



DAKOTA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

2023-24

Facts and Statistics



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DWU MISSION STATEMENT: As an inclusive educational community, Dakota Wesleyan University provides a transformative learning experience that cultivates enduring intellectual growth, ethically grounded leadership, intentional faith exploration and meaningful service.

This summary provides answers to frequently asked questions about Dakota Wesleyan University.

DWU is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Academic Programs

5 Largest Undergraduate Majors

Business (all concentrations).....	188 (33%)
Nursing (all tracks).....	142 (25%)
Education (all concentrations).....	106 (19%)
Athletic Training/Exercise Science.....	66 (12%)
Natural Sciences (Biochemistry, Biology, General Science, Wildlife Management).....	55 (10%)

Graduate Program Enrollment: 137

Master of Arts in Education.....	18 (13%)
Master of Athletic Training.....	12 (9%)
Master of Business Administration.....	58 (42%)
Certificate Seeking.....	49 (36%)

Outcomes

2022-23 Undergraduate Degrees

Associate of Arts.....	2 (2%)
Associate of Science.....	6 (4%)
Bachelor of Arts.....	42 (29%)
Bachelor of Science.....	94 (65%)

2022-23 Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts in Education.....	18 (26%)
Master of Athletic Training.....	6 (9%)
Master of Business Administration.....	44 (65%)
Total.....	212

Fast Facts

- 96% of graduates are employed full time or attending graduate school.
- 100% job placement for nursing graduates
- 100% of education graduates are working as teachers or attending graduate school.
- 90% placement rate into medical and other healthcare-related graduate programs
- 76% aggregate retention
- 68% freshman-to-sophomore retention
- 30 student clubs and organizations

Annual Graduate Survey Data

- 98% of graduates would recommend DWU to a student seeking a quality educational experience.
- 97% of graduates "evaluated their overall educational experience at Dakota Wesleyan" as either "excellent" or "good."
- 96% of graduates said their academic experience prepared them well for employment.
- 98% of graduates said that instructors were willing to meet with them outside of class to discuss questions and concerns.
- 96% of graduates were satisfied with academic advising and professional advice given by the adviser.
- 94% of graduates agree that "my experience at Dakota Wesleyan University has prepared and inspired me to lead a life of learning, leadership, faith and service."
- 98% of graduates said professors provided them with opportunities to apply classroom learning to "real-life situations."
- 96% of graduates agreed that their program of study engaged them in developing skills adaptable to changing environments.

National Recognition for DWU

- Intelligent.com:
Best Colleges in South Dakota
Best in Nursing
Best Master's in Training and Development (MAT)
Best Online Master's in Educational Administration
- Fortune: Best Online MBA Programs

- U.S. News & World Report:
Best Value Schools – Midwest
Best Regional Colleges – Midwest
Top Performers on Social Mobility
Best Bachelor of Science in Nursing Programs
Best Online Master's in Education Programs
Best Online MBA Programs
- NAIA: Champions of Character Five-Star Gold Institution
- Best Value Schools:
Best Colleges in South Dakota
Best Bachelor of Multimedia Design
- Prairie Business Magazine: 50 Best Places to Work

Accreditation

DWU has been continuously accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, 312-263-0456, www.ncahlc.org, since 1916. The university and/or specific university programs are either accredited and/or approved by South Dakota Department of Education, South Dakota Board of Nursing, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), United Methodist University Senate, International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) and Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).

Facilities/Human Resources

There are 39 buildings on the university's 55-acre Mitchell campus, including the Dakota Discovery Museum and L.B. Williams Elementary School. A satellite nursing program is offered in Sioux Falls, as well as a satellite Learn & Earn program in Pierre.

Students Living on Campus.....468

Employees

Staff.....101
Faculty.....44

Student/Faculty Ratio: 12:1
Faculty With Terminal Degree: 68%
Courses Taught by Teaching Assistants: 0%
Faculty/Staff Giving Participation Rate: 81%

Church Affiliation

DWU is affiliated with the Dakotas Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Student Support Services

Internship support, mentoring, tutoring, small-group learning, writing assistance, pastoral care, career services, nursing services and short-term counseling

Enrollment Statistics

Headcount: 904

Undergraduate.....767
Graduate.....137

Undergraduate Student Enrollment: 767

Full time.....618
Part time.....58
Other.....91

Graduate Student Enrollment: 137

Full time.....	59
Part time.....	29
Nondegree or Certificate Seeking.....	49

Online Enrollment: 85

Undergraduate.....	9
Graduate.....	76

Enrollment by Program Type

Mitchell Campus.....	582
Undergraduate: 570	
Graduate: 12	
Online Programs.....	85
Hybrid Programs.....	104
Sioux Falls Campus: 72	
Graduate Certificate Programs: 32	
Nondegree Certification.....	17
High School Bridge Program.....	11
High School Dual Credit.....	61
Other.....	44

Fall 2023 New Enrolled Students: 350

Mitchell Campus.....	217
Freshmen: 178	
Transfers: 39	
Online Programs.....	67
Hybrid Programs.....	57
Sioux Falls Campus: 25	
Graduate Certificate Programs: 32	
Other.....	9

Average Incoming Freshmen GPA: 3.46
Average Incoming Freshmen ACT: 20.5
% Incoming Freshmen Pell Eligible: 29%
% Incoming Freshmen First Generation: 20%

Enrollment by Classification

Freshmen.....	221 (25%)
Sophomores.....	152 (17%)
Juniors.....	158 (18%)
Seniors.....	103 (12%)
Other.....	115 (13%)
Graduate.....	137 (15%)

Undergraduate Student Profile

Gender DEGREE SEEKING

Men.....	305 (47%)
Women.....	346 (53%)

Diversity DEGREE SEEKING

Caucasian.....	540 (83%)
Hispanic.....	57 (9%)
Two or More Races.....	29 (4%)
Black or African American.....	11 (2%)
American Indian/Alaska Native.....	9 (1%)
Asian.....	5 (1%)

Geography DEGREE SEEKING

South Dakota.....	409 (63%)
Nebraska.....	47 (7%)
Minnesota.....	43 (7%)
California.....	17 (3%)
Iowa.....	14 (3%)
Texas.....	13 (1%)
Wyoming.....	11 (1%)
19 Other States and 10 Countries.....	97 (15%)
(16 International Students with an F-1 Visa)	

International students represent the following countries/territories: Canada, Colombia, Germany, Ireland, Mongolia, Peru, Russia and the United Kingdom.

Denominational Preference DEGREE SEEKING

Catholic.....	126 (20%)
Christian.....	92 (14%)
Lutheran.....	84 (13%)
Methodist.....	57 (9%)
Other (11 Other Denominations).....	43 (6%)
No Denomination Preference.....	249 (38%)

First Generation DEGREE SEEKING

First Generation.....	161 (25%)
Not First Generation.....	301 (46%)
Unknown.....	189 (29%)

Graduate Student Profile

Gender

Men.....	49 (56%)
Women.....	39 (44%)

Diversity

Caucasian.....	74 (84%)
Hispanic.....	8 (9%)
Other (American Indian, Asian, Multiple or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....)	6 (7%)

Financial

Budget and Finance

Operating Budget: \$18,700,000
Endowment: \$38,500,000

Annual Student Charges

Tuition.....	\$31,700
Room and Board.....	\$7,600
Technology Fee.....	\$700
Activity Fee.....	\$490
Total.....	\$40,490

Financial Aid

Federal.....	\$4,544,270
Private.....	\$1,746,181
Endowed Scholarships.....	\$1,038,110
Institutional Scholarships.....	\$9,407,300
Work Study.....	\$104,099
Total.....	\$16,839,960

Average Aid Per Student (including federal loans): \$25,493
Average Aid Per Student (not including federal loans): \$17,800
Average Debt Per Student (federal loans): \$29,540

Full-time, On-campus Students Receiving Aid: 100%

Tiger Athletics

Total Student-Athletes: 396

As a member of the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), DWU offers the following varsity sports:

Men's Baseball
Men's Football
Men's and Women's Basketball
Men's and Women's Cross-Country
Men's and Women's Golf
Men's and Women's Soccer
Men's and Women's Track and Field
Men's and Women's Wrestling
Women's Softball
Women's Volleyball
Coed Cheer and Dance (club status)
Coed Esports (club status)

Nickname: Tigers

Colors: Royal Blue (Pantone 2945) and White

GPAC Members

Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, Iowa
College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Neb.
Concordia University, Seward, Neb.
Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D.
Doane University, Crete, Neb.
Dordt University, Sioux Center, Iowa
Hastings College, Hastings, Neb.
Midland University, Fremont, Neb.
Morningside University, Sioux City, Iowa
Mount Marty University, Yankton, S.D.
Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa
University of Jamestown, Jamestown, N.D.

Alumni

Total Alumni: 20,056

Total Number of Living Alumni: 8,741

Alumni by State/Region

South Dakota.....	5,051 (58%)
Minnesota.....	464 (5%)
Nebraska.....	332 (4%)
Colorado.....	268 (3%)
California.....	241 (3%)
Iowa.....	229 (3%)
Arizona.....	183 (2%)
Texas.....	182 (2%)
Florida.....	128 (1%)
Illinois.....	109 (1%)
Wisconsin.....	102 (1%)
New York.....	81 (1%)
Foreign Countries.....	48 (1%)
Other.....	1,323 (15%)

Trustees

Executive Committee

Doug Powers '78, Chair
Rita Johnson '70, Vice Chair
Bob Kjelden '71, Secretary

Paul Christen, Jacquelyn Johnson, Beth Kroger '91,
Roger Musick, Terry Nebelsick '78, Bishop Lanette
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Total Trustees.....31

Administration

Daniel R. Kittle, Ph.D.; President
Kitty Allen, MSA; Vice President of Institutional Advancement
Fredel Thomas '14, MBA; Vice President of Admissions
and Marketing

Jodi Landgaard '89; Vice President of Finance and
Administration

Derek Driedger, Ph.D.; Interim Provost

Academic Deans

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