



Minot State
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Introduction

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Minot State University is a public university dedicated to excellence in education, scholarship, and community engagement achieved through rigorous academic experiences, active learning environments, commitment to public service, and a vibrant campus life. Minot State is committed to its recently developed strategic plan, *Empowering Generations*, and its mission (stated directly above) and vision (stated directly below).

Minot State University will:

- Deliver high-quality education where, when, and how it is needed to a diverse, multi-generational student population.
- Prepare students and the institution for the evolving social and technological challenges of the world.
- Inspire scholarship and creative activity among students, faculty, and staff.
- Empower graduates with a distinctive combination of professional expertise and broad-based education to support varied careers and productive lives.

Since its founding in 1913 as a two-year normal school, Minot State University has evolved steadily in fulfilling its commitment to serving North Dakota and creating opportunities for its citizens. Today, Minot State University offers a wide array of high-quality undergraduate and graduate programs, including communication disorders, information systems, nursing, sports management, accounting, fine arts, criminal justice, the sciences, education, addiction studies, computer science, and so much more. Minot State University also offers numerous opportunities

for students to engage in academic research, service learning, civic activities, performances, clubs and organizations, volunteerism, internships, and more.

In addition, Minot State University's tree-lined campus provides students a friendly and personal atmosphere. Students find many of the cultural advantages usually associated with larger cities, including a symphony orchestra, an opera company, three art galleries, summer theatre and mainstage productions, numerous choral groups, and a city band. Students can also stay fit in the Wellness Center, study and learn in the Gordon B. Olson Library, hang out in the Student Center, and attend athletic events on campus at the Dome or Herb Parker Stadium, or off campus at Maysa Arena, Corbett Field, South Hill Softball Complex, or area golf courses.

This year's freshmen class has an average ACT score of 22 and an average high school GPA of 3.37. They are currently participating in our First-Year Learning Communities. In August, they took part in our new Welcome Week activities as well as our first ever Student Convocation. We are excited to see what they accomplish during their time at Minot State University while they work with our outstanding and supportive faculty and staff. We also anticipate their accomplishments after graduation as they return to tell their stories as Minot State University alumni.

At Minot State University, we are proud of the success of our faculty, staff, and students, and we are eager to share our story with you as a part of the Higher Learning Commission's comprehensive evaluation.