



## University of South Dakota

**Available Programs:** Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Programs

**Location:** Vermillion, SD

**Year Founded:** 1862

**School Type:** Public, Coed

**Ranking:** U.S News #239

**Student Faculty Ratio:** 16:1

**International Student Ratio:** 1%

**School Website:** <https://www.usd.edu/>



### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Named a U.S. News & World Report “Best National University” every year since 1992
- Recognized as one of the Princeton Review’s “387 Best Colleges” for 22 consecutive years
- USD’s Knudson School of Law was named a Princeton Review “Best Law School” in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- USD’s Beacom School of Business has held a spot in the Princeton Review’s “Top 20 Online MBA Programs” for the past six years, and has been recognized as one of its “Best Business Schools” for several years.
- Distinguished as one of Forbes’ “America’s Best Colleges” in 2004, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2019.
- Ranked among Forbes’ “Top Research Universities” and “Best in the Midwest”.
- Named a 2021 U.S. News & World Report “Best Online Graduate Business Programs”.

### **DEGREE PROGRAMS:**

**Undergraduate Majors:** <https://www.usd.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Programs#sort=%40customtitle%20ascending>

**College of Arts and Sciences**



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthropology</li> <li>• Biochemistry</li> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Biomedical Engineering</li> <li>• Chemistry</li> <li>• Communication Sciences and Disorders</li> <li>• Communication Studies</li> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Conservation &amp; Biodiversity</li> <li>• Creative Writing</li> <li>• Criminal Justice</li> <li>• Disaster Response</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• General Studies</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Human Dynamics</li> <li>• International Studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journalism</li> <li>• Legal Studies</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Media &amp; Journalism</li> <li>• Medical Biology</li> <li>• Native American Studies</li> <li>• Neuroscience</li> <li>• Philosophy</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Physiology, Cell &amp; Molecular Biology</li> <li>• Political Science</li> <li>• Professional Writing</li> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Sociology</li> <li>• Spanish</li> <li>• Sport Marketing &amp; Media</li> <li>• Strategic Communication</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Technical Leadership</li> </ul>
<b>School of Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accounting</li> <li>• Business Administration</li> <li>• Business Analytics</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Services Administration</li> <li>• Human Resource Management</li> <li>• Innovation and Entrepreneurship</li> <li>• Management</li> <li>• Marketing</li> </ul>
<b>College of Fine Arts</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acting</li> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Art Education</li> <li>• Ceramics</li> <li>• Design/Technology</li> <li>• Graphic Design</li> <li>• Music Education</li> <li>• Music Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Musical Arts</li> <li>• Musical Theatre</li> <li>• Painting</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Printmaking</li> <li>• Sculpture</li> <li>• Theatre</li> <li>• Theatre Studies</li> </ul>
<b>School of Education</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elementary Education</li> <li>• Exercise Science</li> <li>• Kinesiology and Sport Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secondary Education</li> <li>• Special Education Secondary Education</li> <li>• Sport Management</li> </ul>
<b>School of Health Sciences</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addiction Counseling and Prevention</li> <li>• Dental Hygiene</li> <li>• Health Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Laboratory Science</li> <li>• Nursing</li> <li>• Public Health</li> </ul>



**Graduate Majors:** <https://www.usd.edu/Academics/Graduate-Programs#sort=%40customtitle%20ascending>

<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Biomedical Engineering Chemistry</li> <li>• Communication</li> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• English M.A.</li> <li>• Executive Public Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History</li> <li>• Human Factors</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• Physics</li> <li>• Psychology, M.A.</li> <li>• Public Administration</li> <li>• Speech Language Pathology Sustainability</li> </ul>
<b>College of Fine Arts</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• Design/Theatre Technology</li> <li>• Directing</li> <li>• Graphic Design</li> <li>• Music</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting</li> <li>• Photography</li> <li>• Printmaking</li> <li>• Sculpture</li> <li>• Theatre</li> </ul>
<b>School of Health Sciences</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addiction Counseling &amp; Prevention</li> <li>• Nursing</li> <li>• Occupational Therapy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physician Assistant Studies</li> <li>• Public Health</li> <li>• Social Work</li> </ul>
<b>School of Education</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult and Higher Education</li> <li>• Counseling</li> <li>• Counseling and Psychology in Education</li> <li>• Curriculum Director</li> <li>• Elementary Education</li> <li>• Human Development &amp; Education Psychology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kinesiology and Sport Management</li> <li>• Pre-Kindergarten-12 Principal</li> <li>• Secondary Education</li> <li>• Special Education</li> <li>• Technology for Education and Training</li> </ul>
<b>School of Medicine</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Biomedical Science</li> </ul>	
<b>School of Business</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business Administration</li> <li>• Business Analytics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Accountancy</li> </ul>
<b>Graduate School</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interdisciplinary Studies</li> </ul>	

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Graduate</b>
<b>GPA:</b> 2.6	
<b>English Proficiency:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL (IBT): 71 or higher</li> <li>• IELTS Academic: 6.0 or higher</li> <li>• Duolingo English Test: 100 or higher</li> <li>• ACT English 18+</li> </ul>	<b>English Proficiency:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOEFL (IBT): 79</li> <li>• IELTS Academic: 6.0</li> <li>• PTE: 53</li> <li>• Duolingo: 105</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAT Evidence-based Reading and Writing 500+</li> <li>• ELS: Level 112</li> <li>• Successful completion of IB certificate</li> </ul> <p><b>English Testing Waiver:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International students who graduated from a U.S. high school with a 2.6 or higher GPA and an official ACT or an SAT test score.</li> </ul>	<p><b>English Testing Waiver:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants who have obtained a degree from the US, UK, Ireland, Canada (not including Quebec), Australia or New Zealand are not required to submit an approved English Proficiency exam score.</li> </ul> <p><b>GRE/GMAT and other requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vary by program</li> </ul>
<p>Undergraduate requirements link:  <a href="https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/International-Admissions/Applying-for-International-Undergraduate-Admission">https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/International-Admissions/Applying-for-International-Undergraduate-Admission</a></p>	<p>Graduate requirements link:  <a href="https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/International-Admissions/Applying-for-International-Graduate-Admission">https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/International-Admissions/Applying-for-International-Graduate-Admission</a></p>

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Option 1 (Preferred)	Option 2
<p>Please fill in our online application form and upload required documents to IPERC partner system using the following links, and we will process the applications as well as follow up with admission decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For Undergraduate Application:  <a href="https://www.iperc.org/partner-universities-undergraduate">https://www.iperc.org/partner-universities-undergraduate</a></li> <li>➤ For Graduate Application:  <a href="https://www.iperc.org/partner-universities-graduate">https://www.iperc.org/partner-universities-graduate</a></li> </ul>	<p>If you choose to submit applications directly to the university (do not forget to input IPERC or our code, if any, when doing the online applications), please send all submitted documents as well as applicant' information as below to us at <a href="mailto:admission@iperc.org">admission@iperc.org</a> .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Student's Name:</li> <li>➤ Date of Birth:</li> <li>➤ Intended University:</li> <li>➤ Intended Program with Level of Study:</li> <li>➤ Intake:</li> <li>➤ Agency Name:</li> <li>➤ Agency Contact (Name &amp; Email):</li> </ul> <p>Please indicate <b>【New Application】</b> in the email subject.</p>

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

Undergraduate	Graduate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit Online Application</li> <li>• Application fee \$20</li> <li>• Official Proof of English Proficiency</li> <li>• Unofficial Transcripts</li> <li>• Passport</li> </ul> <p>Online application link:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit Online Application</li> <li>• Application fee \$35</li> <li>• Official Proof of English Proficiency</li> <li>• Official Transcripts sent directly from the issuing institution</li> <li>• Official Admission Test Scores</li> <li>• Letters of Recommendation</li> </ul>



<a href="https://www.commonapp.org/explore/university-south-dakota">https://www.commonapp.org/explore/university-south-dakota</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Purpose</li> <li>• Résumé</li> <li>• Passport</li> <li>• Additional Departmental Requirements</li> </ul> <p>Online application link:  <a href="https://www.commonapp.org/explore/university-south-dakota">https://www.commonapp.org/explore/university-south-dakota</a></p>
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**APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Graduate</b>
Fall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freshman-July 1</li> <li>• Transfer-August 14 (within the US)</li> </ul> Spring: November 15	Deadlines vary by program. Please consult with specific program.

**TUITION FEE:**

<b>Undergraduate (est. 30 credits per year)</b>	<b>Graduate (est. 18 credits per year)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition &amp; Fees \$12,942</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition &amp; Fees \$12,768</li> </ul>
Tuition&Fees link: <a href="https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Tuition-and-Costs/International-Tuition-and-Costs">https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Tuition-and-Costs/International-Tuition-and-Costs</a>	

**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Graduate</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount: up to \$3,500 per year</li> <li>• Separate Application: No</li> <li>• Deadline: December 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount: N/A</li> <li>• Separate Application: Yes</li> <li>• Deadline: December 1</li> </ul>
<a href="https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid/Scholarships">https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid/Scholarships</a>	<a href="https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid/Scholarships">https://www.usd.edu/Admissions-and-Aid/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid/Scholarships</a>