ARE YOU READY FOR WHAT COMES NEXT?

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in completing your graduate studies at the University of South Dakota! We are the largest provider of graduate education in the state of South Dakota. As the flagship public institution in South Dakota we are guided by our vision: “To be the best small, public flagship university in the nation built upon a liberal arts foundation.”

Graduate education builds upon your foundational knowledge and skills and will open new doors in your future. As a graduate student, you will be challenged intellectually and pushed to expand your horizons academically and professionally. Our mission is to provide you with excellent academic preparation and extraordinary opportunities for research, creative scholarship, clinical experiences and internships. Take the next step forward; join a USD graduate program today!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth M. Freeburg
Beth Freeburg
Dean of the Graduate School
The LEADER IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

TOP RANKED STATE
South Dakota named lowest cost of living and affordable places to live

OVER 30 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
Best National Universities U.S. News & World Report

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Challenging and exhilarating, graduate school will shape your future.

This is a rare chance to reform and refocus your knowledge and to work side-by-side with scholars and professionals on initiatives that impact the world. Graduate school presents an opportunity to further develop your undergraduate research and knowledge, to strengthen your academic path or grow your skills in a new direction. It can expand your professional qualifications and provide an avenue toward a more rewarding career with options that give you the edge in the workforce, boost your earning potential and prepare you to lead your organization or community.

With programs of distinction in business, education, fine arts, health sciences, humanities, law, medicine, sciences and social sciences, the University of South Dakota is dedicated to inspiring academic excellence through world-class faculty, nationally recognized research and enriching experiences for our students.

Weekly Earnings by Degree Level

Earnings by educational attainment. Median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers aged 25 or older, 2021.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2021

Graduates from USD are found in leadership positions around the world.

70% of the attorneys in South Dakota graduated from USD

48% of the physicians
Expand and diversify your career options by choosing a liberal arts institution.

What you know today will be out-of-date sooner than you think. In our evolving, globalized world, a liberal arts degree from USD focuses on character- and life-building values to create well-rounded, positive leaders in our rapidly changing society.

Learning how to learn by learning how to think enables you to reinvent yourself for many professional career tracks. You will graduate from USD with the tools and skills needed to adapt to changes and thrive in a variety of contexts.

At the heart of a liberal arts education is the desire to broaden the mind. An advanced degree from USD will allow you to expand your critical thinking skills and expose you to a wide range of diverse subjects. This is about more than just getting a degree—it’s about a robust and world-class education that will serve you throughout your career and life.
EDUCATION ABROAD
The world is your classroom.
Transform your outlook on the world through a study abroad experience. Gain an employment edge by working with people from a variety of cultures and diverse backgrounds, build your network with USD faculty and discover global destinations for academic research projects or future job opportunities.

Upcoming programs for graduate credit:
• Canada: Human Rights, Indigenous Populations and Health Care
• Costa Rica: Health Sciences Administration and Leadership
• Guatemala: Cultural Humility and Clinical Outreach
• Netherlands: Addiction Prevention, Stigma and Trauma
• New York City: Art History

usd.edu/gc

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
AND NETWORKING
Meaningful engagement leads to student success.
Aside from practicing your craft with like minds, you’ll also get to utilize it outside the walls of your classrooms. Through organizations, relationships with regional businesses and alumni across the world, you will make connections and develop professionally. USD alumni generously make themselves available to network and answer student questions.
RESEARCH & CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP
Real experience through research.

At USD, the faculty you learn from are experts in their fields; nationally renowned researchers, accomplished scholars and driven leaders all call USD home. They will provide you with the knowledge and individual guidance necessary to participate in ongoing research. With more than $114 million in research investment over the past five years, USD offers research and creative activity opportunities in all disciplines across campus. We offer leadership and real-world experiences beyond the classroom, and we teach you to communicate clearly and solve complex problems—skills that are highly valued by top employers.

Cutting-edge Facilities

A quality education requires a superior learning environment. You’ll have access to high-quality labs, research centers and institutes to conduct leading research in your area of interest. In addition to individual research, USD hosts multi-disciplinary competitive research centers that foster academic excellence and spur economic growth.

TOP PROGRAMS & FACILITIES

• GEAR: Graduate Education & Applied Research Center
• South Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network
• TRAC: Technology Readiness Acceleration Center
• Missouri River Institute
• South Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network
• USD Discovery District
• W.O. Farber Center for Civic Leadership

A full list of research centers can be found online.

> usd.edu/research
We ARE...

**ACHEIVERS**
As the largest provider of graduate education in the state we develop quality and nationally-ranked programs. More than half of the teachers, physicians and attorneys in South Dakota are USD graduates.

**WELCOMING**
Nearly 2,400 graduate students attend USD from 46 states and 29 countries. USD’s commitment to creating a welcoming community prepares you for living and working in a society with varied backgrounds.

**YOUR HOME**
The university’s 274-acre tree-lined campus in Vermillion, South Dakota has manicured green lawns, sculptures and a park-like educational setting. USD has recently invested more than $270 million in campus improvements to infrastructure.

**ACCREDITED**
A sign of extraordinary quality, USD has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) since 1913. USD graduate programs have specialized accreditations from their professional accreditation bodies. Learn more at usd.edu/about-usd/accreditation.
FLEXIBLE
The university’s graduate and professional programs are offered on campus, off campus and online with the flexibility, convenience and affordability you desire. As the state’s largest provider of online courses, USD specifically designs programs to meet the unique needs of adult learners with the flexibility to continue working while pursuing education to advance in your career field.

ACROSS THE REGION
Through off-campus centers in South Dakota, USD provides access to educational opportunities designed to meet the needs of non-traditional learners in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and across the region.

GLOBAL REACH
You will study with internationally renowned faculty in programs recognized worldwide for excellence and value. At USD, you will live and learn in a safe and secure environment in one of the nation’s best small college towns.

WHEREVER You ARE
"It was affordable on my current teaching salary. USD allowed me to expand my knowledge in music education. The online program fits the typical public or private school music teacher extremely well and every assignment has been taken directly back to my classroom and implemented."

Laura Engles
M.M. Music Education
Des Moines, Iowa

“USD has allowed me to better round out my education. I could focus on subjects that were immediately applicable and relevant to my career. The master’s in interdisciplinary studies complimented my MBA with additional business, law, leadership and marketing courses. The online coursework allowed me to balance my family life, work life and education.”

Richard E. Hintz, MBA
M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies
Vice President, Daktronics
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

“There’s no better time than now! Going to school to be a nurse is one of the hardest things you’ll ever do. I don’t think there’s an easy fix for the bumpy parts but it is one of the most rewarding careers and it’s worth it.”

Erica Larson
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Garretson, South Dakota

“While about halfway through my MBA journey, I received a promotion at my organization! One of the great aspects of USD’s MBA program is that it is at your pace. I chose to set the pace at two classes per semester for two years. I really appreciated that the classes could be flexible to accommodate my schedule.”

Katelyn Conover ’14, ’20
Business Administration
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
“My undergraduate professors in Georgia recommended USD for my Master of Music program. After researching the program and applying, I was offered a graduate assistantship. I was impressed with its high level of excellence, knowledgeable professors and professional connections to help me reach the next level.”

Bradley Sowell
M.M. in Vocal Performance
Vermillion, South Dakota

“USD provided me with a solid foundation to pursue my interests through the lens of education. Especially in areas of social entrepreneurship, arts activism and administration. The fully online format was very easy and smooth, allowing flexibility and immediate impact in my work.”

Dakota McMahand
M.A. in Educational Administration & Leadership
Los Angeles, California

“I didn’t want to narrow my scope with a counseling degree, and multiple colleagues advised me that a Master of Social Work (MSW) is more versatile and would open more doors for my career. I found the online MSW program at USD and was able to balance it with my family and a full-time job, and I just loved it.”

Brittany O’Day, MSW
Victim Specialist for FBI
Minneapolis Division

“After discovering USD was the best university for art and design in the region, I applied to the program and was offered a position as a graduate teaching assistant in the graphic design program. I have gained the ability to communicate with students and have developed new team-building skills within the classroom to promote harmony. The international community at USD is active and I’ve had numerous opportunities to connect with students from all over the world.”

Anita Shrestha, MFA
Master of Fine Arts - Graphic Design
Kathmandu, Nepal

“I learned firsthand the quality of the education at USD through my undergraduate degree, so when I heard about the new doctoral program I was excited to go back and pursue my Ph.D. in Sustainability. As a graduate teaching assistant, I honed my teaching pedagogy, developed critical thinking skills and advanced my academic writing to impact and prepare for my future ambitions of becoming an assistant professor.”

Jacinda Maassen
Ph.D. in Sustainability
Vermillion, South Dakota

“More employment opportunities were available to me in the areas of consulting, care management and possibly teaching after I earned my master’s degree in addiction counseling and prevention.”

Janet Bently-Jones, M.A.
Addiction Counseling & Prevention
Longview, Washington

“USD had all the important things that I was looking for in a graduate school, so I decided to go to USD and discovered it was one of the best decisions I’ve made in my life. The diversity at USD is a great way to learn about different cultures around the world. The students, faculty and community people are very friendly and welcoming.”

Anudeep Ballu
M.S. in Computer Science - Informatics
Software Engineer, USGS EROS

“As a Pennsylvania native, I get the ‘WHY SOUTH DAKOTA?’ question all the time.

USD went above and beyond to set up my in-person visit, they relieved my doubts about moving halfway across the country and connected me with current grad students to answer my questions. The Doctor of Audiology program is a hidden gem led by renowned audiologists who teach, conduct research and supervise clinics in their expertise.”

Nicklaus Arra, Au.D., CCC-A
Pediatric Audiologist
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

“I believe if you want to make an impact in this world you have to get comfortable being uncomfortable.”

Nicholas Page
Master of Professional Accountancy
Des Moines, Iowa

Through my participation in the Global Asset Management Education forum in New York City, Financial Management Association alumni meeting in Chicago and the Global Immersion Program trip to Hong Kong, I had the privilege of viewing the world through different lenses and learning how I could make a difference. The more you practice getting out of comfort zone, the easier it will become and hopefully that transfers over to taking on difficult problems.”
USD is the largest provider of graduate education in the state of South Dakota and offers on-campus, off-campus and flexible online options. The USD Graduate School is committed to providing a quality education that includes:

- A vibrant and diverse student atmosphere
- Faculty with active research and creative scholarship opportunities
- Personal and individualized attention
- Convenience and affordability

THE HEART OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

For more than 125 years, the College of Arts & Sciences has been the heart of the liberal arts education at the University of South Dakota.

Our students graduate with the skills employers seek—the ability to think creatively and analytically, to communicate effectively and to work with others to solve complex problems.
THE OLDEST AND LARGEST ACADEMIC UNIT

With nearly 60 program options in the humanities, social sciences and sciences, we provide the greatest range of programs in the state of South Dakota. We offer a wide range of academic programs including Master of Science, Master of Public Administration, Doctor of Philosophy and graduate certificates where you can work closely with world-class faculty, gain hands-on experience and develop the skills necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

For a complete list of graduate programs offered through the College of Arts & Sciences visit us online at:

usd.edu/arts-and-sciences

EXCEL THROUGH REAL-WORLD OPPORTUNITIES

We’ve all had a teacher that has changed our lives. The faculty in the USD School of Education prepare and support reflective professionals and leaders by creating, sharing and applying knowledge to offer you the chance to follow in their footsteps and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. We believe that reflective leaders are skilled educators whose practices and decisions draw upon the best available theory, research and experiential wisdom.

usd.edu/education
NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED, TOP-RANKED AND AFFORDABLE PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS

The right business school can have a significant impact on your long-term career success. The Beacom School of Business is dedicated to offering nationally-recognized superior programs. Our reputation is built on the quality and success of our students who hold responsible positions in public accounting firms, prominent businesses, hospitals, government and higher education throughout the United States. Consider specializing in areas of business analytics, finance, health services administration, marketing and operations and supply chain management.

USD’s online MBA has ranked in the top 25 for eight consecutive years! Beacom School of Business students and faculty have access to a new, state-of-the-art finance and analytics lab. The lab contains 12 Bloomberg Terminals; advanced computer hardware and software for analysis and data visualization; access to a vast amount of corporate data, research, news and analytics to facilitate interdisciplinary research; and study and simulation tools to enable financial decision-making.

AACS International accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in management education. USD’s Beacom School of Business has been continuously accredited by the AACS International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACS) since 1949.

Less than 5% of business schools worldwide have earned this prestigious designation.
BRINGING TOGETHER FUTURE LAWYERS

As the premier South Dakota law school since 1901, we uniquely prepare our students to practice law all over the country. Ranked as a national leader in judicial clerkships, we don’t just help you graduate with a first-class education, but we prepare you for a lifelong law career. We make our J.D. degree affordable, meaning you’re getting a world-class education from a leading, flagship university while paying only a fraction of the tuition cost you might pay at other schools. Joint degree options are available.

Approved since 1923, the Knudson School of Law is accredited by the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association. It has also been a member of the Association of American Law Schools since 1907.

usd.edu/law

THE EXPERTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Sanford School of Medicine is South Dakota’s only medical school. Dedicated to providing an exceptional student education, we strive to provide thoughtful and inspirational pathways to leading research. Faculty at USD are responsible for nearly two-thirds of all competitive grants at the university and work closely with research centers in the state and nation. Areas of research include:

• Anatomy and structural biology
• Biochemistry
• Cancer biology
• Cellular biology
• Immunology
• Microbiology
• Molecular biology
• Neuroscience
• Pharmacology
• Physiology

usd.edu/medicine
DEVELOP YOUR CREATIVE TALENTS

For more than 125 years, the USD’s College of Fine Arts has encouraged students to pursue their chosen professional field in art, music or theater through their study with nationally recognized faculty who are working professionals. The College of Fine Arts is the ultimate playground for your creative imagination. Collaborate with other artists while using the latest technologies and extraordinary opportunities for real-world experience. Our small class sizes give you the chance to work closely with professors, gain inspiration and become challenged to achieve excellence in your own unique voice in whichever artistic medium you choose.

The college offers opportunities for additional real-world experiences through working with guest artists, study tours abroad and opportunities at the National Music Museum and the University Art Galleries on the Vermillion campus and the Black Hills Playhouse in Custer State Park.

usd.edu/music  usd.edu/art

The Department of Art is accredited by the National Associate of Schools of Art and Design; the Department of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music; and the Department of Theatre is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. The American Association of Museums accredits the National Music Museum.

As the only college in the state offering the BFA, MFA, Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees, you will undoubtedly find something that fits your interests.
STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

USD has two performance spaces, the Wayne S. Knutson Theatre and the Arena Theatre. The Knutson Theatre is a 400-seat theatre with 30 line sets, full-width side tabs and state-of-the-art equipment. The Arena Theatre is a flexible space capable of seating up to 70 patrons and is the primary room for acting, directing and voice class. The department is equipped with studio space for invigorating dance, movement dynamics, and stage combat, as well as a fully-stocked scenic, property, and costume studios - a dream come true for any performer!

usd.edu/theatre

NEW COMPETITION POOL & NINJACROSS

The state-of-the-art 50-meter competition pool will feature two movable bulkheads, which enable the pool to be divided into three separate zones allowing for three simultaneous, unique activities. The space will also include seating for 400 people.

One of the most exciting features of the expansion is the addition of a NinjaCross system, a fully customizable obstacle course that can be raised or lowered from the ceiling in under 60 seconds.

usd.edu/wellness

COMING IN FALL 2024

This 31.25-million-dollar project will add an estimated 45,800 gross square feet to the wellness facility to house a new indoor competition pool, wellness pool, aquatic obstacle course, wet classroom, hot tub, steam room, locker rooms, meet management rooms, coaches offices and lifeguard rooms.
**FLEXIBLE**

**CONVENIENT**

**& AFFORDABLE**

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**Pathways to Your Professional Degree**

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**Accountancy (MAcc)***
- Accounting Analytics
- Business Management
- Finance
- Leadership

**Addiction Counseling & Prevention (M.A.)***
- Co-occurring

**Administration (M.S.)***
- Addiction Studies
- Criminal Justice Studies
- Health Services Administration
- Human Resource Management
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Long-Term Care Administration
- Nonprofit Management
- Organizational Leadership

**Art (MFA)**
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

**Audiology (Au.D.)**

**Basic Biomedical Sciences (M.S.)**

**Basic Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.)**
- Cancer Biology
- Cardiovascular Biology
- Infectious Diseases
- Molecular Biology & Genetics
- Neuroscience
- Physiology and Pharmacology

**Biological Sciences (Ph.D.)**
- Conservation Biology**
- Integrative Biology
- Neuroscience

**Biology (M.S.)**
- Conservation & Biodiversity
- Neuroscience**

**Biomedical Engineering (M.S.)**
- Medical Product Development & Manufacturing

**Biomedical Engineering (Ph.D.)**

**Biomedical Sciences/Physician Scientist (M.D./Ph.D.)**

**Business Administration (MBA)***
- Business Analytics
- Business Leadership**
- Finance
- Health Services Administration
- Marketing
- Operations & Supply Chain Management
- Sustainability**

**Business Analytics (M.S.)**

**Chemistry (M.S.)**

**Chemistry, Materials (Ph.D.)**

**Communication (M.A.)**

**Computer Science (M.S.)**
- Artificial Intelligence
- Informatics

**Counseling & Psychology in Education (MA)***
- Clinical Mental Health
- Human Development & Educational Psychology*
- School Counseling

**Counseling & Psychology in Education (Ed.S., Ph.D.)**
- Human Development & Educational Psychology
- School Psychology

**Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)**
PROFESSIONAL DEGREE

ENHANCE YOUR CURRENT DEGREE

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

- Addiction Counseling and Prevention*
- Alternative Teacher Certification*
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)*
- Artificial Intelligence
- Artificial Intelligence for Business Analytics
- Arts in Health*
- Bioethics (M.D. only)
- Bioinformatics
- Business Analytics*
- Business Leadership**
- Child & Adult Advocacy Studies *
- Disaster Mental Health*
- Dyslexia**
- Geospatial Analysis
- Indian Law (J.D. only)
- Long-Term Care Management*
- Marketing*
- Mathematics, Advanced*
- Mathematics*
- Mental Health Counseling*
- Museum & Archive Studies
- Nonprofit Management*
- Operations & Supply Chain Management*
- Piano Pedagogy
- Public Health*
- Public Management, Leadership
- Public Policy, Techniques
- Science, Technology & Math Pedagogy*
- Special Education Alternative Teaching**
- Technology Development & Entrepreneurship

* Has online options, see program description. ** Pending SDBOR approval.
PROGRAM INDEX

Choose from over 80 high-quality, nationally recognized and affordable graduate and professional programs.

As the oldest public university in the state, USD serves as the flagship and only public liberal arts university in South Dakota. Programs are offered on campus, off-campus and online.

> usd.edu/grad-programs

ACCOUNTANCY

Master of Accountancy (MAcc)
Beacom School of Business

To prepare for a career in public accounting, this program provides specialized training in accounting and enables you to meet the 150-hour educational requirement to sit for the CPA exam. Choose the general accounting, accounting analytics, business management, finance or leadership specialization to customize the program to your field of interest. The flexible online option is ideal for professionals to advance their careers while remaining in the workplace. The Beacom School of Business has had International AACSB accreditation since 1949. Learn more at usd.edu/macc.

DELIVERY: On campus | Online

ADDICTION COUNSELING & PREVENTION

Master of Arts in Addiction Counseling & Prevention (M.A.)
School of Health Sciences

For nearly 50 years, our nationally-ranked, NASAC-accredited program has prepared students with skills in alcohol and drug prevention, education, counseling and treatment. You will be eligible for the highest level of addiction/prevention credentialing. Earn your master’s in as little as 33 credit hours, or as many as 45, depending on your background. It has an optional co-occurring specialization is available. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-acp.

DELIVERY: Online

Graduate Certificate

Prepare to meet the increasingly complex needs of alcohol/drug patients, as well as the increasing educational and professional expectations of employers. The certificate focuses on science-based addiction education to provide the highest quality counseling in substance use. It meets 15 of the 21 specialized academic credit hours required for credentialing. Accredited through NASAC. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-acp.

DELIVERY: Online

ADMINISTRATION

Master of Science in Administration (M.S.)
College of Arts & Sciences

Ideal for mid-career professionals working in governmental agencies, nonprofit and social service organizations, health care and education—or any organization that provides public services. Choose one or two specializations in the areas of addiction studies, criminal justice studies, health services administration, human resource management, interdisciplinary studies, long-term care administration, nonprofit management and organizational leadership. We don’t require an admissions entrance exam. Learn more at usd.edu/msa.

DELIVERY: Online

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Graduate Certificate
College of Arts & Sciences

This certificate focuses on the development of artificial intelligence (AI) tools for different purposes, including machine vision (e.g., robotics), machine learning for big data, data analytics, the internet of things, and information retrieval, in which data may include web-based medical text and cultural heritage documents. Learn more at usd.edu/online-AI-business-analytics.

DELIVERY: Online

ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Graduate Certificate
School of Education

This 15-credit certificate leads to teaching certification outside of traditional teacher education programs. Ideal for those with a bachelor’s degree in non-education fields who want to transition to K–12 teaching. Students need to pass the appropriate state-designated pedagogy test, adhere to the SD Code of Professional Ethics for Teachers and receive sign-off from an employing school.

Learn more at usd.edu/alt-teach-cert.

DELIVERY: On campus

ART

Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
College of Fine Arts

Whether you’re interested in teaching, becoming a professional artist, or both, the MFA is a professional, practice-oriented terminal degree program representing the highest level of achievement in the visual arts studio discipline. You’ll have courses and field-based internship opportunities to help you develop innovative and mature portfolios. Choose a specialization in graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking or sculpture. Accredited by NASAD since 1979. Learn more at usd.edu/art.

DELIVERY: On campus

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Graduate Certificate
Beacom School of Business

With AI technologies gaining prominence in the business sphere, this certificate program aims to prepare students to proficiently grasp and implement artificial intelligence and cognitive technologies to tackle diverse business challenges and focus on systems and solutions that replicate human-like reasoning.

Learn more at usd.edu/online-AI-business-analytics.

DELIVERY: Online

EDUCAION

Master of Science in Education (M.S.Ed.)
College of Education

Choose one or two specializations in the areas of addiction studies, criminal justice studies, health services administration, human resource management, interdisciplinary studies, long-term care administration, nonprofit management and organizational leadership. We don’t require an admissions entrance exam. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-programs.

DELIVERY: Online
DELIVERY: On campus
molecular biology and genetics, neuroscience, and physiology and systems physiology and structural biology. The Ph.D. member and emphasize individual choice in the development of investigation and research under the direction of a faculty ca
Pursue interdisciplinary graduate education and begin your Sanford School of Medicine
Doctor of Philosophy in Basic Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.)
BASIC BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
DELIVERY: On campus | Online
AUDIOLOGY
Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences
The program provides you with the scientific and clinical knowledge and skills needed for the practice of audiology in an environment that values teaching and clinical excellence and mentorship. Clinical experiences at the USD Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic and its affiliates include comprehensive behavioral and physiologic diagnostic and rehabilitative audiologic services with individuals aged infant through elderly, as well as specialized clinic rotations in areas of audiology electrophysiology, central auditory processing disorders, cochlear implant services, fetal alcohol syndrome and autism spectrum disorders and more. Accredited by ASHA since 1974. Learn more at usd.edu/aud.
DELIVERY: On campus
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences (Ph.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences
The Ph.D. is the highest degree in biology and offers a general track as well as specializations in integrative biology or neuroscience. Faculty are currently researching areas of aquatic and terrestrial ecology, conservation biology, sustainability, ecotoxicology, plant and animal physiology, molecular biology, neuroscience, cell biology, developmental biology, genetics and evolution. Learn more at usd.edu/bio-sci.
DELIVERY: On campus
BIOETHICS
Graduate Certificate
Sanford School of Medicine
During the final 18 months of your medical education, you have the opportunity to take electives that will complete a 12-credit certificate in bioethics. With training in bioethics, you will learn the moral, ethical, legal and social issues physicians face in medicine. Learn more at usd.edu/bioethics.
DELIVERY: On campus
BIOINFORMATICS
Graduate Certificate
College of Arts & Sciences
The 12-credit hour bioinformatics certificate focuses on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools for biomedical engineering and biology-related projects. It aims to leverage machine learning and data science tools and techniques for data analysis, decision-making and data visualization by taking big data related to biomedical and healthcare informatics into account. Learn more at usd.edu/bioinf.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online
BIOLOGY
Master of Science in Biology (M.S.)
College of Arts & Sciences
The program is intended for students choosing to gain experience in scientific research with professional goals in biology, such as graduate education; working for a federal or state agency or non-governmental organization; securing employment in industry; or teaching in higher education. The master’s degree offers a general track as well as a specialization in conservation and biodiversity. Research areas include aquatic and terrestrial ecology, conservation biology, sustainability, ecotoxicology, plant and animal physiology, molecular biology, neuroscience, cell biology, genetics and evolution. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-biology.
DELIVERY: On campus
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (M.S.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering (Ph.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences
The biomedical engineer serves as an interface between traditional engineering disciplines and living systems, applying the patterns of living organisms to engineering design or new approaches to human health. The master’s program focuses on the application of engineering and science methodologies to the analysis of biological and physiological problems and the development and delivery of health care technologies. It includes an accelerated option for current USD students and has an additional medical product development and manufacturing specialization. The Ph.D. program prepares you for a career as a researcher who advances the frontiers of biomedical science and engineering. Focus on generating new ideas through applications that analyze biological and physiological problems to develop and deliver new health care technologies. Learn more at usd.edu/bme
DELIVERY: On campus (GEAR Center)
BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYST
Graduate Certificate
School of Health Sciences
Learn how to address the behavioral needs of individuals in areas of general and special education, organizational management and gerontology. This flexible certificate establishes a pathway to obtain BCBA® certification. The majority of this certificate is online with one hybrid course, HSC 604: Behavior Assessment, to provide students supervised guidance so it requires some face-to-face meetings at the USD-Sioux Falls location. Available through fall 2023 semester. Learn more at usd.edu/BCBA.
DELIVERY: On campus
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Beacom School of Business

The MBA is designed to foster leadership and problem-solving skills with the following concentrations: artificial intelligence for business analytics, business analytics, business leadership, finance, health services administration, marketing, operations & supply chain management and sustainability. Accredited by AACSB since 1949.

Learn more at usd.edu/mba.

DELIVERY: On campus | Online

BUSINESS ANALYTICS

Master of Science in Business Analytics (M.S.)
Beacom School of Business

This on-campus program offers in-depth expertise in data management and analysis to equip you with data-driven decision-making skills. Learn the latest concepts and techniques to analyze business data to predict future performance, identify opportunities and increase productivity. Learn more at usd.edu/online-business-analytics.

DELIVERY: On campus

Graduate Certificate

This online certificate optimizes business processes to strengthen your decision-making through science and data analysis to solve problems. Learn more at usd.edu/online-grad-csci.

DELIVERY: Online

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP

Graduate Certificate**
Beacom School of Business

Expand your leadership capacity in the application of strategic planning. Enhance your skills to better navigate business complexities with improved decision-making and move into leadership and coaching positions. **pending BOR approval

DELIVERY: On campus | Online

CHEMISTRY

Master of Science in Chemistry (M.S.)
College of Arts & Sciences

The master’s program prepares you for the doctoral program, enter professional programs or be employed in chemical industries. The doctoral program prepares you for a career as a researcher in academia or industry. Both programs address critical needs in energy, catalysis, security, health and environmental remediation. The program has been accredited by the American Chemical Society (ACS) since 1941. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-chem.

DELIVERY: On campus

CHILD & ADULT ADVOCACY STUDIES

Graduate Certificate
School of Health Sciences

Focusing on ethical, realistic and culturally sensitive content, this certificate provides professionals working with vulnerable populations a foundation for responding to maltreatment. Become equipped to advocate on behalf of victims and survivors of maltreatment. Learn more at usd.edu/online-caast.

DELIVERY: Online

COMMUNICATION

Master of Arts in Communication (M.A.)
College of Arts & Sciences

Explore interpersonal identities, relationships, cultures and new forms of media. After completing foundational coursework, you will plan a course of study from communication studies, media & journalism or other related departments. Prepare for doctoral study, teaching at the secondary and post-secondary levels, and leadership positions. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-comm.

DELIVERY: On campus

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Master of Science in Computer Science (M.S.)
College of Arts & Sciences

Computer science is a field with critical workforce needs, especially in the areas of software development, data analysis, computer networks and cybersecurity. Gain a broad-based core of advanced knowledge and choose a specialization in informatics, big data analysis or artificial intelligence. Ideal for students who plan to continue their graduate education, work for national laboratories and federal/state agencies and secure employment in private industry or post-secondary education. This program has been accredited by ABET since 2017. Learn more at usd.edu/csci.

DELIVERY: On campus

COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGY IN EDUCATION (CPE)

Master of Arts (M.A.)* & Specialist in Education (Ed.S.)
School of Education

The division delivers specializations in three separate areas: Counseling (clinical mental health or school counseling), School Psychology, and Human Development and Educational Psychology. All school-related programs are accredited by CAEP. The counseling specialization is accredited by CACREP and prepares you for licensure and certification. The school psychology specialization is accredited by NASP. Learn more at usd.edu/cpe.

DELIVERY: On campus | Online

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Doctor of Education in Curriculum & Instruction (Ed.D.)
School of Education

Through this program, you will build comprehensive skills and gain the knowledge to become an innovative leader in education to pursue careers as master teachers, C&I specialists, supervisory personnel, academic coordinators, teachers and coordinators in universities, and educational specialists in state departments. Coursework may be taken in elementary, secondary or special education to meet your specific career goals. Accredited by NCATE since January 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/cur.

DELIVERY: On campus

DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH

Graduate Certificate
College of Arts & Sciences

Ideal for existing mental health professionals or as a supplement to graduate training, this online certificate prepares you in responding to disasters, terrorist attacks and public health emergencies. The Disaster Mental Health Institute (DMHI) is a leading agency in the world in the field of disaster psychology and has been involved in cutting-edge education, research and response since 1993. Learn more at usd.edu/online-dmh.

DELIVERY: Online

DYSLEXIA

Graduate Certificate**
School of Education

This certificate prepares practicing teachers with the knowledge and skills to work with students with dyslexia. Topics covered include dyslexia assessment and diagnosis, evidence-based practices, interventions, and strategies for literacy. **pending BOR approval

DELIVERY: Online

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION & LEADERSHIP (EAL)

Master of Arts (M.A.) & Specialist in Education (Ed.S.)
School of Education

The educational administration and leadership programs are designed with several specialization options to customize the program to fit career paths for school district superintendents, principals, special education directors, curriculum directors, adult educators, and higher education administrators. The programs can be taken on campus, online or via a hybrid learning environment. Accredited by NCATE since 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/eal.

DELIVERY: On campus | Online
DELIVERY: On campus

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Elementary Education (M.A.)
Master of Arts in Elementary Education (M.A.) - Plus Certification
School of Education

This master’s program provides you, the classroom teacher, an opportunity to study in greater depth all curriculum and instructional areas related to teaching in preschool, kindergarten, the elementary grades or child care-related settings. This convenient and flexible online option allows you to continue your employment as you become a leader in your field. Earn your general master’s degree or specialize in reading specialist/literacy coach, STEM education or add certification. The School of Education has been accredited by NCATE since 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/online-eled.
DELIVERY: Online

ENGLISH

Master of Arts in English (M.A.)
Doctor of Philosophy in English (Ph.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences

Explore English literature and classes in 19th and 20th-century British and American literature, from Shakespeare to the postmodern novel. Small in size, the programs emphasize a solid foundation in general literary studies that provide you with the broad knowledge to be able to work in your areas of thesis specializations. The degrees offer excellent preparation for further graduate study or for employment in any field that values critical thinking, strong writing skills and research experience. Choose from specializations in creative writing and literature at the master’s level or literary studies in creative or critical concentrations at the doctoral level. Most graduates of the English Ph.D. program pursue careers in higher education. Current USD undergraduate students may choose from an accelerated degree option.
Learn more at usd.edu/English.
DELIVERY: On campus

GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS

Graduate Certificate
College of Arts & Sciences

Learn new ways to collect and analyze data. Geospatial analysis requires the ability to use geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing and may require the ability to use equipment and hardware that integrate with the software including sensors and drones. It offers an additional credential for those looking to work in fields such as soil and plant science, environmental science and landscape management.
Learn more at usd.edu/grad-geospatial.
DELIVERY: On campus

HEALTH SCIENCES

Master of Science (M.S.) in Health Sciences
Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences (Ph.D.)
School of Health Sciences

The M.S. and Ph.D. online programs are designed for the practicing health care professional who wants to assume leadership roles in academia, research and/or health and human services practice settings. The core curriculum is comprised of four content themes: teaching, leadership, advanced practice and scholarship. The M.S. program has an applied behavior analysis specialization which establishes a pathway for graduates to obtain BCBA certification. These flexible programs have resident experiences and a week-long dissertation boot camp to jump start your dissertation.
Learn more at usd.edu/onlinephd-hs.
DELIVERY: Online

HISTORY

Master of Arts in History (M.A.)
College of Arts & Sciences

A master’s degree in history will prepare you to become a teacher, historian, archivist, political scientist or archaeologist. Library holdings at USD for graduate research are especially strong in regional, Native American and 20th-century U.S. history. Graduate students receive individual attention from faculty and have funds for research and opportunities to present papers at regional history conferences.
Learn more at usd.edu/grad-history.
DELIVERY: On campus

INDIAN LAW

Graduate Certificate
Knudson School of Law

Earn a tangible credential that will assist those working in-house for tribes, firms that serve tribes, government agencies and related areas. The certificate will enable law graduates to demonstrate competency in federal Indian law and tribal law to potential employers and will provide a strong foundation in those areas.
DELIVERY: On campus

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (M.A.)
Graduate School

This flexible program can be tailored to meet your educational goals by allowing you to choose coursework from many different academic disciplines to design your own program of study. Consider courses in business, administration, education, and health services administration.
Learn more at usd.edu/onlinemais.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

“USD helped me become the teacher I am today by providing opportunities in the community to grow and learn through doing.”

Abby

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

ABBY TURBAK

WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA

University of South Dakota School of Education alumna Abby Turbak ’10, ‘11 recently received a 2022-23 Milken Educator Award. Hailed as the “Oscars of Teaching,” Milken Educator Awards inspire and uplift with the unique stories of educators making a profound difference for students, colleagues and communities.

Turbak received both her bachelor’s and master’s in elementary and early childhood education from USD. She credits her time at the university for giving her valuable hands-on experiences that shaped her style of teaching.

Photos courtesy of the Milken Educator Awards website.
"The faculty at USD have been supportive, always available and very easy to work with," Ashley said. "I am learning so much about the history of the nursing field, the more technical sides of informatics and new valuable leadership skills."

KINESIOLOGY & SPORT MANAGEMENT
Master of Arts in Kinesiology & Sport Management (M.A.)
School of Education
Prepare for careers in corporate fitness, management, facility operations, performance enhancement, and athletic administration. The exercise science specialization focuses on human performance training and aligns with the guidelines of the National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA). The sport management specialization provides expertise in the business of sport for careers as an athletic director, event coordinator or facility manager.
Learn more at usd.edu/grad-ksm.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

LAW
Juris Doctor (J.D.)
Knudson School of Law
Programs are varied and respond to the evolving and dynamic needs of the legal profession. We offer course tracks in business law, civil litigation, commercial law, constitutional law, criminal law and procedures, employment law, estate planning, Indian law, real estate and tax law. Established in 1901, the School of Law offers joint degree programs leading to the juris doctor/master's degree (concurrently) in nine disciplines. Accredited by the American Bar Association since 1923 and has been a member of the Association of American Law Schools since 1907. Learn more at usd.edu/law.
DELIVERY: On campus

LONG-TERM CARE MANAGEMENT
Graduate Certificate
Beacom School of Business
Meet the needs of the aging and long-lived population through this online certificate. Gained skills in management, quality, finance and culture so that you are better positioned to facilitate change. Students will take one class per semester to complete the program in one year. Learn more at usd.edu/online-ltcm.
DELIVERY: Online

MATHEMATICS
Master of Arts in Mathematics (M.A.)
Master of Science in Mathematics (M.S.)
College of Arts & Sciences
Open the door to professional development. Ideal for high school teachers seeking to earn a master’s degree or for people seeking employment in other fields. The M.S. is for students who want to go on to a Ph.D. program. Coursework covers advanced topics that will prepare you to take qualifying exams in math Ph.D. programs. Learn more at usd.edu/math.
DELIVERY: On campus

Graduate Certificates
College of Arts & Sciences
The online graduate and advanced mathematics certificates are an 18-credit sequence of programs designed for current high school math teachers who are either enrolled in or have completed a master's degree, are interested in obtaining credentials to teach dual credit math courses. Learn more at usd.edu/online-mathcerts.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

MARKETING
Graduate Certificate
Beacom School of Business
Focus your career path with strengths in creativity, market analysis and strategic marketing with a curriculum that examines factors in purchasing as well as skills in developing and managing a brand. Examine the product development process from conception through rapid prototyping, forecasting demand, production and launch. Learn more at usd.edu/online-marketing.
DELIVERY: Online

MEDICINE
Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)
Sanford School of Medicine
Established in 1907, it is the only four-year medical doctor degree in the state. This is a multi-campus program with the first three semesters based in Vermillion and the last five semesters based in Sioux Falls, Rapid City or Yankton. There is also a Frontier And Rural Medicine (FARM) program available for selected students. A thorough knowledge of the integrated basic biomedical sciences is emphasized during your first three semesters. During semesters four and five, you are trained in a longitudinal integrated clerkship program and the final three semesters, clinical rotations are available in multiple disciplines, with medical education available in many communities. Learn more at usd.edu/med.
DELIVERY: On campus

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
Graduate Certificate
School of Education
Many states, including South Dakota, have moved or are moving to a required 60 hours of training for mental health counseling licensure. This 100% online certificate program may provide the additional coursework required to obtain the 60-credit hour licensure requirements. The courses will be provided by a CACREP approved counseling program at USD and provide training in clinical supervision, crisis intervention, co-occurring disorder counseling, psychopathology and psychopharmacology. Learn more at usd.edu/online-mhc.
DELIVERY: Online

NURSING
ASHLEY HERRITY | SIOUX FALLS, S.D.
For Ashley Herrity, pursuing her master’s degree was less about advancement or income but more about equipping herself for the future. The online program was a great option for Ashley because she could complete the degree online while she kept her full-time job. "The faculty at USD have been supportive, always available and very easy to work with," Ashley said. "I am learning so much about the history of the nursing field, the more technical sides of informatics and new valuable leadership skills."
MUSEUM & ARCHIVE STUDIES
Graduate Certificate
College of Arts & Sciences
Gain the professional training and internship opportunities you need to work in the museums and archives profession. Learn management practices, such as leadership, organizational behavior and resource development. Cover topics such as exhibition development and design, visitor engagement and museum law and technology. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-history
DELIVERY: On campus

MUSIC
Master of Music (M.M.)
College of Fine Arts
This master’s degree provides multiple paths of specialization to dive deep into your area of interest. Whether you choose music history, conducting, collaborative piano or performance, it offers opportunities for musical performances, concerts, marching band competitions, festivals and recitals. The online music education specialization requires one three-day summer workshop. Accredited by NASM since 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/music
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT
Graduate Certificate
College of Arts & Sciences
Designed to give those interested in nonprofit management an opportunity to further develop their skills, this certificate focuses on nonprofit administration, fundraising, personnel management, grant writing, team building and budgeting. It requires two core courses and two elective courses to complete the program of study. Learn more at usd.edu/online-nonprofit-mgmt.
DELIVERY: Online

NURSING
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)
Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)
Doctor of Nursing Anesthesia Practice (DNAP)
School of Health Sciences
Ideal for nurses in mid-level nursing management positions, the MSN and DNP nursing degrees at USD are flexible and offered online. The MSN offers advanced preparation in informatics, health care technologies and analytics while the DNP focuses on the roles at the leadership level. The DNAP (on campus) prepares RNs to become Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) with an educational background and skills to provide anesthesia care and advanced technologies. Learn more at usd.edu/nursing
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY
Doctor of Occupational Therapy (OTD)
School of Health Sciences
You will gain a holistic perspective that considers the physical, psychological and social needs of your clients and understand the importance of adapting the environment to fit the person. The new Sanford Coyote Sports Center, a state-of-the-art building, offers teaching, learning and clinic space all in one location. Choose areas of specialization in mental health, neuroscience & rehabilitation, rural/under-served populations or pediatrics. Accredited by ACOTE since 1993. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-ot
DELIVERY: On campus

OPERATIONS & SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT
Graduate Certificate
Beacom School of Business
Gain in-depth knowledge of supply chain management, network relationship integration, quality and process methods and project management. Get up-to-speed with lean management strategies and Six-Sigma techniques so you can apply theory and service in your day-to-day processes. Learn more at usd.edu/online-oscm.
DELIVERY: Online

PHYSICAL THERAPY
Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)
School of Health Sciences
The curriculum provides skills in leadership, ethics, service and patient-centered care serving medically underserved and rural clinic environments. It focuses on evaluation, treatment planning, the performance of tests, client education, consultative services, and supervision of support personnel. This program has been accredited by CAPTE since 1993. Learn more at usd.edu/pt
DELIVERY: On campus

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES
Master of Science, Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.)
School of Health Sciences
Physician assistants have the training, flexibility and agility to respond immediately to the demands placed on the U.S. health care system. The 24-month master’s program promotes and supports excellence and professionalism, fosters an evidence-based approach to patient care, advances an interest in primary care to rural and under-served populations and supports the ideal of a competent, caring and compassionate physician assistant. Our PA program has been nationally accredited by ARC-PA since 1995 and awarded accreditation-continued status. Learn more at usd.edu/pa.
DELIVERY: On campus

PHYSICS
Master of Science in Physics (M.S.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics (Ph.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences
An advanced degree in physics will prepare you for positions in academia, industry and national labs. The goal of the program is to focus on research areas germane to the needs of the Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF). Current areas of research include nuclear/particle physics and particle astrophysics involving next-generation neutrino detection, double beta-decay, dark matter searches and gravitational wave detection, as well as condensed matter physics concentrating on novel low background radiation materials and devices. Students who wish to specialize in analytics for large data sets will pursue coursework from the statistics/analytics and computing areas to include data mining, machine learning, applied statistics and analytics programming. Learn more at usd.edu/physics.
DELIVERY: On campus

PIANO PEDAGOGY
Graduate Certificate
College of Fine Arts
Ideal for students who seek to advance their keyboard skills without seeking an advanced two-year degree in piano, this certificate is flexible and is available to piano teachers working in the field who have developed their piano studio or who wish to start a piano studio and desire additional advanced training. These individuals are often working on certification for the Music Teachers National Association, a national organization that seeks to promote and uphold professional standards for music teachers. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-music
DELIVERY: On campus

PSYCHOLOGY
Master of Arts in Psychology (M.A.)
Master of Science in Psychology (M.S.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology (Ph.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences
USD offers the state’s most comprehensive psychology program with graduate training leading to a Ph.D. degree with specializations in clinical psychology or human factors. Human factors professionals explore the interaction of humans and technology, testing the designs of systems, tasks, machines, tools and environments. Clinical psychologists focus on rural communities, cross-cultural differences with a focus on Native Americans, disaster mental health, first aid, trauma and substance abuse. The clinical psychology program has been fully accredited by APA since 1971. Learn more at usd.edu/psychology.
DELIVERY: On campus
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Executive Master of Public Administration (EMPA)
Master of Public Administration (MPA)

College of Arts & Sciences

The EMPA is offered online for working public service professionals who seek to advance their understanding of administration in public and nonprofit organizations. It is taught by the same faculty that teach on campus. The on-campus MPA program prepares you with a strong theoretical background, as well as an experiential component to provide a practical experience. Lead and manage organizations; participate in the policy process; analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions; articulate and apply a public service perspective; and communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.

The MPA is fully accredited by NASPAA since 1983. Learn more at usd.edu/public-admin or usd.edu/onlineempa.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

PUBLIC HEALTH

Master of Public Health (MPH)
School of Health Sciences

This online master's program develops public health practitioners and leaders to address the public health needs of rural communities. Offered in partnership with South Dakota State University, the program adopts an interprofessional approach in addressing the five core areas of public health. The MPH degree is the most widely recognized professional credential for practice and leadership in public health. Learn more at usd.edu/public-admin or usd.edu/onlineempa.
DELIVERY: Online

Graduate Certificate in Public Health

Ideal for students in all health professional programs, this certificate in public health will explore fundamental concepts in public health, epidemiology and the application of public health concepts in program development. Expand your knowledge of public health and understand the application of public health concepts in clinical practice. Learn more at usd.edu/online-ph-cert.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP

Graduate Certificate

College of Arts & Sciences

This certificate in leadership in public management offers an important set of skills from a rich history of academic work. The skills are especially applicable for public and nonprofit sector employees who, after a few years of experience, find themselves managing others. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-polisci.
DELIVERY: On campus

PUBLIC POLICY, TECHNIQUES

Graduate Certificate

College of Arts & Sciences

The graduate certificate allows current professionals an opportunity to further develop their skills in data analysis, statistical techniques and financial methods. Courses have a generalist focus, designed to prepare you with a strong theoretical background as well as practical skills. We strive to provide a quality education that is flexible and meets weekly in the late afternoon or evenings to meet your busy schedule.

Learn more at usd.edu/grad-polisci.
DELIVERY: On campus

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & MATH PEDAGOGY

Graduate Certificate

School of Education

Conveniently offered online, this 12 credit-hour certificate provides competency to teachers for integrating science, technology and mathematics (STEM) content into K–12 education. It applies to practicing elementary, middle and secondary teachers, as well as to those who pursue a master's in elementary education, secondary education or any STEM field.

Learn more at usd.edu/grad-polisci.
DELIVERY: Online

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Secondary Education (M.A.)
Master of Arts in Secondary Education – Plus Certification (M.A.)

School of Education

The master’s degree program in secondary education is for secondary school personnel who are interested in enhancing their knowledge and skills necessary for leadership roles in education. Ours is a program that is theoretically laden and research-based. You will have a significant role in deciding your own master’s level professional development in an affordable and timely manner. Earn your general master’s degree or specialize in an area of reading specialist/literacy coach, STEM education or add your certification. If you hold a baccalaureate degree in areas equivalent in content to an approved USD teaching major, this program also provides an opportunity to become certified to teach at the secondary level. Current undergraduate USD students may choose the accelerated program when specializing in STEM education once they reach 90 credit hours. The School of Education is accredited by NCATE since 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-polisci or usd.edu/online-seed.
DELIVERY: Online

SOCIAL WORK

Master of Social Work (MSW)
School of Health Sciences

Advance your career to leadership positions in social work and service to others. Graduates of the Master of Social Work program delivers clinical and therapeutic services, administrative and staff supervision, policy analysis, and community planning and organization. These skills are designed to effectively meet the needs of the citizens in the state and region. Just one of 11 universities in the nation to utilize the Path to Licensure program, we blend in-person or online learning with hundreds of hours of hands-on field education. It automatically qualifies you to take the master-level exam. Since 2011, graduates have passed the exam at a rate exceeding the national passage rate by over 17%. You can choose from two tracks. If you possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited program in social work, choose the 36-credit hour advanced standing concentration. Applicants with an undergraduate degree other than social work can apply for the 60-credit hour regular standing concentration. Full-time and part-time status is available as well as a 100% online program for those who do not live near campus. The program has been fully accredited by CSWE since 1974. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-socialwork.
DELIVERY: On campus | Online

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Special Education (M.A.)
School of Education

This master’s in special education is intended for individuals who wish to work with students with special needs. You will learn about effective teaching strategies and ways to create meaningful learning experiences for these children. Each student’s interests, background and needs are considered when developing the program of study. Areas of specialization include advanced specialist disabilities, early childhood special education and multicategorical special education K–12. This degree is flexible and provides additional opportunities for those not needing or wanting certification. Students who wish to pursue initial teacher licensure and/or special education certification may pursue the multicategorical specialization. Accredited by NCATE since 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-polisci.
DELIVERY: Online

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology (M.A.)
College of Arts & Sciences

The graduate program in speech-language pathology provides broad-based academic, clinical and research preparation to
prepare you as a speech pathologist. You may work in many different research, education and health care settings such as public hospitals, rehabilitation centers, community and mental health services, schools, kindergartens and specialist organizations. Learn to treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults. The two-year, post-baccalaureate program consists of coursework and on-site clinical practica, followed by two semesters of full-time, external internship placements. Accredited by ASHA since 1974. Learn more at usd.edu/slp.

DELIVERY: On campus

SPECIAL EDUCATION ALTERNATIVE TEACHING

Graduate Certificate
School of Education
Gain the necessary knowledge and skills to teach students with special needs. This certificate is a stand-alone option for teachers who hold valid teaching credentials in South Dakota. Coursework covers classroom management, instructional methods, IEPs, assessment and evaluation, positive learning environments, adapting curriculum and technology integration. Upon completion, you will become certified to teach K-12 Special education in the state.

DELIVERY: Online

SUSTAINABILITY

Master of Science in Sustainability (M.S.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Sustainability (Ph.D.)
College of Arts & Sciences
Sustainability is an interdisciplinary field of study, and the disciplines provide resources for sustainability pedagogy and research. Our rural location presents amazing hands-on research opportunities through the Missouri River Institute and its projects supported through the National Science Foundation. USD’s faculty has expertise in all three areas including environmental sustainability expertise through departments of biology and chemistry; social sustainability expertise through departments of political science, sociology, anthropology and philosophy; and economic sustainability through the Beaumont School of Business. USD is the second university in the U.S. to offer sustainability degrees at the bachelor’s, master’s and Ph.D. levels. Prepares you for careers in the areas of sustainable practices, natural resource management, renewable energy, community planning and non-governmental organizations focused on sustainable development and education. Learn more at usd.edu/grad-sustainability.

DELIVERY: On campus

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Graduate Certificate
Graduate School
Featuring a blend of STEM education and real-world training in business analysis and technology evaluation, this value-added credential offers tangible support for graduates facing a competitive job market. Think critically across disciplines and solve practical problems through real-world interactions with inventors, business leaders and area experts which provide education beyond the classroom. The academic fields for the certificate include, but are not limited to, biomedical engineering, business, chemistry, basic biomedical sciences, biology, computer science and physics. Learn more at usd.edu/tde.

DELIVERY: On campus

TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Master of Science in Technology for Education & Training
School of Education
Become an expert in emerging technologies and develop tech-infused learning environments. Become proficient in multimedia, web authoring, instructional programming, computer hardware and more. You will develop skills to apply new tools to your learning process and effectively integrate new technologies into your classroom. The School of Education has been accredited by NCATE since 1956. Learn more at usd.edu/onlinemstet.

DELIVERY: Online

THEATRE

Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
College of Fine Arts
The MFA is designed for the student seeking a career in professional theatre or higher education. You may choose to specialize in directing or theatre/technology to attain a broad knowledge of the theatre and its companion arts and a high level of analytical and communicative skills. Through intensive craft studies, close student-mentor relationships, supportive coursework, and extensive production application we encourage personal and creative growth. This program has been accredited by NAST since 1991. Learn more at usd.edu/theatre.

DELIVERY: On campus

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

JOSHUA GAINES | WICHITA, KANSAS

While he was working for the Salvation Army, Joshua Gaines ’20 began to search for an advanced degree that could be helpful to his work. He found USD’s EMPA and knew the 100% online program was the best fit for him to grow and develop as a leader at the Salvation Army. Now as the nonprofit organization’s regional business administrator, Joshua uses the skills and knowledge he gained through the program every day.

“...I increased my knowledge and understanding of how administration functions in any setting. I feel extremely comfortable with facing society’s biggest challenges with the knowledge I gained from USD.”

Joshua

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Joshua
ACCESS TO EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT

From specialized academic support to professional development opportunities, USD is committed to providing you the tools you need to thrive in your program and beyond. Whether you’re a first-year graduate student or nearing the end of your program, these resources can help you achieve your goals and make the most of your graduate school experience.

- Academic & Career Planning
- Gallagher Center for Experiential Learning & Education Abroad
- Graduate & Professional Student Association
- Graduate School
- ITS Service Desk
- Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
- Opportunity Center
- University Libraries
- Writing Center

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DISABILITY SERVICES
Accessibility Services is committed to providing services and support to ensure that students are able to access and participate in all of the activities, programs and services at USD. Learn more at usd.edu/disabilityservices.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES
Sanford Vermillion Medical Center provides USD students with health care at an affordable cost. All currently enrolled USD students who pay the General Activity Fee each semester are eligible to use Student Health. Learn more at usd.edu/shs.

YOUR WELL-BEING
The health and well-being of our students is our top priority. At USD, we provide students with access to free or reduced services for any mental, emotional or physical needs.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
From concerts to Division I athletics to more than 120 student organizations and clubs, there are endless possibilities to get involved. Whatever your interest, we can help you develop the knowledge and skills you need to become a leader.

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GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS
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NO RESIDENCY FEES
USD’s online tuition rates are some of the lowest in the country and don’t vary based on where you live. With our one-flat-rate tuition plan, you can gain a competitive advantage without the worry of hefty debt when you graduate.
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TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAMS
Make your graduate education affordable through the following programs:
• Graduate Transfer Scholars Program
• Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)
• Reduced tuition for South Dakota teachers
• SD Advantage resident tuition program
• Technology Readiness Acceleration Center (TRAC)
• Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)

FEDERAL OR PRIVATE LOANS
To qualify for federal sources of aid, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). List USD’s federal code of 003474 on your application. Private education loans are offered by some lenders and state governments. Visit the Office of Financial Aid website for details.
  » usd.edu/financial-aid

SCHOLARSHIPS
Browse through scholarships on the graduate website. We recommended submitting your applications early.
  » usd.edu/gradscholarships

RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY GRANTS
Faculty and students pursue research in virtually all academic departments on campus, and in many cases, research or creative scholarship is a required portion of the graduate programs.
  » usd.edu/professional-development

MILITARY & VETERAN BENEFITS
Veterans’ Services proudly fosters and encourages the USD’s military community on-campus, online and overseas. We focus on academic achievement and career transition.
Veterans Services is a one-stop office where service members, veterans and their families can and meet with an academic advisor regarding your application for military education benefits.
Learn more about the GI Bill, eligibility for benefits and the Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP).
Through our office you can additionally receive support, find services and programs, and have accessibility to disability and counseling services.
  » usd.edu/veterans-services
LIVING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

The state of South Dakota has a philosophy that focuses on friendly people, family and personal fulfillment. From the beautiful wide-open spaces of the Black Hills, Badlands and the Missouri River to our famous national monuments, South Dakota has the nation’s best hunting and fishing, strong economy, low cost of living, affordable housing, low traffic congestion and low crime rate.

With the second lowest unemployment rate in the nation, South Dakota is a great state for college graduates to get a job. Plus, the tuition rates for graduate programs are very affordable, making it a great state to earn an advanced degree in.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economics, dakotaroots.com, bestplaces.net, livability.com, cnbc.com

QUALITY OF LIFE

People in South Dakota are friendly, generous and family focused. The low cost of living provides a higher quality of life making South Dakota a great state to raise a family.

#2 BEST STATE for quality of life, overall well-being and happiness

A GROWING ECONOMY

#1 BEST STATE for starting a business

#1 TOP STATE for credit conditions

#2 LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT rate in the nation
DEMOGRAPHICS
Centrally located in the heartland of the Midwest, South Dakota has both small and large communities that are near metros with regional and national airports. The nearest international airport is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MORE BANG FOR YOUR BUCK
Living in South Dakota makes your dollars go further. The adjusted value of $100 in South Dakota is $113.38 vs. $84.37 in Hawaii.
You are HERE

1. Lee Medicine & Science Building
2. Pardee Estee Laboratories
3. Churchill-Haines Laboratories
4. Danforth Chapel
5. Davidson Building
6. Dean Belbas Center

Tailgate and cheer on the Division I Coyote athletics.

A building like no other—not a single right angle.

On-campus suite and apartment-style living.

Charlie's campus store has all your USD gear and textbook needs!

Shhhhh! The I.D. Weeks Library is one of the best study spots on campus.

You won't find Bill Nye the Science Guy here, but you'll still find cool research and science experiments.

Work up a sweat in our state-of-the-art wellness and workout facility.

Chill out with friends and grab lunch at the MUC.

Only 8 blocks to downtown for shopping, dining & pubs.
TAKE THE VIRTUAL TOUR AT TOUR.USD.EDU

7. Delzell Education Center
8. Old Main
9. Dakota Hall
10. East Hall
11. Slagle Hall & Aalfs Auditorium
12. McKusick Technology Center
13. Arts & Sciences
14. Al Neuharth Media Center
15. Beacom School of Business
16. USD Knudson School of Law
17. DakotaDome & Sanford Coyote Sports Center
18. Coyote Village
19. I.D. Weeks Library
20. Muenster University Center
21. Lillibridge Track Complex
22. Wellness Center
23. Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts
24. Center for Continuing Education
25. North Complex
Whether you are a recent college graduate or have been out in the workforce for years, you may often ask yourself this important question. **What’s next?**

I hope that your exploration has brought you to the point where you are ready to begin a graduate education in one of our 80+ programs. Your research has hopefully reaffirmed that the University of South Dakota is the graduate education leader in our state.

Each day, I am witness to how powerful and exciting the learning experience is at USD. Whether you plan to study on campus or online, rest assured that the entire USD community stands ready to help you achieve your desired outcome.

**So, what’s next for you?** Why not take the next step and start a conversation with a member of the Graduate Admissions team?

Travis Vlasman
Director of Graduate Admissions
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
1. Completed Application
2. $35 Application Fee
3. Official Transcript(s)*
4. Letters of Recommendation*
5. Admission Test Scores*
6. Statement of Purpose
* Requirements for admission vary by program and may require different documentation. For a list of specific program requirements visit catalog.usd.edu.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

SANFORD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE REQUIREMENTS

SCHOOL OF LAW REQUIREMENTS

Visit current online or on-campus graduate tuition rates here.

Choose USD and Build the Future You’ve Been Waiting For!