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GRADUATE SCHOOL

GradConnect - December 2018

## Educational Excellence Starts at the University of South Dakota

### CAMPUS HAPPENINGS - USD

#### Spring 2019: Get Advised — Get Registered!

Registration is open for spring 2019. If you have already registered for spring 2019 courses, check your course choices to make sure it meets your goals and fits your schedule. Review your program of study and look at the available courses for the upcoming terms on [WebAdvisor](#). Contact your academic advisor today to discuss spring 2019 courses and get registered.



#### 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition

Be on the lookout for emails coming out early January!  
[www.usd.edu/graduate-school/professional-development/3mt](http://www.usd.edu/graduate-school/professional-development/3mt)



#### Yote Life App

Want to stay up to date on all programming news, events and activities? [Download](#) the **Yote Life** app and get access to real time information on all programming opportunities.

- Directory
- Campus Dining
- Coyote Athletics
- Schedules, Store and Tickets
- The Volante
- Maps and more...



#### Stay Connected with USD

**Campus programs are open to all students, including graduate students!**

Do you want to be in the know with campus happenings? Stay connected with upcoming events by following/liking the USD pages below.

**USD Campus Events** - [LINK](#) | **All USD Social Media** - [LINK](#)

#### Popular Campus Facebook Sites:

[USD-Official Site](#) | [Muenster University Center](#)  
[USD Student Activities](#) | [USD Campus Activities Board](#)

### EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### Career Corner

1. What are your next career steps? A recent article, "A road map for successful career exploration", [Click](#) to learn more.
2. Are you interested in jobs outside of academia, then this book is a must read, [Succeeding Outside the Academy: Career Paths beyond the Humanities, Social Sciences, and STEM](#)
3. You probably know what to do, when applying for an academic job. Visit [Do you know what not to do when applying for an academic job?](#)
4. Career resources for Humanities Ph.D. students to support multiple career paths is available at <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/humanities-phd-proj/>



#### Mentoring Workshop for Faculty, Staff and Graduate Students

During Spring semester the USD-HHMI Inclusive Science Initiative and the Center for Teaching and learning will hold [Entering Mentoring](#), a faculty mentoring workshop. This program will consist of 10 weekly sessions of guided training on best practices for being a mentor at the university level. It will use curriculum developed by the nationally recognized and validated National Research Mentorship Network (nrmn.net). Sessions are available on Tuesdays (9-10 a.m.) and Wednesdays (noon- 1 p.m.) and will begin on January 15-16. Participants who attend 8 of the 10 workshops will receive a Statement of Achievement in Mentoring and recognition as a student advocate. Held in McKusick 110, the programs will benefit both faculty and students.

- Week 1: Introduction to Mentor Training Program
- Week 2: Promoting Professional Development
- Week 3: Promoting Professional Development
- Week 4: Maintaining Effective Communication
- Week 5: Addressing Equity and Inclusion
- Week 6: Addressing Inclusion at USD/Multi-Culturalism vs. Color-Blind Approaches
- Week 7: Assessing Understanding
- Week 8: Fostering Independence
- Week 9: Cultivating Ethical Behavior
- Week 10: Articulating Your Mentoring Philosophy and Plan

#### Scholarship Opportunities

For a list of our scholarships, please visit our webpage: [www.usd.edu/graduate-school/professional-development/scholarships](http://www.usd.edu/graduate-school/professional-development/scholarships)

### GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION - GPSA



If you are not familiar with the USD Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) here's what you should know:

We're a multidisciplinary organization which focuses on the graduate and professional students. We hope that this group will be useful for meeting new people, networking, and building a sense of community among the graduate population on USD's campus. GPSA also serves useful as a forum for campus policy and advocacy on behalf of graduate students.

#### NEXT MEETING

**Date: Monday, February 4, 2019**  
**Time: 6 p.m.**  
**Location: MUC 216**

Check our Facebook page for meeting details. To be added to the GPSA listserv or to receive information, contact us at the information below.

Join us @ Facebook group: [https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPSA\\_USD](https://www.facebook.com/groups/GPSA_USD)  
NEW Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd.edu/gpsa/welcome> | Email: [GPSA@usd.edu](mailto:GPSA@usd.edu)

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Fall 2018 Important Dates

Last Day of Fall Classes	Tuesday, December 4
No Classes	Wednesday, December 5
Final Exams Begins	Thursday, December 6
Semester Ends	Wednesday, December 12
Final Grades Due	Monday, December 17 (by 11:59 p.m.)

#### December 2018 Graduation

11/30/18	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
11/30/18	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
11/30/18	Complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/04/19	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - TBA
	All candidates for graduation from the preceding summer and fall are invited to spring commencement. Students who submit a Walk Early Form and are approved may attend an earlier ceremony.

#### May 2019 Graduation

10/15/18	Final Program of Study (with committee members' signatures) due in Graduate School Office (if this is already on file with the Graduate School, please disregard)
04/26/19	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
04/26/19	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
04/26/19	Complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/04/19	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - TBA

#### August 2019 Graduation

10/15/18	Final Program of Study/Application for Degree (with committee members' signatures) due in Graduate School Office (if this is already on file with the Graduate School, please disregard)
TBD	Walk Early Form due in Graduate School Office (subject to change)
08/16/19	Graduation Approval Form (with results of written and oral exams filed with the Graduate School Office)
08/16/19	Thesis/Dissertation submitted online to ProQuest
08/16/19	Complete Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. students only)
05/09/20	Graduate Commencement Ceremony at Sanford Coyote Sports Center - TBA
	All candidates for graduation from the preceding summer and fall are invited to spring commencement. Students who submit a Walk Early Form and are approved may attend an earlier ceremony.

For more information and access to all Graduate School forms, please visit the [Graduate School page](#) on the portal.

### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS - VERMILLION

#### VCDC Business Luncheon - Thinking Like a CFO

Thursday, December 6, 2018 | Noon - 1 p.m.  
RED Steakhouse, 1 E Main Street, Vermillion - [View](#) details online.

Please connect with us to receive reminders & updates about Graduate School events.



#### GRADUATE SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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If you are a person with a disability and need a special accommodation to fully participate, please contact Disability Services at 605-677-6389, 48 hours before the event.