

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – A

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SUBJECT

FY26 On-Campus Tuition and Mandatory Fees

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[SDCL § 13-53-6](#) – Tuition Rates and Fees

[BOR Policy 5.5](#) – Tuition and Fees: General Procedures

[BOR Policy 5.5.1](#) – Tuition and Fees: On-Campus Tuition

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Mandatory tuition and fees include tuition, the general activity fee, and the laptop fee for Dakota State University (DSU) and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSMT). Discipline fees along with housing and food service are not included in the calculation of the mandatory cost since they are not assessed to all students.

The FY26 proposal for tuition and mandatory fees attempts to keep the cost to students as low as possible in consideration of student access, service to students, and delivering the highest quality education possible to our students.

Cost Drivers

The Legislature adopted a 1.25% salary policy for all employees, including faculty, exempt, and CSA. The employer-paid healthcare benefit cost will increase by \$537 for FY26, raising the annual premium to \$12,388 per benefit-eligible employee. Typically, the state only funds the general fund portion of the salary package, adding authority for federal and other fund salary needs. Consequently, funding for increases to federal and other fund employees must be raised internally.

On-Campus Tuition Rates

The six universities receive general fund appropriations to support on-campus operations. All on-campus courses are offered at the Board-approved tuition rate, except for remedial courses, which are offered at the off-campus rate. A complete listing of on-campus tuition rates with the proposed increases for FY26 can be found in Attachment I.

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I move to approve the FY26 On-Campus Tuition and Mandatory Fees as presented in Attachment I.

South Dakota Advantage Graduate Tuition Expansion

In October 2024, the Board approved expanding the South Dakota Advantage Graduate Tuition program to include the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Medical Doctorate, and Law graduate programs at USD, as well as the Veterinary Medicine 2+2 and PharmD programs at SDSU. These tuition and fee rates will be effective starting Summer 2025 and will apply to new, qualifying students who have earned an undergraduate degree from an SDBOR institution. Eligible students must either be from a South Dakota Advantage state or be Children of Alumni.

Dakota State University

Dakota State University requests an 8% annual tuition increase per year for the next five years for on-campus and online PhD programs, inclusive of CPI adjustments. This would be an increase from \$333.25 per credit hour to \$359.90 per credit hour for on-campus, resident PhD students for FY26, and eventually to \$489.65 per credit hour in FY30.

In today's numbers, assuming no tuition increases at other universities, the end result (40% tuition increase), would still leave DSU's PhD programs in cybersecurity in the lower 25th percentile, with the average tuition for its peers at \$780.06 for on-campus, resident PhD students.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSMT) requests a 5% annual tuition increase for FY26, followed by a 3% annual increase for the subsequent three years, inclusive of CPI adjustments. This would raise the tuition from \$260.55 per credit hour to \$273.60 per credit hour for on-campus, resident students in FY26, and eventually to \$298.95 per credit hour by FY29.

When compared to tuition and fees at peer institutions, SDSMT anticipates maintaining its competitiveness. Currently, SDSMT ranks the lowest among its competitors for tuition and fees. With this increase, they are expected to remain in the lowest quartile of costs compared to peers, with the average tuition and fees at \$470.57 for on-campus, resident undergraduate students.

USD Law School Tuition

The University of South Dakota (USD) Law School utilizes semester-based tuition rates and discipline fees. This tuition and fee structure simplifies the tuition and fee rates and encourages students to take more than the 90 credit hours required for graduation, thereby making it possible for the Law School to offer a broader curriculum that is more attractive to prospective students.

In keeping with BOR policy, the Law School tuition and fee costs should be comparable to regional law schools with a mission to attract students who want to practice law in their own state. South Dakota's FY25 costs are 21.44% below the average of the regional law schools, excluding the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. It is recommended that the Law School cost increases by 2.9%, commensurate with the USD graduate tuition rate.

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| University of Iowa | \$32,512 |
| Average | \$21,377 |
| University of Wyoming | \$18,322 |
| University of Montana | \$26,938 |
| University of North Dakota | \$17,143 |
| University of South Dakota | \$16,794 |
| University of Nebraska--Lincoln | \$16,550 |

Sanford School of Medicine

Students attending the Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) on the campus of the University of South Dakota (USD) pay the on-campus tuition rate set annually by the Board of Regents, plus the general activity fee for the first two years while in Vermillion.

The Board adopted the practice of comparing the Sanford School of Medicine, a community-based school, to other public community-based schools across the country for establishing annual cost. If the School of Medicine rates were below the community-based average, the tuition rate would increase by the amount below the average plus mandatory increases. If the Medical School rate were above the community-based average, it would increase by the graduate tuition rate increase.

The following table provides the comparable tuition and fee costs:

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| Northeast Ohio | \$49,082 |
| South Carolina Columbia | \$44,488 |
| Central Michigan | \$44,127 |
| Wright State-Boonshoft | \$43,984 |
| Washington State-Floyd | \$42,005 |
| CUNY | \$41,912 |
| Southern Illinois | \$39,441 |
| Mean / Average | \$39,140 |
| Eastern Virginia | \$38,954 |
| East Tennessee-Quillen | \$38,706 |
| FIU-Wertheim | \$38,013 |
| Hawaii-Burns | \$37,444 |
| North Dakota | \$36,074 |
| South Dakota-Sanford | \$ 34,372 |
| Nevada Reno | \$34,073 |
| Florida Atlantic-Schmidt | \$31,830 |
| Michigan State | \$31,676 |
| UCF | \$29,680 |
| Florida State | \$28,987 |
| Marshall-Edwards | \$24,988 |

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| Houston-Fertitta | \$24,268 |
| Texas Tech | \$22,076 |
| Texas Tech-Foster | \$21,484 |
| UT Austin-Dell | \$21,087 |

The FY25 annual tuition plus mandatory fees for the School of Medicine are below the community-based average. The School of Medicine's annual tuition rate for FY26 will increase by 2.9% in order to cover additional needs for salaries, benefits, and operating expenses.

Mandatory Fees

Each student pays the campus' general activity fee (GAF) per credit hour, and students at DSU and SDSMT pay the mandatory laptop fee each semester. These are the fees included when determining the average mandatory cost increase for students.

General Activity Fee (GAF)

The GAF supports student functions related to the co-curricular activities and operations of the student union buildings, including student organizations, cultural events, homecoming, student government, student government, student newspapers, athletics, intramural activities, fine arts, and debt on student unions, athletic facilities, and wellness facilities as approved by the Board. In accordance with Board policy, committees composed of a majority of student representatives are to recommend changes in the GAF to the presidents. The following increases to GAF have been requested above CPI:

South Dakota State University:

In FY26, SDSU's 2014A bond for the University Student Union, funded through the General Activity Fee (GAF), will retire. SDSU proposes maintaining the current GAF rate of \$50.85 (plus inflation) and redirecting the \$2.58 previously used for the bond to other strategic needs, as recommended by the Pathway to Premier 2030 GAF Strategic Plan. A survey conducted in fall 2024, with a 33% response rate (4,014 out of 12,065 students), showed that 84.58% of respondents support maintaining the GAF rate and reallocating the \$2.58 to identified priorities, effectively keeping the GAF flat between FY25 and FY26.

In July 2023, the Students' Association (SA) began developing a new GAF Strategic Plan for the next seven years. They formed a steering committee, and five work groups focused on mental health, GAF history, transportation, student life, and the wellness center. These groups researched their areas, developed survey questions, and analyzed data to make recommendations.

In November/December 2023, a survey was administered to the student body, receiving over 1,738 unique responses. An environmental scan of peer and SDBOR institutions was also conducted. The GAF Strategic Planning Steering Committee submitted a draft plan to the SA, which was adopted on February 12, 2024, with a vote of 27-0-1. The University Activity Fee and Budgeting Committee approved the plan on April 10, 2024, with a vote of 8-0-0.

The plan outlines funding for seven primary areas: wellness center operations, club sports, counseling services (including tele-mental health), union operations, student activities (including Jacks Club Hub), student organizations, and a future wellness center expansion.

The FY26 request for \$2.58 breaks down in the following way:

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| Student Organizations | \$ 0.48 |
| Student Activities | \$ 0.09 |
| Mental health services expansion | \$ 0.57 |
| Wellness Center operations | \$ 1.00 |
| Union operations | \$ 0.44 |

Student Organizations Increase

For FY26, Students' Association and SDSU are requesting an increase in the GAF for student organization funding of \$ 0.48. Student organization funding is an area of continual need at SDSU with over 240 registered student organizations currently active. Students' Association, through the GAF, allocates approximately \$450,000 annually to student organizations with 15 organizations funded. This does include the School of Performing Arts (Pride of the Dakotas marching band, university choirs, State Theater funding) and Rabbit Ride (late night transportation for students on Friday/Saturday nights) funding. Each year, new student organizations request funding through SA and are turned away because funding is limited. Of the students that took the GAF survey, 67% of students are part of at least one Student Organization. When asked how often they participate in an event or partake in an activity on campus, 93.7% of students participate in an event or activity at least once a semester with 44.4% participating in an event or activity at least once a week. 79.62% of students that took the survey ranked that Student Organization funding is important for providing opportunities at SDSU. 51.88% of students support some sort of GAF increase to go towards Student Organizations.

Student Activities Increase

The Students' Association and SDSU are recommending an increase of \$.09 to support student activities. This increase will be directed to provide additional funding for Jack's Club Hub, the student organization online portal, event promotion, and document repository. Since the product implementation in FY2018, pricing has increased and \$.05 will be directed to cover current expenses for this platform, utilized solely by registered student organizations. In addition, the remaining \$.04 will be directed to student leadership development programming and operations through the office of student activities.

Mental Health Services Expansion Increase

Students' Association and SDSU are recommending allocation of \$.57 to mental health services funding to provide resources for tele-mental health services for all students regardless of physical location and an additional mental health counselor. Mental health has been a focus on SDSU's campus over the past several years. We have data from the National College Health Assessment (NCHA) student surveys that show that Anxiety, Depression, and ADHD are all on the rise on campus. Survey results from the NCHA in

2022 showed that 66% of students reported moderate to serious psychological distress. In the GAF strategic planning survey, a majority of student respondents (58%) indicated that they would feel comfortable with additional GAF dollars being spent on mental health resources.

Wellness Service Operations Increase

Students' Association and SDSU recommends an increase in the operational funding for the Miller Wellness Center fitness and recreation program by \$1.00. This funding increase will address increases in operational costs associated with an expanded use of the facility (between FY22 and FY23, an increase of 25,000 visits was realized), increasing wear and tear on equipment, thus requiring more frequent maintenance and equipment replacement. In addition, the Miller Wellness Center relies heavily on hourly labor, much of which is student labor, to maintain hours of operation for the facility. The increases in minimum wage necessitate an increase to operational funding for the Miller Wellness Center to minimize impacts on services and resources available to students and members of the center.

Union Operations Increase

The final recommendation from SDSU and Students' Association is for an operational increase for the University Student Union of \$.44. This increase would be prioritized to develop a replacement fund for audio-visual equipment throughout the facility and inside meeting rooms, an expense not able to be covered through maintenance and repair funds, increased funding for part-time student labor to operate the facility and maintain hours of operation, and general operational support due to inflationary increases in supplies and equipment critical to the facility functions.

Computer Lease Fees

DSU and SDSMT have mobile computing initiatives that require students to pay a per-semester fee. This fee covers the leasing costs of laptop/tablet PCs for full-time, on-campus students and supports the program's operational expenses. These fees are mandatory for students. Due to higher equipment costs and lease rates, SDSMT will increase its computer lease fee by 4%, from \$431.25 to \$448.50 per semester for FY26, while DSU will raise its fee by 4%, from \$409.00 to \$425.40 per semester for FY26.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that undergraduate tuition across all campuses be increased by 2.9%. Additionally, the General Activity Fee (GAF) should be raised by \$1 per credit hour at every campus. Furthermore, computer lease fees are proposed to increase by 4% at DSU and SDSMT.

| Proposed FY26 Resident Undergraduate Mandatory Tuition and Fee Increase | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>FY25 Cost</u> | <u>FY26 Cost</u> | <u>\$ Increase</u> | <u>% Increase</u> |
| Black Hills State University | \$8,763.00 | \$9,013.50 | \$250.50 | 2.9% |
| Dakota State University | \$9,632.50 | \$9,937.50 | \$284.50 | 2.9% |
| Northern State University | \$8,844.00 | \$9,094.50 | \$250.50 | 2.8% |
| SD School of Mines & Technology | \$10,167.00 | \$10,623.00 | \$456.00 | 4.5% |
| South Dakota State University | \$9,298.50 | \$9,553.50 | \$255.00 | 2.7% |
| University of South Dakota | \$9,432.00 | \$9,687.00 | \$255.00 | 2.7% |
| System Average Cost | \$9,357.03 | \$9,627.16 | \$270.14 | 2.9% |

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Proposed FY26 On-Campus Tuition and Mandatory Fee Schedule

Attachment II – Programs Proposed for Inclusion in the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

South Dakota Board of Regents
Proposed FY26 On-Campus and Centers Tuition and Mandatory Fees

| | Current Rate | \$ Increase | % Increase | FY26 Rate |
|---|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Black Hills State University | | | | |
| Undergraduate - Per Credit Hour | | | | |
| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| State Employee, ROTC, Teacher Certification | \$126.95 | \$3.65 | 2.9% | \$130.60 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$139.60 | \$4.05 | 2.9% | \$143.65 |
| Remedial ⁽⁵⁾ | \$354.75 | \$10.30 | 2.9% | \$365.05 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Resident | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| Western Undergraduate Exchange ⁽²⁾ | \$357.25 | \$10.35 | 2.9% | \$367.60 |
| Nonresident | \$357.25 | \$10.35 | 2.9% | \$367.60 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽⁴⁾ | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽³⁾ | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$324.85 | \$9.40 | 2.9% | \$334.25 |
| Graduate - Per Credit Hour | | | | |
| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| State Employee, Teacher Certification | \$166.65 | \$4.80 | 2.9% | \$171.45 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$300.00 |
| DOD Civilian Resident | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$300.00 |
| Graduate Assistant | \$176.60 | \$5.15 | 2.9% | \$181.75 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$183.30 | \$5.30 | 2.9% | \$188.60 |
| Nonresident | \$622.15 | \$18.05 | 2.9% | \$640.20 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$300.00 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$300.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$300.00 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽¹¹⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽¹²⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| Nonresident Graduate Assistant | \$209.95 | \$6.10 | 2.9% | \$216.05 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$572.00 | \$16.60 | 2.9% | \$588.60 |
| Western Regional Graduate Program ⁽⁵⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| Dakota State University, Northern State University | | | | |
| Undergraduate - Per Credit Hour | | | | |
| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| State Employee, ROTC, Teacher Certification | \$126.95 | \$3.65 | 2.9% | \$130.60 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$139.60 | \$4.05 | 2.9% | \$143.65 |
| Remedial ⁽⁷⁾ | \$354.75 | \$10.30 | 2.9% | \$365.05 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Resident | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |
| Western Undergraduate Exchange ⁽²⁾ | \$357.25 | \$10.35 | 2.9% | \$367.60 |
| Nonresident | \$357.25 | \$10.35 | 2.9% | \$367.60 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽⁴⁾ | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽³⁾ | \$253.85 | \$7.35 | 2.9% | \$261.20 |

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| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$357.25 | \$10.35 | 2.9% | \$367.60 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (DSU) | \$295.87 | \$8.58 | 2.9% | \$304.45 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (NSU) | \$322.15 | \$9.35 | 2.9% | \$331.50 |

Graduate - Per Credit Hour

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| Resident PhD (DSU) ⁽⁸⁾ | \$333.25 | \$26.65 | 8.0% | \$359.90 |
| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ (NSU and DSU) | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| State Employee, Teacher Certification | \$166.65 | \$4.80 | 2.9% | \$171.45 |
| State Employee PhD (DSU) | \$166.65 | \$13.35 | 8.0% | \$180.00 |
| Graduate Assistant (NSU Only) | \$176.60 | \$5.15 | 2.9% | \$181.75 |
| Graduate Assistant (DSU Only) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$183.30 | \$5.30 | 2.9% | \$188.60 |
| Over Sixty-Five PhD (DSU) | \$183.30 | \$14.65 | 8.0% | \$197.95 |
| Nonresident | \$622.15 | \$18.05 | 2.9% | \$640.20 |
| Nonresident PhD (DSU) | \$622.15 | \$49.75 | 8.0% | \$671.90 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$622.15 | \$18.05 | 2.9% | \$640.20 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ PhD (DSU) | \$622.15 | \$49.75 | 8.0% | \$671.90 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$622.15 | \$18.05 | 2.9% | \$640.20 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽¹¹⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽¹¹⁾ PhD (DSU) | \$333.25 | \$26.65 | 8.0% | \$359.90 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽¹²⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽¹²⁾ PhD (DSU) | \$333.25 | \$26.65 | 8.0% | \$359.90 |
| Nonresident Graduate Assistant (NSU) | \$209.95 | \$6.10 | 2.9% | \$216.05 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (DSU) | \$569.60 | \$16.50 | 2.9% | \$586.10 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (DSU) PhD | \$569.60 | \$45.55 | 8.0% | \$615.15 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (NSU) | \$569.30 | \$16.50 | 2.9% | \$585.80 |
| Western Regional Graduate Program ⁽⁵⁾ | \$333.25 | \$9.65 | 2.9% | \$342.90 |

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology**Undergraduate - Per Credit Hour**

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|---|----------|----|-------|------|----|--------|
| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$260.55 | \$ | 13.05 | 5.0% | \$ | 273.60 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$ | - | 0.0% | \$ | - |
| State Employee, ROTC, Teacher Certification | \$130.30 | \$ | 6.55 | 5.0% | \$ | 136.85 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$143.30 | \$ | 7.20 | 5.0% | \$ | 150.50 |
| Remedial ⁽⁷⁾ | \$354.75 | \$ | 17.75 | 5.0% | \$ | 372.50 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$ | - | 0.0% | \$ | 250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Resident | \$260.55 | \$ | 13.05 | 5.0% | \$ | 273.60 |
| Western Undergraduate Exchange ⁽²⁾ | \$390.80 | \$ | 19.55 | 5.0% | \$ | 410.35 |
| Nonresident | \$408.05 | \$ | 20.40 | 5.0% | \$ | 428.45 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽⁴⁾ | \$260.55 | \$ | 13.05 | 5.0% | \$ | 273.60 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽³⁾ | \$260.55 | \$ | 13.05 | 5.0% | \$ | 273.60 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$ | - | 0.0% | \$ | 250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$408.05 | \$ | 20.40 | 5.0% | \$ | 428.45 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$284.75 | \$ | 14.25 | 5.0% | \$ | 299.00 |

Graduate - Per Credit Hour

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|--|----------|----|-------|------|----|----------|
| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$338.90 | \$ | 16.96 | 5.0% | \$ | \$355.85 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$ | - | 0.0% | \$ | - |
| State Employee, Teacher Certification | \$169.45 | \$ | 8.50 | 5.0% | \$ | 177.95 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$338.90 | \$ | 16.95 | 5.0% | \$ | 355.85 |

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| DOD Civilian Resident | \$338.90 | \$ | 16.95 | 5.0% | \$ | 355.85 |
| Graduate Assistant | \$0.00 | \$ | - | 0.0% | \$ | - |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$186.40 | \$ | 9.35 | 5.0% | \$ | 195.75 |
| Nonresident | \$680.25 | \$ | 34.00 | 5.0% | \$ | 714.25 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$680.25 | \$ | 34.00 | 5.0% | \$ | 714.25 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$680.25 | \$ | 34.00 | 5.0% | \$ | 714.25 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽¹¹⁾ | \$338.90 | \$ | 16.95 | 5.0% | \$ | 355.85 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽¹²⁾ | \$338.90 | \$ | 16.95 | 5.0% | \$ | 355.85 |
| Nonresident Graduate Assistant | \$213.50 | \$ | 10.70 | 5.0% | \$ | 224.20 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$560.65 | \$ | 28.05 | 5.0% | \$ | 588.70 |
| Western Regional Graduate Program ⁽⁵⁾ | \$338.90 | \$ | 16.95 | 5.0% | \$ | 355.85 |

South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota, University of South Dakota Sioux Falls

Undergraduate - Per Credit Hour

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| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$259.10 | \$7.50 | 2.9% | \$266.60 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| State Employee, ROTC, Teacher Certification | \$129.55 | \$3.75 | 2.9% | \$133.30 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$142.50 | \$4.15 | 2.9% | \$146.65 |
| Remedial ⁽⁷⁾ | \$354.75 | \$10.30 | 2.9% | \$365.05 |
| USDSF State EE/ROTC/Teacher Cert/Counselor | \$120.65 | \$3.50 | 2.9% | \$124.15 |
| USDSF Nonresident Assoc Degree Program (Lower Div) | \$295.60 | \$8.55 | 2.9% | \$304.15 |
| USDSF Assoc Degree Program (Lower Div) | \$241.30 | \$7.00 | 2.9% | \$248.30 |
| USDSF Assoc Degree Prog Guard STA (Lower Div) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| USDSF Assoc Degree Prog Qualified Veteran (Lower Div) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| USDSF Assoc Degree Prog Res Over 65 (Lower Div) | \$132.70 | \$3.85 | 2.9% | \$136.55 |
| USDSF Remedial | \$287.34 | \$7.86 | 2.7% | \$295.20 |
| USDSF Remedial Teacher Cert | \$166.70 | \$4.35 | 2.6% | \$171.05 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Resident | \$259.10 | \$7.50 | 2.9% | \$266.60 |
| Western Undergraduate Exchange ⁽²⁾ | \$376.10 | \$10.90 | 2.9% | \$387.00 |
| Nonresident | \$376.10 | \$10.90 | 2.9% | \$387.00 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽⁴⁾ | \$259.10 | \$7.50 | 2.9% | \$266.60 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽³⁾ | \$259.10 | \$7.50 | 2.9% | \$266.60 |
| Nonresident Indian University of North America | \$259.10 | \$7.50 | 2.9% | \$266.60 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$250.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$250.00 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$376.10 | \$10.90 | 2.9% | \$387.00 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (SDSU) | \$312.25 | \$9.05 | 2.9% | \$321.30 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (USD) | \$307.80 | \$8.95 | 2.9% | \$316.75 |

Graduate - Per Credit Hour

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| Resident ⁽⁸⁾ | \$340.15 | \$9.85 | 2.9% | \$350.00 |
| Executive MBA (USD only) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$1,000.00 |
| Guard STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| State Employee, Teacher Certification | \$170.10 | \$4.90 | 2.9% | \$175.00 |
| Active Duty Military Personnel Resident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$340.15 | \$9.85 | 2.9% | \$350.00 |
| DOD Civilian Resident | \$340.15 | \$9.85 | 2.9% | \$350.00 |
| Graduate Assistant (USD Only) | \$180.30 | \$5.20 | 2.9% | \$185.50 |
| Graduate Assistant (SDSU Only) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| Over Sixty-Five | \$187.10 | \$5.40 | 2.9% | \$192.50 |
| Nonresident | \$654.05 | \$18.95 | 2.9% | \$673.00 |

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| Active Duty Military Personnel Nonresident ⁽⁹⁾ | \$654.05 | \$18.95 | 2.9% | \$673.00 |
| DOD Civilian Nonresident | \$654.05 | \$18.95 | 2.9% | \$673.00 |
| Child of Alumni ⁽¹¹⁾ | \$340.15 | \$9.85 | 2.9% | \$350.00 |
| South Dakota Advantage ⁽¹²⁾ | \$340.15 | \$9.85 | 2.9% | \$350.00 |
| Nonresident Graduate Assistant (USD Only) | \$214.30 | \$6.20 | 2.9% | \$220.50 |
| Nonresident Graduate Assistant (SDSU Only) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (SDSU) | \$559.40 | \$16.20 | 2.9% | \$575.60 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only (USD) | \$554.95 | \$16.10 | 2.9% | \$571.05 |
| Western Regional Graduate Program ⁽⁵⁾ | \$340.15 | \$9.85 | 2.9% | \$350.00 |

South Dakota State University, University of South Dakota**Pharmacy & Allied Health Programs ⁽⁶⁾⁽¹⁰⁾**

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| Resident per Semester ⁽⁸⁾ | \$5,096.00 | \$148.00 | 2.9% | \$5,244.00 |
| SD Advantage - Per Semester (New) | | | | \$8,653.00 |
| GR.UG Semester STA | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| SD Advantage - Per Credit Hour (New) | | | | \$612.55 |
| Nonresident - Per Semester | \$10,903.00 | \$316.00 | 2.9% | \$11,219.00 |
| Nonresident - Per Credit Hour | \$888.10 | \$25.75 | 2.9% | \$913.85 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$7,830.00 | \$227.05 | 2.9% | \$8,057.05 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$599.90 | \$17.40 | 2.9% | \$617.30 |

Law School ⁽¹⁰⁾

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| Resident per Semester ⁽⁸⁾ | \$5,868.00 | \$170.00 | 2.9% | \$6,038.00 |
| SD Advantage - Per Semester (New) | | | | \$10,566.50 |
| Law NG STA 50% | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| Graduate Assistant - Semester | \$3,109.55 | \$90.60 | 2.9% | \$3,200.15 |
| Nonresident - Per Semester | \$15,638.00 | \$454.00 | 2.9% | \$16,092.00 |
| Nonresident w/ LSAT 155 or Higher - Per Semester | \$5,868.00 | \$170.00 | 2.9% | \$6,038.00 |
| Nonresident Graduation Assistant - Per Semester | \$3,697.35 | \$106.60 | 2.9% | \$3,803.95 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$10,039.00 | \$291.15 | 2.9% | \$10,330.15 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$669.25 | \$19.40 | 2.9% | \$688.65 |

Medical School ⁽¹⁰⁾

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| Resident & INMED Program - Annual ⁽⁸⁾ | \$32,105.00 | \$931.00 | 2.9% | \$33,036.00 |
| SD Advantage - Annual (New) | | | | \$57,813.00 |
| Med NG STA 50% | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.0% | \$0.00 |
| Nonresident - Annual | \$76,935.00 | \$2,231.00 | 2.9% | \$79,166.00 |
| Minnesota Reciprocity - current enrolled students only | \$41,492.00 | \$1,203.25 | 2.9% | \$42,695.25 |

Veterinary Medicine 2+2 Program ⁽¹⁰⁾

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| Resident per Semester (all SD and MN residents) ⁽⁸⁾ | \$9,439.00 | \$274.00 | 2.9% | \$9,713.00 |
| Non-Resident - Per Semester (all non SD or MN residents) | \$18,150.00 | \$526.00 | 2.9% | \$18,676.00 |
| SD Advantage - Per Semester (New) | | | | \$14,941.08 |

FY25 Mandatory Fees ⁽¹⁾

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| General Activity Fee - Credit Hour | BHSU | \$38.25 | \$1.00 | 2.6% | \$39.25 |
| | DSU | \$40.65 | \$1.00 | 2.5% | \$41.65 |
| | NSU | \$40.95 | \$1.00 | 2.4% | \$41.95 |
| | SDSM&T | \$49.60 | \$1.00 | 2.0% | \$50.60 |
| | SDSU | \$50.85 | \$1.00 | 2.0% | \$51.85 |
| | USD | \$55.30 | \$1.00 | 1.8% | \$56.30 |

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| Computer Lease Fee - Semester | DSU | \$409.00 | \$17.00 | 4.2% | \$426.00 |
| | SDSM&T | \$431.25 | \$17.25 | 4.0% | \$448.50 |

Notes: *All rates are effective at the end of the 2025 spring term.*

SD National Guard members may be eligible for a benefit of free in-state resident tuition after federal tuition benefits are applied, but the benefits in total may not exceed 100% of the tuition cost. The graduate benefit is limited to 32 credit hours. The undergraduate benefit is limited to 128 credit hours

- (1) The mandatory per credit hour fees are added to the on-campus tuition cost for a total cost per credit hour. Discipline fees may also apply to certain courses and are in addition to on-campus tuition and mandatory fees.*
- (2) States participating in the Western Undergraduate Exchange program: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The SDSM&T rate is available only to new freshman and first-time transfers starting the summer of 2016.*
- (3) The South Dakota Advantage Program is for new freshmen and transfers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wyoming, Kansas, Missouri and Minnesota.*
- (4) Participation in the program is limited to new freshmen or first-time transfers attending the same university from which one of their parents or legal guardian received a degree. Eligibility criteria apply and differ between institutions.*
- (5) The Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) allows master's, graduate certificate, and Ph.D. students who are residents of the WICHE member states to enroll in high-quality programs at 60 public institutions outside of their home state and pay resident tuition. For a list of South Dakota's programs offered through WRGP, please visit this site:
<https://www.wiche.edu/wrgp>*
- (6) Allied Health includes Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Physical Therapy, and MS Human Biology*
- (7) These rates are the total per credit hour cost. No additional fees will be assessed.*
- (8) Any citizen or other person entitled under law to establish a residence in the United States who graduates from a South Dakota high school, or any citizen or other person entitled under law to establish a residence in the United States who was a South Dakota resident at the time of high school graduation and lived with a parent or legal guardian who was also a South Dakota resident is entitled to resident tuition rates.*
- (9) USDSF and BHRC center tuition rates for USD and BHSU sections only. Mandatory delivery fees are added to the Center tuition costs. Discipline fees may also apply to certain courses and are in addition to on-campus tuition and mandatory fees.*
- (10) Effective Summer 2025, The South Dakota Advantage Program is available for the capped graduate programs of OT, PT, PA, MD, Law, PharmD and Vet 2+2 for new and transfer students meeting certain criteria.*
- (11) Effective Summer 2024, new or transfer graduate students attending the same university from which one of their parents or legal guardian received a degree. Student must have received an undergraduate degree or credential from one of the South Dakota Regental institutions.*
- (12) Effective Summer 2024, for new or transfer graduate students from a Dakota Advantage state and having received an undergraduate degree or credential from one of the South Dakota Regental institutions.*

Programs Proposed for Inclusion in the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRPG) through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

- Integrative Genomics (Master's)
- Special Education (Master's)
- Applied Management (Master's)
- Reading Education (Master's)
- Curriculum and Instruction (Master's)
- Strategic Leadership (Master's)
- Sustainability (Master's)
- Secondary Education (Master's)

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Analytics and Applied Artificial Intelligence (Master's)
- Artificial Intelligence (Master's)*
- Computer Science (Master's)
- Cyber Defense (Master's)
- Education and Technology (Master's)
- Health Informatics/Information Management (Master's)
- Information Systems (Master's)
- General Management (Master's)
- Computer Science (with SDSU) (Doctorate)
- Cyber Defense (Doctorate)
- Cyber Operations (Doctorate)
- Information Systems (Doctorate)

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

- Accounting Analytics (Master's)
- Counseling - Clinical Mental Health (Master's)
- Counseling – School Counseling (Master's)
- Educational Studies – Individualized Interdisciplinary Studies (Master's)
- Educational Studies – Secondary Education (Master's)
- Instructional Design in E-Learning (Master's)
- Special Education (Master's)*
- Sport Performance and Leadership (Master's)
- Strategic Innovation and Leadership (Master's)*

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

- Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences (Master's and Doctorate)
- Biomedical Engineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Chemical & Biological Engineering (Doctorate)
- Chemical & Biological Sciences (Master's)*
- Chemical & Biological Sciences (Doctorate)*
- Chemical Engineering (Master's)
- Civil/Environmental Engineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Computer Science/Engineering (Master's)
- Construction/Engineering Management (Master's)
- Data Science and Engineering (Doctorate)
- Electrical Engineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Engineering Management (Master's)
- Geology/Geological Engineering (Master's)
- Geology/Geological Engineering/Mining Engineering (Doctorate)
- Industrial Engineering (Master's)
- Materials Engineering and Science (Master's and Doctorate)
- Mechanical Engineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Mining Engineering & Management (Master's)
- Nanoscience & Nanoengineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Paleontology (Master's)
- Physics (Master's and Doctorate)

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

- Academic Advising (Certificate)*
- Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (Master's and Doctorate*)
- Animal Science (Master's and Doctorate)
- Applied Physics (Certificate)*
- Architecture (Master's)
- Athletic Academic Advising (Certificate)*
- Athletic Training (Master's)
- Biochemistry (Doctorate)
- Biological Sciences (Master's) including specializations in Biology, Dairy Science, Food Science, Microbiology, and Natural Resource Management
- Biological Sciences (Doctorate) including specializations in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, Biology, Dairy Science, Food Science, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Natural Resource Management, Plant Molecular Biology, Plant Science, Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary Pathobiology
- Biotechnology (Certificate)*
- Chemistry (Master's and Doctorate)
- Civil Engineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Communication and Media Studies (Master's)
- Competency-Based Learning (Certificate)*

- Computational Science and Statistics (Doctorate) including specializations in Data Science, Mathematics, and Statistics
- Computer Science (Master's)
- Computer Science, with DSU (Doctorate)
- Counseling and Human Resource Development (Master's) including specializations in Administration of Student Affairs, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Rehabilitation and Mental Health, and School Counseling
- Data Science, with DSU (Master's and Certificate) *
- Economics (Master's)
- Electrical Engineering (Master's and Doctorate)
- Engineering (Master's)*
- English (Master's)*
- Environmental Policy (Certificate)*
- Food Technology (Certificate)*
- Geography (Master's) including specialization in Geographic Information Sciences (Certificate)*
- Geospatial Science and Engineering (Doctorate) including specializations in Geography and Remote Sensing
- Geospatial Intelligence (Certificate)*
- Human Biology (Master's)
- Human Sciences (Master's) including specializations in Developmental Sciences*
- Institutional Research and Assessment in Higher Education (Certificate)*
- Interdisciplinary Studies (Master's)
- Management Foundations (Certificate)
- Mathematics (Master's) including specialization in Statistics
- Mechanical Engineering (Master's and Doctorate*)
- Nutrition and Dietetics (Master's)*
- Nutrition and Exercise Sciences (Master's) with specializations in Exercise Science and Nutritional Sciences
- Nutrition and Exercise Sciences (Doctorate)
- Operations Management (Master's)
- Pharmaceutical Sciences (Master's* and Doctorate)
- Plant Science (Master's and Doctorate)
- Precision Agriculture (Certificate)*
- Professional Management (Certificate)*
- Professional Science (Master's)*
- Real Estate (Certificate)*
- Sport Management (Master's)*
- Statistics (Master's)
- Surface Mount Technology (Certificate)*
- Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences (Master's) with specializations in Fisheries Sciences and Wildlife Sciences
- Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences (Doctorate)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

- Accounting (Master's) including specializations in Accounting Analytics, Business Management, Finance, and Leadership
- Addiction Counseling and Prevention (Certificate)
- Addiction Counseling and Prevention (Master's), including specialization option in Co-Occurring*
- Administration (Master's), including specialization options in Addiction Studies, Criminal Justice, Health Services, Human Resource Management, Interdisciplinary Studies, Long Term Care Administration, Nonprofit Management* and Organizational Leadership
- Advanced Graduate Mathematics (Certificate)
- Art (Master's) including specialization options in Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture
- Artificial Intelligence (Certificate)
- Arts in Health (Certificate)
- Audiology (Doctorate)
- Basic Biomedical Sciences (Master's)
- Basic Biomedical Sciences (Doctorate) with specialization options in Cancer Biology, Cardiovascular Biology, Infectious Diseases, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Neuroscience, and Physiology & Pharmacology
- Biological Sciences (Doctorate), including specialization in Conservation Biology, Integrative Biology*, and Neuroscience*
- Biology (Master's), including specialization in Neuroscience, and Conservation and Biodiversity*
- Biomedical Engineering (Master's) including specialization in Medical Product Development and Manufacturing*
- Biomedical Engineering (Doctorate)
- Business Administration (Master's) with specialization options in Artificial Intelligence for Business Analytics*, Business Analytics, Business Leadership, Finance, Health Services Administration, Marketing, Operations & Supply Chain Management, and Sustainability*
- Business Analytics (Master's)
- Chemistry (Master's)
- Communication (Master's)
- Computer Science (Master's) including specialization options in Artificial Intelligence* and Informatics*
- Counseling and Psychology in Education (Master's) with specializations in Clinical Mental Health, Human Development and Educational Psych, and School Counseling
- Counseling and Psychology in Education (Specialist) with specializations in Counselor Education, Human Development and Education Psychology, and School Counseling
- Counseling and Psychology in Education (Doctorate) with specializations in Counselor Education, Human Development & Education Psychology, and School Psychology
- Curriculum and Instruction (Doctorate)
- Data Science and Engineering (Doctorate)*
- Disaster in Mental Health (Graduate Certificate)

- Educational Leadership (Doctorate) with specializations in Adult and Higher Education, and PK-12 Educational Leadership*
- Elementary Education (Master's), including specializations in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Learners, Early Childhood Education, Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach, and Science, Technology & Math
- English (Master's), including specializations in Creative Writing and Literature
- English (Doctorate), including specializations in Literary Studies: Creative, and Literary Studies: Critical
- Executive Master of Public Administration (Master's)
- Geospatial Analysis (Certificate)
- Graduate Mathematics (Certificate)
- History (Master's)
- Kinesiology & Sport Management (Master's) including specializations in Sport Management* and Exercise Science*
- Leadership in Public Management (Certificate)
- Materials Chemistry (Doctorate)
- Mathematics (Master's)
- Mental Health Counseling (Certificate)
- Museum and Archive Studies (Certificate)
- Nonprofit Management (Certificate)
- Nursing Practice (Master's and Doctorate)
- Physics (Master's and Doctorate)
- Psychology with Clinical Specialization (Master's and Doctorate)
- Psychology with Clinical Disaster Specialization (Doctorate)
- Psychology Human Factors (Master's and Doctorate)
- Public Administration (Master's)
- Secondary Education (Master's), including specialization in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Learners, Reading Specialist/Literacy Coach*, and Science, Technology & Math
- Secondary Education with Initial Certification (Master's)
- Social Work (Master's)
- Special Education (Master's) including specializations in Advanced Specialist in Disabilities, Early Childhood Special Education, and Multicategorical Special Education
- Speech Language Pathology (Master's)
- Sustainability (Master's and Doctorate)
- Techniques in Public Policy (Certificate)
- Technology Education/Training (Master's)
- Theatre (Master's) including specializations in Design/Theatre Technology and Directing

Programs newly introduced for the 2025-26 academic year are marked with an asterisk (*)