

# EARLY UNIVERSITY





## WHAT IS EARLY UNIVERSITY?

**Early University (Early U)** includes all opportunities for students to earn college credit through DSU while they are in high school - including studying toward a degree program while attending high school. Early U students are able to be involved in the same traditional experiences as their peers, including participating in their school's extracurricular activities, while pursuing college coursework or degree programs at DSU. Students may attend Early U through Dual Credit at their high school or Early Entry on the DSU campus, from a distance via DSUlive™, or online.

## HOW TO HANDLE PREREQUISITE REQUESTS?

Like traditional undergraduate students, prerequisites will be addressed by the department chairs with the caveat that the high school transcript may be used to inform the decision. Students may be evaluated based on their high school transcripts or an accepted placement tool (such as an exam or standardized test score) to determine eligibility for a course with a prerequisite. Students requesting a course with a prerequisite should consider submitting an unofficial transcript with their form or a copy of the accepted placement tool results.



*Note: NDUS procedures require additional vetting of prerequisites for English and Mathematics. Please see the requirements within SBHE procedure 402.1.2 on the [NDUS page](#) before forwarding a prerequisite approval for consideration. Note: Per the NDUS procedure, the prerequisite cannot be waived if a student does not meet the placement requirements for ENGL 110 or Math 103.*

## HOW DO STUDENTS KNOW WHICH COURSES ARE AVAILABLE TO THEM TO ENROLL?

All course information can be found on the Academic Records site at [dickinsonstate.edu/academicrecords](http://dickinsonstate.edu/academicrecords). Students should consider visiting the requirements section of the course catalog for additional rotation information and consulting with the DSU Early Entry Advisor.

## WILL THESE COURSES AND PROGRAMS GRANT HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT?

Courses added to a student's schedule as Early Entry Enrollment receive college credit and will only receive High School credit upon the approval of a high school counselor, district administrator, or board of trustees. Dual Credit courses are offered to students by their high school instructor and are counted as high school and college credit.

**Students on free or reduced lunch** should visit the Bank of North Dakota site for additional information on receiving free tuition, fees, and course materials support for up to two courses per academic. [DUAL CREDIT ASSISTANCE APPLICATION](#)

*Note: Students who complete Early University programming are eligible for the DSU Smart Start Scholarship.*

## TUITION AND FEES

Affordability is essential to ensure students have access to this program. Students should review the articulations page for information regarding agreements for cost savings with their local high schools. High-performing students whose schools do not have an active agreement with DSU will be eligible to apply for the High School High Fliers Scholarship. High Fliers Scholarship recipients pursuing Early University in an approved program will receive a subsidized rate of tuition, regardless if they are enrolled in a Dual Credit or Early Entry course section.

*Approximately \$86 per credit hour based on the 2022-2023 academic year fee schedule.*



# COST SAVINGS THROUGH EARLY U

## TRADITIONAL 2-YEAR PATHWAY of a 60-credit AAS Administration degree at 15 credits per semester\*

	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Total two years
<b>TUITION</b> \$249/credit	\$3,735	\$3,735	\$3,735	\$3,735	<b>\$14,940</b>
<b>FEES</b> \$68.68/credit (up to 12)	\$824.16	\$824.16	\$824.16	\$824.16	<b>\$3,296.64</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,559.16</b>	<b>\$4,559.16</b>	<b>\$4,559.16</b>	<b>\$4,559.16</b>	<b>\$18,236.64</b>

## EARLY U 3-YEAR PATHWAY of a 60 credit AAS Administration degree at 5-9 credits per semester\*

	Sem. 1	Sem. 2	Sem. 3	Sem. 4	Sem. 5	Sem. 6	Sem. 7	Sem. 8	Sem. 9	Total three years
<b>TUITION</b> \$80.66/credit	\$483.96	\$483.96	\$483.96	\$564.62	\$725.94	\$403.30	\$725.94	\$483.96	\$483.96	<b>\$4,839.60</b>
<b>FEES</b> \$5.54/credit	\$33.24	\$33.24	\$33.24	\$38.78	\$49.86	\$27.70	\$49.86	\$33.24	\$33.24	<b>\$332.40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$572.20</b>	<b>\$572.20</b>	<b>\$572.20</b>	<b>\$603.40</b>	<b>\$775.80</b>	<b>\$431.00</b>	<b>\$775.80</b>	<b>\$572.20</b>	<b>\$572.20</b>	<b>\$5,172.00</b>

\*Cost estimates are subject to change under current tuition and fee schedules and assumes the student completes the program simultaneously with a high school degree. Total savings may vary depending on the degree, student semester start, student completion, and if the program requires eventual transfer as a full-time student to DSU

**SAVINGS** 

FOR EARLY U PARTICIPANTS  
ESTIMATED AT **~\$13,000**



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility requirements may differ depending on the program. General admission requirements include:

- ◆ A high school grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- ◆ Sophomore or higher status;
- ◆ A track record of consistent study skills;
- ◆ Selection of a program offered by DSU's Early University;
- ◆ Commitment to pursuing the necessary credit hours to complete an academic pathway or program or completion of general education core requirements.

*Students interested in associate to bachelor program laddering, please visit with an advisor who will tailor your program and electives accordingly to reduce time towards graduation.*

# PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

Associate in Applied Science Degree - Administration  
Associate in Applied Science Degree - Diesel Technology\*  
Associate in Applied Science Degree - Fire Science  
Associate in Applied Science Degree - Information Technology  
Associate in Arts Degree - Communication Option  
Associate in Arts Degree - Music Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Allied Health Option  
Associate in Arts Degree - Theatre Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Agricultural Sales and Service  
Associate in Science Degree - Biology Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Chemistry Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Criminal Justice Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Elementary Education Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Engineering Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Geology Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Secondary Education Option  
Associate in Science Degree - Substance Abuse Counseling Option  
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree - Business  
Bachelor of Applied Science Degree - Esports and Business  
Bachelor of Business Administration - Accounting  
Bachelor of Business Administration - Administration  
Bachelor of Business Administration - Esports Administration  
Bachelor of Business Administration - Finance  
Bachelor of Business Administration - Human Resource Management  
Bachelor of Science Degree - Agricultural Studies  
Bachelor of Science Degree - Computer Science  
Bachelor of Science Degree - Computer Technology Management  
Bachelor of Science in Education Degree - Business Education

Bachelor of Science in Education Degree - Technology Education  
Bachelor of University Studies Degree  
Accounting Technician Certificate  
Allied Health Certificate  
Banking Certificate  
Business Fundamentals Certificate  
Computer Programming Certificate  
Data Entry Specialist Certificate  
Business Certificate  
Digital Communication Certificate  
Digital Marketing Certificate  
Entrepreneurship Certificate  
Horse Production Certificate Program  
Hospitality Certificate  
Information Technology Certificate  
Meat Processing Certificate\*  
Office Administration Specialist Certificate  
Physical Science Certificate  
Reception Services Specialist Certificate  
Web Management Certificate  
Welding Technology Certificate\*  
Corrective and Therapeutic Exercise Certificate of Completion  
Entrepreneurship Certificate of Completion  
Strength and Conditioning Certificate of Completion  
Wellness Certificate of Completion

*\* Welding and diesel technology require full-time enrollment.*

*Students are expected to be present on campus for extended periods of time for Welding, Meat Processing, and Diesel Technology.*

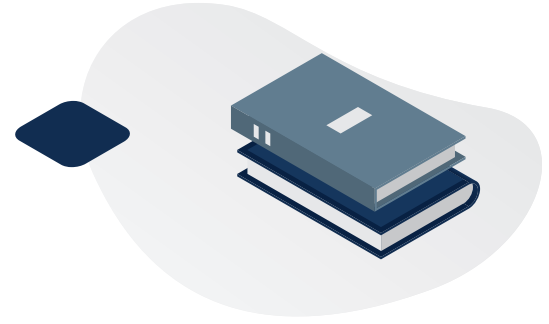


# SAMPLE PROGRAM DEGREE PLAN

## PROGRAM AAS ADMINISTRATION- OFFICE MANAGEMENT

### Semesters - Fall, Spring, and Summer

- Students may request one additional course to be added to their load during the regular session to reduce summer terms.
- Students will receive a custom plan for advisor approval upon acceptance into the program.



## SOPHOMORE IN HIGH SCHOOL YEAR

### Fall Semester

ACCT 200 Elements of Accounting I.....	3 credits
ENGL 110 College Composition I.....	3 credits

### Spring Semester

ACCT 201 Elements of Accounting II .....	3 credits
BOTE 147 Word Processing and Presentation Software ....	3 credits

### Summer Semester

COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking .....	3 credits
CSCI 101 Introduction to Computers.....	3 credits

## JUNIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL

### Fall Semester

MATH 103 College Algebra .....	4 credits
BOTE 247 Spreadsheet Applications .....	3 credits

### Spring Semester

BOTE 218 Desktop Publishing .....	3 credits
BOTE 275 Administrative Office Procedures.....	3 credits
ECON 201 Micro-economics .....	3 credits

### Summer Semester

BOTE 210 Business Communications.....	3 credits
Elective in ACCT, BADM, BOTE, ENTR, FIN, or MRKT .....	2 credits

## SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL

### Fall Semester

ACCT 301 Computerize Accounting .....	3 credits
BADM 336 Management and Leadership.....	3 credits
Elective in ACCT, BADM, BOTE, ENTR, FIN, or MRKT .....	3 credits

### Spring Semester

BADM 346 Human Resource Management .....	3 credits
CSCI 200 Database Software Procedures.....	3 credits

### Summer Semester

BADM 369 Business Ethics and Critical Thinking .....	3 credits
FIN 326 Managerial Finance .....	3 credits

**TOTAL CREDITS: 60**

Dual credit earned from Dickinson State University, in most cases, transfers to other colleges and universities.



# COURSES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE NDUS CALENDAR.

*Please reference the calendars below for important dates and enrollment considerations.*



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024

Fall 2023		Spring 2024	
Date	Description	Date	Description
August 21	Classes Begin at 4:00 PM	January 8	Classes Begin at 4:00 PM
August 22	First Full Day of Class	January 9	First Full Day of Class
August 30	Last Day to Add/Drop/Withdraw without record – 100% refund*	January 15	Martin Luther King Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
September 4	Labor Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	January 18	Last Day to Add/Drop/Withdraw without record – 100% refund*
September 6	Tuition/Fee Payment Deadline* <i>Institution deadlines may be earlier</i>	January 24	Tuition/Fee Payment Deadline* <i>Institution deadlines may be earlier</i>
September 18	Enrollment Census Date	February 5	Enrollment Census Date
November 9	Last Day to Withdraw/Drop with record*	February 19	President's Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
November 10-11	Veteran's Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	March 4-8	Spring Break – No Classes – Institutions Open
November 22	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes – Institutions Open	March 29	Good Friday Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
November 23	Thanksgiving Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	April 1	Easter Observed – No Classes – Institutions Open
November 24	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes – Institutions Open	April 5	Last Day to Withdraw/Drop with record*
December 11-15	Final Exams	May 6-10	Finals Week
December 24	Christmas Eve Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	May 27	Memorial Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
December 25	Christmas Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	July 4	Independence Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
January 1	New Year's Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	*16-week session deadlines	
References: SBHE Policy 406.1, 440, 830.1; NDCC 1-03-01			



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2024-2025

Fall 2024		Spring 2025	
Date	Description	Date	Description
August 26	Classes Begin at 4:00 PM	January 13	Classes Begin at 4:00 PM
August 27	First Full Day of Class	January 14	First Full Day of Class
September 2	Labor Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	January 20	Martin Luther King Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
September 4	Last Day to Add/Drop/Withdraw without record – 100% refund*	January 23	Last Day to Add/Drop/Withdraw without record – 100% refund*
September 11	Tuition/Fee Payment Deadline* <i>Institution deadlines may be earlier</i>	January 29	Tuition/Fee Payment Deadline* <i>Institution deadlines may be earlier</i>
September 23	Enrollment Census Date	February 10	Enrollment Census Date
November 11	Veteran's Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	February 17	President's Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
November 15	Last Day to Withdraw/Drop with record*	March 10-14	Spring Break – No Classes – Institutions Open
November 27	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes – Institutions Open	April 11	Last Day to Withdraw/Drop with record*
November 28	Thanksgiving Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	April 18	Good Friday Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
November 29	Thanksgiving Break – No Classes – Institutions Open	April 21	Easter Observed – No Classes – Institutions Open
December 16-20	Final Exams	May 12-16	Finals Week
December 24	Christmas Eve Observed – No Classes after Noon – Institutions Closed at Noon	May 26	Memorial Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
December 25	Christmas Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed	July 4	Independence Day Observed – No Classes – Institutions Closed
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# WHY TAKE EARLY ENTRY?

Here are just a few of the reasons to jump-start your college career while in high school:

## IT'S CHEAPER

Students who take early entry courses often have lower tuition. Taking college courses while still in high school allows you to have less student debt when you graduate with a two- or four-year degree.

## YOU CAN TRY OUT CAREERS.

Many students start college not knowing what they want to do when they graduate. This often means they change majors two or three times before graduating. Being able to try courses and possible career paths means you're less likely to change majors and more likely to graduate on time and with less student debt!

## YOU CAN EXPERIENCE COLLEGE FIRSTHAND.

Going from high school to college is often intimidating. By taking college classes while you're a high school student, you can use your current support systems and experience what a college course requires. This experience sets you up for success and makes a transition into college easier!

## YOU ARE MORE LIKELY GRADUATE!

Studies have found that students who complete college courses before graduating high school are far more likely to graduate from college.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



### HOW DO I ACCESS MY EARLY ENTRY COURSES?

You can access them by logging into DSU Blackboard. You will receive access to Blackboard at Early Entry Orientation. Your courses won't show up until the first day of school.

### HOW MANY EARLY ENTRY COURSES MAY I TAKE?

Talk to your high school guidance counselor or teacher about class availability and course limits.

### MAY I USE DSU FACILITIES WHILE ENROLLED AS AN EARLY ENTRY STUDENT?

Yes! While you are taking college courses through DSU, you enjoy the same privileges as all our students. You may use the computer labs, the library, and attend all DSU events free of charge with your student ID.



## MORE INFORMATION

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