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Academic Organization

The core of the University is its academic program, and the Provost serves as the University's Chief Academic Officer. In meeting that responsibility, the Provost has as principal associates the Dean of Arts, Letters, and Sciences; the Dean of Business, Education, and Professional Studies; and the Dean of Graduate Studies. Each academic program, major, minor or concentration is sponsored by an academic department. Each department has a department chairperson.

Students declaring a major will be assigned an academic advisor in that program. Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) students and undeclared students will receive initial advising through the Admission Office. Provisionally admitted students will receive initial advising through the Academic and Diversity Resources Office (ADR).

Academic Departments

Each department is a part of one of the University's two colleges: the College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences, or the College of Business, Education, and Professional Studies.

The College of Arts, Letters, and Sciences includes the following departments:

- Art, Music, Speech Communication, and Theatre
- English
- Humanities, Philosophy, and Foreign Language
- Science
- Social Science

The College of Business, Education, and Professional Studies includes the following departments:

- Business and Public Affairs
- Education
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Wellness and Human Performance, and
- the Center for Rural and Regional Studies.

Academic Programs and Degrees

Graduate Degrees

Business Administration	M.B.A.
Education	M.S.
Special Education	M.S.

Undergraduate Degrees

Major Programs

	Degree
Accounting	A.S., B.S.
Agribusiness Management	A.S., B.S.
Agronomy B.S.	

Art Education	B.S.
Art:	B.A.
Bachelor of Applied Science: Fire Administration	B.A.S.
Bachelor of Applied Science: Law Enforcement Administration	B.A.S.
Bachelor of Applied Science: Management	B.A.S.
Bachelor of Applied Science: Marketing B.A.S.	
Biology	B.A.
Biology Medtech/Cytotech Emphasis	B.A.
Biology Education	B.S.
Business Administration	A.S., B.S.
Chemistry	B.A., B.S.
Chemistry Education	B.S.
Communication Arts & Literature/Secondary Ed.	B.S.
Computer Science	B.S.
Culinology®	B.S.
Early Childhood Education	B.S.
Elementary Education	B.S.
Environmental Science	B.S.
Finance	B.S.
Health Education	B.S.
History	B.A.
Hospitality Management	B.S.
Individualized Interdisciplinary	B.A., B.S.
Justice Administration	B.S.
K-12 Teachers of World Languages and Culture: Spanish	B.S.
Literature	B.A.
Literature & Communication Arts/Secondary Ed.	B.S.
Literature/Creative Writing	B.A.
Management	B.S.
Marketing	A.S., B.S.
Mathematics	B.A.
Mathematics Education	B.S.
Music	B.A.
Music Management	B.A.
Music Education	B.S.
Philosophy	B.A.
Physical Education	B.S.
Physical Education–Teaching	B.S.
Political Science	B.A.
Professional Writing & Communication	B.A.
Psychology	B.A.
Public Administration	B.A.
Social Work	B.S.
Sociology	B.A.
Spanish	B.A.

Speech Communication	B.A.
Speech Communication: Public Relations	B.A.
Speech Communication: Radio and Television	B.S.
Speech Communication/Theatre Arts	B.A.
Speech Communication/Theatre Arts Secondary Ed.	B.S.
Theatre Arts	B.A.

Forestry
Law
Medicine
Ministry
Mortuary Science
Nursing
Occupational Therapy
Optometry
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Veterinary Medicine

Minor Programs

- Accounting
- Agronomy
- Adapted Physical Activity
- Adapted PE/DAPE
- Agribusiness Management
- American Indian Studies/Dakota Studies
- Anthropology
- Art
- Art/Graphic Design
- Biology
- Business Administration for Business-related majors
- Business Administration for Non-business majors
- Classical Studies
- Coaching
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Environmental Science
- Finance
- French
- Geology
- Geography
- German
- Hispanic Studies
- History
- Leadership Studies
- Literature
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Pre-Law
- Physics
- Psychology
- Rural and Regional Studies
- Social Welfare
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Special Education
- Speech Communication
- Speech Communication- Secondary Education
- Speech Communication/Theatre Arts
- Speech Communication/Theatre Arts- Secondary Education
- Theatre Arts
- Women's Studies
- Writing
- Pre-professional Programs
- Agriculture
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Engineering
- Fishery and Wildlife Management

Key to Curriculum Prefixes

Prefix Code	Program Title
ACCT	Accounting
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AGBU	Agribusiness Management
AGRO	Agronomy
ANTH	Anthropology
ART	Art
BADM	Business Administration
BIOL	Biology
CHEM	Chemistry
COMP	Computer Science
CULG	Culinology®
ECON	Economics
ED	Education
EDSP	Education: Special Education
ENG	English: American Language
ENVS	Environmental Science
FIRE	Fire Service Administration
FRLG	Foreign Language
FREN	French
GER	German
GLBL	Global Studies
HLTH	Health
HIST	History
HOSP	Hospitality Management
HUMT	Humanities
IDST	Interdisciplinary Studies
INDS	Indigenous Nations & Dakota Studies
JUAD	Justice Administration
LIT	Literature
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MKTG	Marketing
MATH	Mathematics
MUS	Music
PBAD	Public Administration
PE	Physical Education
PHIL	Philosophy
PHYS	Physics
POL	Political Science
PSYC	Psychology
RURL	Rural & Regional Studies
SWRK	Social Work

SOCISociology
SPANSpanish
SPCHSpeech Communication
THTRTheatre Arts

Pre-professional Programs

Students wishing to specialize in certain professional areas in which Southwest Minnesota State University does not offer professional degree programs may take sufficient pre-professional work to prepare for admission into a professional program.

Requirements vary significantly from institution to institution. Therefore, if you are interested in a pre-professional program, you should seek out an advisor in that program. That advisor can then discuss with you the specific details about courses and other requirements for the program and school(s) which interest you.

Southwest Minnesota State University offers pre-professional programs in the following areas (and recommended program advisor):

- Pre-Agriculture (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Chiropractic (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Dentistry (Advisor: Chemistry or Biology Program)
- Pre-Engineering (Advisor: Math or Computer Science Program)
- Pre-Fishery and Wildlife Management (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Forestry (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Law (Advisor: History, Philosophy, or Political Science Program)
- Pre-Medicine (Advisor: Biology or Chemistry Program)
- Pre-Ministry (Advisor: Philosophy Program)
- Pre-Mortuary Science (Advisor: Biology or Chemistry Program)
- Pre-Nursing (Advisor: Chemistry or Biology Program)
- Pre-Occupational Therapy (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Optometry (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Pharmacy (Advisor: Chemistry Program)
- Pre-Physical Therapy (Advisor: Biology Program)
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine (Advisor: Biology Program)

Honors Program

This program is designed for outstanding, highly motivated students and should ordinarily begin in the freshman year. Entering students are eligible if they have a sound high school record and high ACT scores, and can provide a recommendation from at least one high school teacher or counselor. In addition, students currently enrolled at SMSU may apply for entrance to the program if they have not completed more than 10 hours of the standard Liberal Arts Curriculum and Rural Studies requirements, have earned a 3.3 grade point average, and can provide recommendations from advisors.

The program is a substitute for the standard Liberal Arts Curriculum program. All students are required to take three courses from the following list, plus a Senior Honors Seminar.

PHIL 330	History of Philosophy I	3 credits
PHIL 331	History of Philosophy II	3 credits
LIT 310	Greek Myth and Literature	3 credits
IDST 287	Honors Seminar I	3 credits
HIST 273	Intellectual & Cultural History of Modern Europe	3 credits
HIST 274	Social & Intellectual	

	History of Contemporary Europe	3 credits
MATH 400	Foundations of Math	3 credits

The student, in consultation with his/her advisor and the Honors Review Board, designs his/her own program of Liberal Arts Curriculum and Rural Studies. The student may also enroll in a 3-8 hour honors project designed by the student and his/her major advisor. Each student will also successfully complete an honors senior dialogue involving at least three faculty members from among non-major disciplines plus the honors coordinator. This session is not graded.

To continue in the program, the student must maintain a 3.3 grade point average, overall. Students successfully completing the program will be designated "honors graduate" at the commencement exercises.

Any student who meets the qualifications specified above and who enjoys the challenge and excitement of helping to design his/her own course of Liberal Arts Curriculum should request further information from: Director, Honors Program, Southwest Minnesota State University, 1501 State Street, Marshall, MN 56258.

Honors Courses

Southwest Minnesota State University offers special honors courses as follows:

ART 292	Honors Credit in Art, 1-2 credits
BIOL 292	Honors Credit in Biology, 1 cr.
CHEM 292	Honors Credit in Chemistry, 1 cr.
COMP 292	Honors Credit in Computer Science, 1-4 cr.
ED 292	Honors Credit in Education, 1-3 cr.
ENG 292	Honors Credit in American Language, 1 cr.
FREN 292	Honors Credit in French, 1 cr.
GER 292	Honors Credit in German, 1 cr.
HLTH 292	Honors Credit in Health, 1-4 cr.
HIST 292	Honors Credit in History, 1 cr.
HUM 292	Honors Credit in Humanities, 1 cr.
LIT 292	Honors Credit in Literature, 1 cr.
MATH 292	Honors Credit in Math, 1-4 cr.
MUS 292	Honors Credit in Music, 1-4 cr.
NSCI 292	Honors Credit in Natural Science, 1 cr.
PHIL 292	Honors Credit in Philosophy, 1 cr.
PE 292	Honors Credit in Physical Education, 1-4 cr.
PSYC 292	Honors Credit in Psychology, 1 cr.
POL 292	Honors Credit in Political Science, 1 cr.
SPAN 292	Honors Credit in Spanish, 1 cr.
SPCH 292	Honors Credit in Speech Communication, 1-4 cr.
THTR 292	Honors Credit in Theatre Arts, 1-4 cr.

These honors courses are designed primarily for honors program students and allow more in-depth or comprehensive study or research by certain students. Consent of the instructor and/or department is required prior to enrollment in the courses.

Individualized Interdisciplinary Major (IIM)

The purpose of the IIM is to provide each student in good academic standing (minimum GPA=2.5) the opportunity to design and pursue a major (as part of his/her B.A. or B.S. degree requirements) which

transcends existing majors.

The IIM allows the student to formulate an integrated program from two or more disciplines that meets his/her needs in a more viable way than the traditional majors.

Requirements for the IIM include:

- a. An IIM shall consist of not less than a total of 36 credits chosen from the curricula of at least two disciplines currently offered at SMSU. The 36 credits shall not include any Internship credits and shall include no more than 3 credits of Special Topics or Independent Study courses. If Internship credits or credits from Special Topics or Independent Study courses beyond the 3 credits stated above are to be required, they must be in addition to the 36 credits described above.
- b. The IIM shall not require more than 64 credits.
- c. To develop a plan for the IIM, the student will work with an advisory committee consisting of at least one faculty member from each program forming the IIM. The plan will be summarized on the IIM form, which will list the requirements of the IIM and explain the purpose for the IIM. The IIM form may be obtained from the Academic Deans' office or the Curriculum Committee.
- d. Ordinarily, a student will complete his/her plan for an IIM in the sophomore year. However, the latest time for filing such a plan is prior to the beginning of the final semester of the student's junior year. A student not meeting this deadline must complete the requirements for graduation by selecting and successfully completing a major other than the IIM. The student and his/her committee will select the degree appropriate for his/her IIM Plan (B.S. or B.A.)
- e. Any revision of the planned IIM must be approved by each advisor and each department involved.
- f. Each student with an IIM will complete a creative or scholarly project in his/her senior year. This project will be developed by the student with the aid of the advisory committee, which shall evaluate the project before awarding the IIM.
- g. Normally, at least half of the IIM will be in junior and senior level courses.
- h. The student must receive approval for the IIM plan from the assigned academic advisor, each member of the advisory committee, each department involved, and the appropriate academic dean. After all signatures are obtained, the student will forward a copy of the IIM plan to the Curriculum Committee and the Registrar. The Registrar will keep an approved copy of the IIM form. Before the student graduates, the Registrar will determine whether the student has satisfied all the requirements as approved on the IIM form.

Interim and Summer Sessions

After graduation and before Summer Session, each year, the University will offer a variety of interim courses. Summer session is conducted as a regular part of the academic program. Summer session provides an opportunity for the student who wishes to advance his/her learning in a particular field of study, to meet teacher licensure requirements, or to accelerate college work. Further information and announcement of summer courses and workshops are published in the spring of each year.

Consult the Interim/Summer Session list which is available online each Spring for current offerings.

Distance Learning

Southwest Minnesota State University offers programs to off-campus students through the Distance Learning programs across the state of Minnesota and beyond. Courses and programs leading to Bachelor's degrees are available at specific locations through Interactive Television and weekend delivery. Online course offerings are also available. Online programs in Business, Public Administration, and Early Childhood Education are being developed.

Undergraduate courses and programs are offered via Interactive Television at specific Minnesota locations. Business and Marketing programs as well as Exercise Science and Early Childhood Education programs from SMSU are available through ITV at locations across Minnesota through our partnerships with Community and Technical Colleges. These courses and programs are usually offered during the evening or on weekends to meet the needs of students who work. Courses are available online as well as via ITV.

Southwest Minnesota State University offers the Master of Business Administration degree to cohorts at off-campus sites in Minnesota. Course work is done via ITV or online.

To determine what degrees and programs are being offered and if there may be a site in your region, you may write to the Office of Distance Learning, Southwest Minnesota State University, or call (800) 642-0684, ext. 6251.

International Programs/Study Abroad

SMSU students are encouraged to undertake study and travel in other countries. Students who have never considered foreign study to be financially possible may find that by planning well in advance, saving regularly and arranging to apply on-campus financial aids or loans, they can cover the costs of a term of study abroad. Special scholarship aid is rarely available for foreign study. However, if a student joins an overseas program for credit sponsored by one of the MnSCU universities, his/her existing financial aid can apply overseas (except work study).

Students have an opportunity for foreign travel and studies through this program described in the "Global Studies" section in Academic Programs.

Through the Common Market plan, SMSU students may apply to join overseas programs of other MnSCU universities. St. Cloud State University and Minnesota State University, Mankato, for example, have study programs in many other countries.

Independent study abroad for credit is also possible under an arrangement approved by the SMSU faculty. The student makes written agreements in advance with the departments from which credit is desired, spelling out in detail the activities to be undertaken abroad. Reporting and/or testing will be required when the student returns to campus.

Groups of students with a common interest, (for example, in music, art, social science or foreign language) can receive help in organizing a group study tour. Such projects are most likely to be successful when planned in conjunction with a faculty member who has experience and contacts in the country or countries to be visited. Groups of SMSU students studying French have visited France, staying with families there. SMSU students studying Spanish have participated in South Dakota State University's study program in Mexico, which includes courses at a Mexican university and an opportunity to live with a Mexican family.

Internships

Almost all of the majors offered at Southwest Minnesota State offer internship opportunities to students. Internship coordinators within programs assist students in finding opportunities to obtain with work experience for credit. A wide variety of businesses and organizations, as well as locations, are part of this program. The work experience usually relates to the student's curricular goals. The student needs to have sufficient course work as background for the internship, so as to fulfill the needs of the internship. For more information, students should contact their department office and the Career Services Office (BA 156).

Cooperative Programs With Other Institutions

Common Market. The Common Market, coordinated by the Registration and Records Office, allows the student, by prearrangement, to study for one semester at another MnSCU four-year campus or for a total of two semesters at two different MnSCU four-year universities. Credits earned in this program are considered resident credit toward graduation at SMSU.

University Connection Program. Cooperative baccalaureate degree programs are available through SMSU and regional two-year colleges including: Riverland Community College, Ridgewater College, Alexandria Technical College, Central Lakes College, South Central College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Dakota County Technical College, St. Cloud Technical College, and Southeast Technical College. Selected upper level courses, instructed by SMSU and adjunct faculty, including faculty from the local cooperating post-secondary institution, are offered on the off-campus sites. As a result, associate degree graduates can earn a bachelor's degree. Requests for additional sites are being considered. For further information, please contact the Office of Distance Learning by calling (800) 642-0684, ext. 6251.