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, Affirmative Action Policy

A Statement from the President of the University of South Dakota:

"Any form of harassment or discrimination hinders the learning process and disrupts the work environment. The University of South Dakota seeks to prevent harassment and discrimination through education and open dialogue, and where harassment and discrimination exists, to thoroughly investigate all claims."

Sheila Gestring, USD President

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy:

In accordance with the [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.4.4](#), the institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of Regents shall offer equal opportunities in employment and for access to and participation in educational, extension and other institutional services to all persons qualified by academic preparation, experience, and ability for the various levels of employment or academic program or other institutional service, without discrimination based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, national origin, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic recognized under applicable law. The Board reaffirms its commitment to the objectives of affirmative action, equal opportunity, and non-discrimination in accordance with state and federal law. Redress for alleged violations of those laws may be pursued at law or through the procedures established by the provisions of [SDBOR 1.4.3](#) of this policy.

For additional information contact:
Ashley Lemons

Director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX Coordinator
 Slagle Hall 205
 605-658-3665
 Email: ashley.lemons@usd.edu

Policies and Procedures:

The University of South Dakota is committed to providing equal opportunity without discrimination based on sex, race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, transgender, sexual orientation, religion, age, or disability. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to contact our office with questions and concerns relating to equal opportunity issues on campus.

South Dakota Board of Regents Policy Manual:

- [Number 1.4.1 Sexual Harassment](#)
- [Number 1.4.2 Prevention of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, & Stalking](#)
- [Number 1.4.3 Human Rights Complaint Procedures](#)
- [Number 1.4.4 Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination, Affirmative Action](#)
- [Number 4.8.4 Employee-Employee and Faculty-Student Consensual Relationships](#)
- [Number 1.4.7 Threat Assessment Procedures](#)

Resources/ Accommodations:

- [Office of Accessibility](#)

The following can be found in the [Coyote One Stop portal](#):

- Harassment and Discrimination Policies and Procedures Brochure
- Legal Basis References
- Web Resources

Contact:

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 Director of EO & Title IX Coordinator
 Slagle Hall 205
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Facility Use Policy

Facility Use Procedure

All room/event reservations must be made at least 3 working days prior to the event, consistent with [SDBOR 6.13 Facilities Use by Private Parties Policy](#), and completed during regular working hours Monday through Friday 8a.m. to 5p.m. Emergency reservations can be sent to the Central Scheduling Office, by [email](#) or by phone at 605-658-3563, and they will be accommodated if possible.

Facilities on the campus of The University of South Dakota are available to recognized student organizations, university departments, or groups that are integrally connected with USD, community members, camps, conferences, etc.

If you are a student, faculty, or staff member, please make a room reservation request using [25Live](#).

Outside organizations will need to contact the Office of Scheduling by [email](#) or by phone at 605-658-3563.

The Central Scheduling Office schedules many events, meetings, and conference rooms on campus (All MUC Spaces, MUC Ballroom, Farber Hall, Aalfs Auditorium, Danforth Chapel, and other various conference rooms and locations). Questions about reserving other spaces should be directed to the scheduler for that location:

- Classrooms and lecture Hall Spaces – classrooms@usd.edu
- Athletics Spaces – Jacob.Mutziger@usd.edu, 605-658-5500
- USD Outdoor Spaces – Facilities Management, fmwrkctr@usd.edu, 605-658-6100
- Al Neuharth Freedom Forum – mj@usd.edu, 605-658-6810
- Med School Vermillion spaces - LeeMedEvents@usd.edu
- Events in Med School Sioux Falls spaces - SFMedrooms@usd.edu
- Library Rooms - libraryrooms@usd.edu

Contact:

Central Scheduling

MUC 130

Phone: 605-658-3563

Email: scheduling@usd.edu

Firearms Policy & Storage Procedures

The University of South Dakota Dangerous Weapons and Firearms Policy 3.007

The University of South follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.4.5 regarding Safety in the Workplace and Educational Settings](#).

The South Dakota Legislature passed Senate Bill 100 allowing concealed firearms on all SD BOR Campuses.

What Does SB100 Do?

- Prevents public higher education institutions in South Dakota from restricting the lawful carrying, possession, storage, or transportation of concealed firearms and other self-defense items by individuals with the appropriate permits.
- Establishes limited exceptions where restrictions may apply for safety and security reasons.

Allowance for Firearms and Self-Defense Items

- Public institutions under the South Dakota Board of Regents and the Board of Technical Education cannot prohibit:
 1. Concealed firearms (for individuals with a restricted enhanced, enhanced, or reciprocal permit).
 2. Stun guns (electroshock weapons for self-defense), mace, pepper spray, or other chemical irritants (non-lethal self-defense tools).

Limited Exceptions for Restrictions

- Institutions may impose restrictions in specific high-risk areas, including:
 1. Hazardous material areas, such as locations with large amounts of flammable liquids, toxic chemicals, or gas cylinders.
 2. Research and manufacturing rooms, where airborne particles must be controlled.

3. Secure areas, including facilities requiring federal security clearance.
4. Special events, if security measures like metal detectors and armed personnel are in place.

Possession Requirements

- Individuals may only concealed carry with the required Restricted Enhanced Permit or Enhanced Permit, open carry is not authorized.
- When an individual is not concealed carrying a firearm or in possession of a self-defense item, it must be stored in a locked case or safe to prevent unauthorized access. See [Firearm Storage](#) below.

Firearm Permit Requirements and Attainment

In South Dakota, obtaining a Restricted Enhanced Permit or an Enhanced Permit involves the following steps:

- Meet Basic Eligibility Requirements
 1. Be at least 18 years old (21 years old for Enhanced Permit), a U.S. citizen or legal resident, a South Dakota resident for at least 30 days.
 2. Pass a background check (no felony convictions or disqualifying offenses).
- Complete Required Training
 1. Applicants must complete a qualified handgun safety training course approved by the South Dakota Secretary of State.
 2. The course includes instruction on firearm safety, self-defense laws, and live-fire shooting.
- Apply At The Local Sheriff's Office
 1. Submit an application and application fee in person at the sheriff's office in the county of residence.
 2. Provide proof of training, valid identification, and fingerprints.
- Background Check and Approval
 1. The sheriff's office forwards the application to the Secretary of State for review.
 2. If approved, the applicant receives a Restricted Enhanced Permit (18-20) or Enhanced Permit (21+).
 3. For more information visit the [South Dakota Secretary of State website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions About Firearms or Weapons under Senate Bill 100

When Did SB 100 Go Into Effect?

- July 1, 2025.

Who Does This Impact Within SDBOR?

- The law permits all students, employees, or visitors to campuses to concealed carry firearms, stun guns, or mace/pepper spray on SDBOR property, provided they are not in an area where firearm possession can be lawfully restricted.

What Are The Responsibilities of an Individual Who Lawfully Possesses a Firearm on SDBOR Property?

- Each individual who lawfully possesses the defined weapons is fully responsible for lawfully carrying, storing, securing, and safely using the concealed firearm, stun guns, or mace/pepper spray.

I Don't Have a South Dakota Permit, But I Have One From Another State. Can I Carry My Firearm Under SB100?

- The South Dakota Secretary of State's Office provides information about permits (including reciprocal permits) [here](#).

Can I Open Carry a Firearm?

- No, SB 100 only authorizes concealed carry with the required Restricted Enhanced Permit or Enhanced Firearm Permit.

What Happens If I Don't Comply With The Law On Permitted Weapons On Campus?

- Students and employees who possess, store, or use a weapon in a way that violates state law, SDBOR, or university policy may face disciplinary action under the relevant conduct policies. Visitors to the campus who fail to comply with state law or applicable policies may be required to leave an event or the campus until they can adhere to the necessary regulations.

What Can I Do If I Have A Concern With A Firearm in a Residence Hall?

- If it's an emergency or immediate safety concern, contact local law enforcement or university police immediately. If you have a non-emergent question or concern related to firearms in the residence halls, please contact residence hall staff, and they will assist in answering your questions or resolving your concerns in accordance with the university's housing policies and procedures.

Can Employees Restrict Weapons In Their Classrooms Or Offices?

- No, employees must follow the law related to restricted areas set by SD law and SDBOR or university policies. An employee may not individually determine where a restricted area is or otherwise limit the lawful carrying of a concealed firearm on SDBOR property.

Can I Find Out Who Has An Enhanced Permit or Restricted Enhanced Permit On Campus?

- This information is not public. Individuals may voluntarily self-identify as a person carrying a concealed handgun, but South Dakota law prohibits a university or university employee from keeping or maintaining a list or record of individuals who hold a permit to carry a concealed pistol.

Will My University Still Store My Hunting Rifle Or Weapon On Campus?

- Yes, SB 100 does not change existing SDBOR or university policies related to hunting rifles, shotguns, or other weapons. Most campuses provide a storage location for firearms not permitted on campus and will continue to do so. Firearm storage for concealed pistols is the individual owner's responsibility, but owners may utilize available university storage facilities.

Firearm Storage

Residential students and guests wishing to store firearms who do not have a personal vehicle in which to do so, or who wish to store in an alternate location from their vehicle, may store their firearm at the [University Police Department](#) storage facility at no charge. Storage at UPD offers security advantages, such as secured and locked storage, and UPD personnel's expertise and training in safe firearm handling.

UPD will provide storage of firearms belonging to USD students. For the safety of the property, students and UPD Staff the following [procedures](#) will be implemented:

1. Firearms may be checked in/out at anytime
Note: Students and guests are required to call UPD prior to their arrival to ensure a certified officer is available to assist them.
2. All students checking firearms in/out must have their USD Student ID. Guests must have a valid government issued photo ID

3. When checking firearms out, students or guests must also have the Weapon Storage Card that they received when they initially checked in their firearm
4. Firearms to be stored must be in a soft case or sock, (no hard cases) and have a trigger lock attached
5. Firearms without a trigger lock attached will not be accepted
6. Loaded firearms will not be accepted
7. All firearms to be stored will be checked through NCIC
Note: If the firearm is discovered to be stolen UPD Officers will place the firearm into evidence and may not release the firearm until the conclusion of an appropriate investigation
8. No firearm will be released to individuals displaying signs of impairment

Freedom of Speech

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 6.13.1](#) regarding freedom of speech.

Harassment Including Sexual Harassment

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in part, states:

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance"- Title 20 U.S.C. section 1681

Title IX of the U.S Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), 20 U.S.C. §1681, is a Federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities.

Under Title IX, discrimination on the basis of sex can also include sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual coercion.

For further information regarding Title IX please see:

[Title IX at the University of South Dakota](#)

[Title IX and Sex Discrimination, U.S. Department of Education](#)

South Dakota Board of Regents Policies:

1.4.1 Sexual Harassment

Discrimination based on a person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, disability, national origin, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic recognized under applicable law.

Any allegations and or complaints of discrimination and or harassment should be reported to:

Ashley Lemons
Director of EO & Title IX Coordinator
Slagle Hall 205
Phone: 605-658-3665
Email: ashley.lemons@usd.edu

1.4.2 Prevention of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Hazing

All allegations and or complaints of sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual coercion, and hazing should be reported to:

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***The university will strive to keep all reported information confidential, however, it may not be able to guarantee such a request if in doing so may potentially jeopardize the safety of the campus community or if other legitimate reasons may necessitate such disclosure.**

*Any person who either files a complaint or is a witness and or involved in any stage of the investigative process will not be subject to harassment, interference, intimidation, or retaliation.

Hazing - Stop Campus Hazing Act

Hazing: any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

- Is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- Causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including—
 1. whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
 2. causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
 3. causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
 4. causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
 5. any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
 6. any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
 7. any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty

Student Organization: "an organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution".

I. Procedures

- A. Incidents of hazing may be reported to the USD Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (SRR) via the Hazing Violation Reporting Form, located on the SRR website. Hazing incidents may also be reported to a USD Campus Security Authority in accordance with the Clery Act.
- B. The USD Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities is responsible for conducting investigations into reported hazing incidents.
 - i. The Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities or their designee shall conduct the investigation.

1. The investigator assigned must not have any actual or reasonably perceived conflicts of interest and biases for or against any party involved in the initial complaint. If the institution determines that an actual or reasonably perceived conflict of interest does exist, another individual must lead the investigation.
2. The investigator assigned must be trained to analyze and document the available evidence to support reliable decisions, objectively evaluate the credibility of parties and witnesses, synthesize all available evidence, including both evidence that tends to suggest a violation and evidence that tends to suggest no violation, and take into account the unique and complex circumstances of each case.
3. Following the initial investigation steps, the investigator will call for a meeting with the organization's president or designated member(s) from the organization's executive team. The advisor of the organization may be invited as well. Each party should be provided written notice in advance of any interview or hearing with sufficient time to prepare for meaningful participation.
4. If the investigation results in a finding that hazing did occur, the organization's president and advisor should be given adequate time to consult with the rest of the organization to develop a written action plan. This plan must address the hazing incident and include educational outcomes such as trainings, awareness efforts, policy or procedural changes, and other appropriate interventions.
5. The investigator will review the submitted action plan and may either accept it as submitted or make revisions to adequately address the incident. The organization's president and advisor may accept responsibility, and the proposed steps of the final action plan, or may opt for a formal resolution process.
6. In the event a formal resolution is requested, Student Rights and Responsibilities will make arrangements for a formal hearing, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct (SDBOR 3.4.1)
 - i. Appeal rights will be communicated to the involved parties once the formal hearing outcome has been determined. In accordance with Section 3.7. of the Student Code of Conduct, appeals must be made in writing to the Senior Student Affairs Officer no later than five (5) business days after the hearing outcome was received.
7. Once the investigation has concluded and a resolution has been determined, the investigator will create a written report to summarize any findings, any evidence that was found, and a copy of the final action plan.
 - i. A complaint against an involved student organization may be investigated in addition to any investigation involving the conduct of individual students.
 - ii. Non-student individuals alleged to be involved in hazing shall be referred to the appropriate University official.
 - iii. The investigator shall complete a Summary of Findings at the conclusion of the investigation and retain this summary for no less than five years.
 - iv. Reasonable efforts will be made to maintain the confidentiality of any reporting parties unless necessary to address the allegation at hand. This is to encourage witnesses of an incident to come forward without fear of retaliation. Persons who may be involved

- in the investigation of an allegation of hazing will not be subject to harassment, interference, intimidation, or retaliation.
- C. In accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, USD shares the information below on local, state, and tribal laws on hazing.
 - i. The City of Vermillion Municipal Code does not have any local ordinances that directly relate to hazing.
 - ii. The State of South Dakota does not have any codified laws that directly relate to hazing.
 - iii. USD encourages students and employees to consult with relevant tribal authorities for applicable laws governing behavior on tribal lands.
 - D. The university shall maintain a comprehensive education and awareness program for students, staff, and faculty on hazing awareness, hazing prevention, and how to report incidents of hazing, which shall include certain training. All training is grounded in best practices from national hazing prevention research and intended to stop hazing before hazing occurs. The schedule of provided training is reviewed annually to ensure effectiveness and relevance, with sessions offered during key academic milestones to maximize impact and participation. The university's primary prevention strategies include:
 - i. Provide mandatory online hazing prevention training for incoming students and returning students annually.
 - ii. Provide mandatory online hazing prevention training for Student Organization Advisors, Student Services Staff, Athletics Staff, and Fine Arts Staff with significant oversight of student performance
 - iii. Make hazing prevention training available to university faculty and staff and promote such training in a manner designed to reach such audiences.
 - iv. The university may provide or require in-person hazing prevention workshops for Student Organizations, Student Organization Advisors or Officers, or employees likely to be able to prevent incidents of hazing.
 - E. USD will maintain and report findings of hazing violations by any student organization within the Hazing Transparency Report.
 - i. The Hazing Transparency Report will include:
 - 1. The name of the student organization or group involved;
 - 2. The date the incident was reported;
 - 3. The date the investigation was initiated;
 - 4. A general description of the incident(s) and violation;
 - 5. Whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol and/or drugs;
 - 6. The outcomes of any disciplinary processes, including findings and sanctions.
 - ii. This report is updated biannually and is publicly accessible to inform students, families, and the broader community in order to promote the awareness, accountability, and prevention of hazing on campus. Incident reports will be maintained for 5 years following the finding and resolution.
 - F. On USD's public website, there is a statement notifying the public of the annual availability of their hazing statistics, including a link to the institution's annual security report, information about the institution's policies relating to hazing and applicable local, State, and Tribal laws on hazing, and the institution's Campus Hazing Transparency Report

Human Rights Complaint Procedures

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 1.4.3 regarding Human Rights Complaint Procedures](#).

Immunization Policy

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 2.2.1.2 regarding Immunization Requirements](#).

South Dakota Codified Law Immunization Requirements:

1. Immunization for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
 - 1.1 Required doctor's certificate of immunization must be provided to the institution.
 - 1.2 As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the student may present:
 - 1.2.1 Certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the student would be such that immunization would endanger the student's life or health;
 - 1.2.2 Certification from a licensed physician stating the student has experienced the natural disease against which the immunization protects;
 - 1.2.3 Confirmation from a laboratory of the presence of adequate immunity; or
 - 1.2.4 A written statement signed by the student that the student is an adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such immunizations. If the student is under the age of eighteen (18), the written statement shall be signed by one parent or guardian.
- 2 Timeline
 - 2.1 The institution shall require that the documentation from the student be submitted within forty-five (45) days after the start of classes.
 - 2.2 A student may register and be enrolled during the first semester period up to forty-five (45) days, however, for clinical programs these requirements must be met before matriculation to certain clinical sites.
 - 2.3 Every attempt should be made to collect this information at the time of admission.
 - 2.4 Students who are unable to ascertain their immunization status may obtain, at their own expense, the necessary tests and vaccination from the Student Health Service of their university.

State Epidemic - Measles, Mumps, or Rubella (MMR):

In the event the South Dakota State Department of Health declares an epidemic of measles, mumps or rubella, the institution involved shall provide to the State Department of Health a list of students who have not submitted immunization documentation.

1. Subsequent campus actions shall consider the advice and authority of the South Dakota State Department of Health.
2. Students who have no vaccination or immunity against the required preventable infectious diseases may be dismissed from the institution for the safety of that student or students.

Miscellaneous Vaccinations:

For the protection of the health of the students and because of the risks of exposure to infectious diseases, certain tests and immunizations are required. In part, these additional immunizations are part of the institution's ongoing affiliation agreements with third-party sites. This is not an exhaustive list as each institution may vary in mission and programming that partner with external agencies or organizations. Some of the more common immunizations required for internships or clinical placements include:

- Hepatitis B
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis
- Varicella
- Covid
- Annual Influenza

Each institution will compile information about current program-related vaccination requirements and make this information available to students along with other curricular and registration materials. If the immunization is a requirement for program enrollment, then this must be met prior to any registration. It will be the responsibility of the department of the specific health profession program to ensure that the vaccination requirement has been met.

Additional vaccinations may be highly recommended for campus residential living.

Waivers and Exemptions:

A student can request a waiver and/or an exemption for MMR under sections C.1 or E by first communicating with the institution they are enrolled. Each institution will establish a procedure for requesting a waiver or exemption. It is important to note that this exemption or waiver is only eligible for the institution and not for a third party. For some programs, waivers will not extend to third party organizations (i.e., clinical sites).

Failure to Provide Vaccination Record:

A student who fails to provide satisfactory documentation of his or her immune status shall not be permitted to continue classes except with proper approval for accommodation exempting them from any required vaccinations.

1. The student will be removed from the current class(es) after the forty-fifth (45th) day.
2. In the case of classes delivered in less than forty-five (45) days, students will not be able to register for or to attend classes beginning in a subsequent term.
3. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit a program from removing a student from a clinical placement or internship course prior to the timelines outlined above if vaccination is required by the facility hosting the internship or clinical placement.

Exemptions:

Students who are taking courses off-campus, such as on-line, correspondence, or through DDN. Exemptions to the MMR requirement will be considered if there is a medical or religious contraindication (form required).

Permanent Exemption

- A serious, chronic medical condition that contraindicates administration of vaccines on a long-term basis – [Physician Statement Required](#).
- Affiliation with an established religion, the doctrine of which prohibits vaccinations - completion of approved [University Form](#) or submission of hard copy personal statement required. Note: state law requires validation from a parent if the student is less than 18 years of age.
- Adverse reaction to the first MMR precludes administration of the second—physician statement required.

Temporary Exemption:

A medical condition of short duration that contraindicates administration of vaccines; the most common application of this waiver is linked to pregnancy – [Physician Statement Required](#).

In the event of an outbreak, students who are granted waivers and exemptions will be excluded from campus. Exclusion procedures will be determined at the point of the outbreak and will adhere to the advice of the South Dakota State Department of Health.

Please complete the required [Immunization Health History Form](#).

Students can log into their USD Application Portal and upload Immunizations MMR Series. Applicants that use an external application like CAS or Common App to apply for admission to USD will be sent an invitation to the USD Application Portal after their CAS/Common App is submitted and received by USD. All other applicants will create their login to the USD Application Portal when they create their application for admission.

Missing Student Policy

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 3.4.5 regarding a Missing Student](#).

Reporting a Student as Missing:

1. Any person may report a university student as missing by filing a report with the Assistant Vice President of Student Support Services in the Dean of Students office or the University Police Department. It is not necessary to wait until the student has been missing for twenty-four hours before making a report.
2. For purposes of this policy, a student is missing when the student's whereabouts are unknown and unexplained for a period of time that would be regarded as highly unusual or suspicious by persons familiar with the student's plans, habits, or routines.

Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. (An "eligible student" under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution at any age.) These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the University of South Dakota receives a request for access. A student should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the school official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

A student who wishes to ask the school to amend a record should write to the school official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record that the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student's right to a hearing re-garding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to provide written consent before the university discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without con-sent.

The school discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University of South Dakota in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law en-forcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance com-mittee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of the University of South Dakota who performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an educa-tion record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the University of South Dakota.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University of South Dakota to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

The [University of South Dakota's Policy 1.014](#) describes institutional implementation of the requirements of the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA), including its definition of directory information.

FERPA permits the disclosure of non-directory information from students' education records, without the consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in §99.31 of the FERPA regulations. Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, §99.32 of FERPA regulations requires the institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures. A postsecondary institution may disclose personally identifiable information from the education records without obtaining prior written consent from the student –

- To other school officials, including teachers, within the University of South Dakota whom the school has determined to have legitimate educational interests. This includes contractors, consultants, volunteers, or other parties to whom the school has outsourced institutional services or functions, provided that the conditions listed in §99.31(a)(1)(i)(B)(1) - (a)(1)(i)(B)(2) are met. (§99.31(a)(1))

- To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer, subject to the requirements of §99.34. (§99.31(a)(2))
- To authorized representatives of the U. S. Comptroller General, the U. S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the university's State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made, subject to the requirements of §99.35, in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures of PII to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf. (§§99.31(a)(3) and 99.35)
- In connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid. (§99.31(a)(4))
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school, in order to: (a) develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; (b) administer student aid programs; or (c) improve instruction. (§99.31(a)(6))
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions. (§99.31(a)(7))
- To parents of an eligible student if the student is a dependent for IRS tax purposes. (§99.31(a)(8))
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena. (§99.31(a)(9))
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency, subject to §99.36. (§99.31(a)(10))
- Information the school has designated as "directory information" under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11))
- To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, subject to the requirements of §99.39. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding. (§99.31(a)(13))
- To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding, subject to the requirements of §99.39, if the school determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense and the student has committed a violation of the school's rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him or her. (§99.31(a)(14))
- To parents of a student regarding the student's violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the school, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the school determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of 21. (§99.31(a)(15))

USD FERPA Notification Rights

Parental Notification of Drug/Alcohol Policy Violation

The University of South Dakota respects and follows South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 3.4.1 regarding Student Code of Conduct – Student Conduct Process - Sanctions.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits colleges and universities to inform parents of alcohol and other drug policy violations committed by their students who are under the age of twenty-one at the time of the violation. University of South Dakota (USD) personnel understand that parents are partners in responding to issues of substance use or abuse. Thus, it is USD practice to notify parents or guardians of their student's alcohol and/or

other drug policy violation when, in addition to the FERPA conditions, the violation occurred as follows:

1. The student is responsible for a second violation of South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 3.4.1, the Student Code of Conduct, concerning alcohol and other drugs, and the violation resulted in at minimum an imposition of disciplinary probation.
2. Violation(s) by the student, while enrolled at another institution under the control of the BOR, shall be considered a violation under this policy.
3. The Dean of Students or the Dean's designee will determine, in each instance, whether parental notification will be made. When a determination is made that parental notification is appropriate, notification of a parent or guardian shall be made in writing and mailed to the parent or guardian at the address on record. Students whose parents will be notified consequent to a conduct process may view a template of the notification letter in the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities.
4. Records of parental notification under this policy will be maintained in the Office of the Dean of Students or as otherwise designated.
5. In addition to the foregoing, USD policy provides for parental notification of alcohol and other drug violation or misuse without prior notice to the student in circumstances where action has been or will be taken to protect the safety of the student or other individuals.

Registered Sex Offenders

Registered sex offenders can be identified by contacting the local law enforcement officials in our host municipality. If you would like information regarding registered sex offenders who are actively enrolled or employed at The University of South Dakota, contact the Clay County Sheriff's Office at 605-677-7100. They will advise you regarding the information you may obtain and their guidelines for obtaining the information or the information can be accessed at the [Clay County Sheriff Website](#).

Not all sex offenders who may be attending or employed at the University of South Dakota reside in Vermillion or Clay County. Be sure to indicate to the local law enforcement agency you contact that you are either a current or prospective student or employee at the University of South Dakota and that you want to review the listing for this institution. The law enforcement personnel will respond by directing you to the correct information.

Sexual Assault Policy

The University of South Dakota is dedicated to fostering an environment that respects the rights of all individuals and values the promotion of both a work and educational environment free of gender bias. In accordance with federal and state laws and the policies of the South Dakota Board of Regents, the University of South Dakota takes an active role in addressing sexual misconduct on campus. This approach includes but is not limited to: the offering of programming designed to help prevent sexual assault, the prompt and efficient investigation of all reported incidents, and the provision of resources and services, as well as any other reasonable assistance requested under Title IX.

At USD, the University Title IX Coordinator serves as the point of contact for those seeking information or those wanting to report violations of human rights, acts of discrimination/harassment, sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and any other forms of sexual misconduct. If you have been subject to any type of sexual misconduct or would like more information on how the university can assist you, contact the Interim Title IX Coordinator or visit the [USD Equal Opportunity and Title IX website](#).

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South Dakota Board of Regents Policies:

Number 1.4.1 Sexual Harassment

Number 1.4.2 Prevention of Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, & Stalking

Number 1.4.3 Human Rights Complaint Procedures

The University of South Dakota is concerned with the personal safety of students, faculty, and staff, as well as aiding a person's ability to be responsible for his or her own safety. This mission is carried out by providing awareness of and educational opportunities about sexual assault, including rape, acquaintance rape, and other forcible and non-forcible sexual offenses. Good bystander behavior training is also offered. Several departments assist in this programming, including the USD Department of Public Safety, the Interim Director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX Officer, University Housing, USD Greek Life, and the Student Counseling Center.

The University educates the student community about sexual assaults and date rape through residence hall and student services programming each fall and throughout the academic year. All students are required to complete an online training program. The University Police Department offers sexual assault education and information programs to University students and employees upon request. Literature on date rape education, risk reduction, and University response is available through the Student Counseling Center.

If you are a victim of a sexual assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The University Police Department strongly advocates that a victim of sexual assault reports the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to the University Police and/or the Title IX Coordinator. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim;
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical/legal exam);
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention.

The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and the University Title IX Coordinator, or only the latter. The Title IX Coordinator will guide the victim through the available options and support the victim in his or her decision. Various counseling options are available from the university through the Student Health Center, Employee Assistance, and the Student Counseling Center. Counseling and support services outside the university system can be obtained through the Domestic Violence Safe Options services and Sanford Medical Center.

University disciplinary proceedings, as well as special guidelines for cases involving sexual violence, are detailed in the *Student Handbook*. The *Handbook* provides, in part, that the respondent and the complainant will each be allowed to choose two advisors to accompany them

throughout the process. Both the complainant and respondent will be informed of the outcome of the investigation as well as the informal and or formal disciplinary process.

A student violating the Board of Regents Harassment/Including Sexual Harassment policy could be subject to both criminal prosecution by the State of South Dakota as well as the imposed sanctions of the university disciplinary process which may include either suspension or expulsion for a first offense.

NON-CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES:

University Police Department (605) 658-6199 (Emergency 911 on campus)

Vermillion Police Department (605) 677-7070 (Emergency 911 off-campus)

Ashley Lemons, Director of Equal Opportunity & Title IX Coordinator (605) 658-3665

Kate Fitzgerald, Assistant Vice President for Student Support Services and Dean of Students (605) 658-3555

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCE PROVIDERS:

Safe Options Services (Confidential Provider) (605) 624-5311

Student Counseling Center (Confidential Provider) (605) 658-3580

Student Health (605) 677-3700 (Sanford Clinic Vermillion)

Smoke-Free Zone Policy

The University of South Dakota respects and follows [South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 4.7.2 regarding Smoking](#).

The University of South Dakota has an obligation to its employees, its students, and the public to take action known to protect people's health. Per South Dakota Codified Law (§§34-46-20), tobacco, as defined by this policy, includes vapor products. The use of tobacco and vaping products by employees or visitors compromises the responsibility of USD to provide a safe and healthy place to conduct business.

Smoking is not permitted on the campus of the University of South Dakota. Signs stating the policy will be posted across campus.

In accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the no-smoking policy would not apply to ceremonial and traditional rites. In residential facilities, University Housing should be notified in order to offer this exemption.

Compliance

Enforcement of this policy is the shared responsibility of all University of South Dakota personnel and students. All are authorized and encouraged to communicate this policy with courtesy, respect, and diplomacy, especially with regard to visitors. Violations of the policy may result in corrective and/or disciplinary action and should be reported to the supervisor, USD Human Resources, or the Dean of Students Office. Students may be referred to the conduct system.

Tobacco Cessation Opportunities

USD encourages all employees and students who use tobacco to quit. Tobacco cessation information and assistance is available online at the [South Dakota QuitLine website](#) and from the South Dakota QuitLine's toll-free number 1-866-737-8487.

Smoking Ban Policy

After reviewing the smoking ban resolution passed by the University of South Dakota Student Government Association and endorsed by the Faculty Senate, the USD Executive Committee voted to ban smoking on campus effective January 9, 2013.

Student violations of this policy may be reported to the Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities.

Employee violations are to be documented for supervisor/Dean follow-up, as well as evaluated for trends and patterns of noncompliance.

Solicitation of Students

University of South Dakota Sales and Solicitation Policy

The University of South Dakota adheres to Board of Regents policy 6:13. If a private party wishes to solicit or sell articles or services to students, they should contact the Office of Scheduling, by [email](#) or by phone at (605) 658-3563, to get more information.

Student Communications

University of South Dakota Student Communications Policy

The university provides a student email account for all students upon entering the university. The account is free of charge and currently remains active as long as the student remains actively enrolled. Students may opt in for an alumni email account to retain their university email address after graduation and additional information can be found in this [Coyote One Stop](#) article.

It is imperative that students understand that the university-assigned email address shall be the official means of communication. A student's failure to receive and read university communications in a timely manner does not absolve that student from knowing and complying with the content of such communications. The university has the right to expect that those communications will be read in a timely fashion. Instructions to add a student email account to a smartphone can be found in this [Coyote One Stop](#) article.

For information about official communications in emergency situations, please see the [Emergency Preparedness](#) webpage and the [Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications](#) section of the student handbook.

Student Employment Policy

All students who obtain employment with the University of South Dakota are required to complete and sign new hire paperwork including the I-9 Employment Verification form, W-4, Direct Deposit form, and Personal Data Statement. This paperwork can be completed in person at the department or Human Resources office or electronically via DocuSign*. For more information, please contact Human Resources at 605-658-3660 or visit [their website](#).

- All students who obtain employment with the University of South Dakota are required to complete and sign section 1 of the I-9 no later than the first day of employment. The department must complete and sign section 2 within three business days of the employee's first day of employment. Acceptable forms of identification are listed on the [I-9 form](#).

*All foreign national student employees must report to Human Resources to complete new hire paperwork on or before their first day of employment. Please visit the Human Resources office in Slagle 206 to complete paperwork. Contact Human Resources at 605-658-3660 if you have any questions.

Student Use of State Vehicles

You can review the [SD Fleet & Travel Management Policy & Procedure Manual](#) online.

Students may be permitted to use state vehicles in connection with activities carried out on behalf of the institution by academic or administrative organizations and be provided liability coverage if the following conditions have been met:

1. The student is an employee (being compensated by the university) and is driving the state-owned vehicle solely for business related to their university employment, which must be confirmed by a supervisor.
2. The student is an officially appointed volunteer of the university (and a [Volunteer Work Agreement form](#) is on file with the university human resources department) and is driving the vehicle solely for responsibilities related to his/her official volunteer status, which must be confirmed by a faculty advisor.
3. If students want to drive they need to sign up in [Agile Fleet Commander](#). Do not wait until the last minute to sign up as this process may take a few days. Please email [fleet](#) to ask for you to be guested into the State of South Dakota network. After you have been guested into the State of South Dakota network you will click the link. Sign in with your USD credentials and follow all necessary steps. After you have logged in, you will click the [Sign up Now!](#) feature. Enter in all information and press submit. Lastly you will wait until USD HR approves your profile. After your profile is approved you will get a welcome letter. All students must have their advisor, supervisor, or professor make fleet requests for them. No students are allowed to make fleet requests.
4. State-owned vehicles shall not be used to transport passengers who are not employees or formally appointed volunteers on official university business. State vehicles shall not be used for commuting to and from an employee's office and residence unless otherwise requested by the respective department administrator and approved by the Director of Fleet & Travel.
5. Falsified or missing documentation will result in the driver and vehicle having no liability coverage. The institution will be liable for any loss or damage to the state or others.
6. State vehicles must be fueled with gas upon return to the motor pool with the onsite fuel pumps using a fuel key. Vehicle must be vacuumed out with the onsite vacuum, available 24/7 for state vehicle use only.

Student Vehicle Regulations

The various institutions of higher education under the Board of Regent's control are authorized to establish necessary regulations governing vehicles, traffic, and parking appropriate for their respective institutions. Motor vehicles that are operated or parked on campus must have a registered permit and be operated in accordance with the [University Parking and Traffic Regulations](#). The University Police Department's non-emergency telephone number is 605-658-6199. USD Parking permits may be purchased at the Business Office in Belbas Center or online at [USD's Parking Website](#).

Tailgate Policy

USD Student Tailgating Policy

Grills: Propane/gas grills are preferred when tailgating. However, we ask that propane tanks be limited to the 5-10 gallon size. Charcoal grills are discouraged but permitted due to the waste they produce. Any charcoal should be disposed of in the designated charcoal waste bins.

Kegs: Kegs are permissible, however, groups providing kegs are also responsible for monitoring consumption and making sure those consuming alcohol are of legal age. (See Student Org Policy)

No glass containers: For safety considerations, we ask that all tailgaters do not bring glass containers into the area. No glass will be permitted.

Tailgate Lots:

- Tailgating is permitted in the following lots:
 - East Grass by Tennis Courts (Student Tailgating - Coyote Alley)
 - Lot B and D (Tailgate Nation)
 - Lots A (Priority Parking)
 - Lot C (ADA)
 - Yellow Lot A (West Grass Lot)
 - Yellow Lot B (Track/Soccer gravel lot)
 - Yellow Lot C (Lot 36)
 - Lot 39 (Orange Lot)
- Tailgating is NOT permitted in the following lots:
 - Lots 14, 15, 24
 - Wellness Center Lot (Priority Parking Overflow)
 - Any University of South Dakota lot located south of Cherry Street

Tents: Due to space constrictions, tents are only permitted in the grassy areas (with the exception of Tailgate Nation) of the DakotaDome pass parking lots. Tents placed in grass parking lots should be no larger than 10' x 10' and be placed immediately in front of or behind your vehicle. Tents in grass lots may not be placed in parking spaces or impede upon drive lanes. It is your responsibility to secure your tent. However, staking of tents is not permitted.

No External Stereo Systems Allowed: Out of courtesy to others using the same parking lots, only portable radio/stereo units will be permitted. House stereo units requiring an external power source will not be allowed.

Trash/Recycling: Please pick up and bag your trash before entering the game. Recycling bins are located at the DakotaDome entrances.

Small Gas Powered Generators Allowed: For space and safety reasons, large pull-behind generators are not permitted.

Re-Entry: Patrons must have their ticket in hand for re-entry to the DakotaDome.

Prohibited Items: The following items are prohibited in the DakotaDome:

- Animals (Service Animals Permitted)
- Any item deemed by USD staff to be inappropriate or may disrupt other fans' enjoyment of the game
- Artificial Noise Makers
- Tinted or opaque bags larger than 4.5" x 6.5"
- Bags larger than 12"x6"x12"
- Beach Balls/Frisbees
- Camera Attachments (Selfie Stick, Tripods, Monopods)
- Cans
- Coolers

- Drugs or Illegal Substances
- Electronic Cigarettes, Cigars, and Vaporizers
- Flammable Liquids
- Flasks
- Glass Bottles
- Laser Pens
- Outside Food and Beverage
- Pepper Spray
- Skateboards, Bikes, Rollerblades
- Tobacco Products
- Weapons or Explosives of any kind

Tailgating has long been a tradition with sporting events, especially on the collegiate level. The University of South Dakota (USD) encourages responsible and safe tailgating. This policy is intended to provide all who participate in tailgating at USD with a safe and enjoyable experience and environment.

The Student Tailgating policy, written and monitored by Student Services and the University Police, serves as the rules and regulations for tailgating. Student Services and the University Police reserve the right to modify these rules and regulations at any time to secure the safety and effective administration of the event.

PROCEDURES

1. The tailgate area will open four hours prior to kick-off and will close 30 minutes prior to kickoff. TAILGATING DURING THE GAME AND/OR AT HALF-TIME IS PROHIBITED.
2. Tailgate spots will be available on a first come, first reserve basis.
3. All individuals and/or groups are responsible for making sure their tailgating area is cleaned prior to departing for the game. Failure to comply with this rule may result in privileges rescinded for the remainder of the season and subsequent privileges will be reviewed after the season.
4. All furniture must be loaded into vehicles or removed from the tailgate lot one hour after the end of the game.
5. Open pit fires are not allowed. Charcoal and gas grills are permitted.
6. Any activity or device used to increase the consumption of beverages is prohibited. Examples of prohibited activities or devices include beer pong, flip cup, funnels, etc.
7. The State of South Dakota codified laws and USD policies will be jointly enforced by the University Police Department and USD Student Services. a. The State of South Dakota has set the minimum drinking age at 21 years of age. Underage alcohol possession or consumption is prohibited. b. The State of South Dakota has made it unlawful to provide alcohol to minors. Furnishing alcohol to minors is prohibited. c. South Dakota law makes it illegal to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated. d. South Dakota law does not permit unsealed alcohol containers in motor vehicles.
8. Alcohol beverages must be in a can, plastic bottle or a plastic cup. Glass is strictly prohibited.
9. The selling of goods (food, beverages, clothing, etc...) is prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced. Only authorized groups and/or individuals will be allowed to sell in this area.
10. Violations of this policy may result in forfeiting all privileges associated with tailgating at subsequent games and a ban from the tailgating area.

Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications

USD Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications policy

In order to keep the campus community informed about safety and security issues on an ongoing basis, all Title IV institutions are required to have a timely warning and emergency notification policy.

In the event a Clery Act reportable crime is reported, that occurred within the last 15 days, within the USD Clery geography, a “timely warning” will be issued. In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that constitutes a threat to members of the campus community, a “emergency notification” will be issued. The timely warning and/or emergency notification will be issued through the USD Campus Alert system (Everbridge), which includes notification through email, text message, mobile app, and telephone. Notice may also be sent through alternate or additional methods of communication and may be posted on the USD homepage.

Voter Registration

As a citizen of the United States, you have the right to vote in county, state, and national elections. As a part of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1998, Congress directed schools receiving federal financial aid to assist students who have not yet registered to vote.

As a South Dakota resident, you may obtain a voter registration form at the [Secretary of State's website](#).

If your home state is other than South Dakota, you may obtain a voter registration by using the [national form](#).

Winter Weather Policy

Classes will be canceled this winter when road and weather conditions warrant. Administrative offices will remain open for business when classes are canceled. On occasion, the weather will not be severe enough to cancel classes but may pose driving conditions requiring extreme caution. If conditions are too severe, students are advised to stay home rather than take unnecessary risks. Faculty will accommodate students missing class under these circumstances.

Faculty will immediately notify their respective department offices in the event they are unable to make class. Students seeking individual class cancellation information should contact the faculty member or the faculty member's department.

In the event staff are unable to travel to campus due to weather conditions, [SD Board of Regents 4.1.11 Emergency Closing Policy](#) allows the taking of annual leave, accrued comp time, leave without pay, or staff may adjust their work week with the approval of their supervisor. In extreme cases, it may be necessary to close administrative offices as well as cancel classes. In that event, food service, public safety, and facilities personnel will continue to provide essential services on campus.

Student Code of Conduct

SD Board of Regents Policy 3.4.1 Student Code of Conduct

Consumer Disclosures

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 100-215) (HEOA) was enacted on August 14, 2008, and reauthorized the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). The HEOA contains numerous federal reporting disclosure requirements for information from various areas of higher education institutions. A disclosure requirement is information the University of South Dakota is required by the U.S. Board of Education to make available to consumers.