Southwest Minnesota State University is a four-year public university offering a high-quality education in the liberal arts and professions to prepare you for a life that is successful both personally and professionally. SMSU has grown into a university of choice with high national rankings, producing scholars who become the leaders, thinkers, and entrepreneurs of the future. Students and faculty alike come here to engage in the rich “Southwest Experience,” which starts with strong academics, fulfilling social opportunities, and support from fellow Mustangs. We invite you to visit SMSU and to experience for yourself all that it has to offer.
We are located:
161 miles to Minneapolis, MN
537 miles to Chicago, IL
92 miles to Sioux Falls, SD

216
Number of Acres on campus
92%
of classes hold fewer than 30 students
DISCOVER OPPORTUNITY.

Take advantage. SMSU offers innovative academic programs, personal mentoring by faculty who help connect you to jobs and graduate schools, and an education you can afford. Small classes and individualized attention give SMSU a personal feel, without the shocking sticker price—even for international students!
Get Ready. Get ready. In Marshall, you’ll experience the variety of all four seasons. Spring, summer, fall, and winter. See the prairie come to life when the snow melts and the green returns in spring. In summer, enjoy area lakes, outdoor music, and local festivals. In fall, take in the color around campus or hike in nearby Camden State Park. Winter means ice skating, sledding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and sipping cocoa by the fire in the Student Center. There’s something to explore in every season.
All programs require capstone/internship experiences

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STUDY AT SMSU

You can join a friendly community welcoming students from over 32 countries around the world. Get a world class education and the attention you need to succeed at a medium-size public University. With our affordable costs in tuition and living expenses, it’s no wonder SMSU is ranked Top 7th in the U.S. as most affordable for international students. International students pay the same tuition price as U.S. students. Finally, SMSU is proud to be ranked the #1 Safest Campus in the state of Minnesota.

So what are you waiting for?
APPLY TODAY!
www.smsu.edu/go/applyinternational
International Application Deadlines:

June 1st for Fall Term

November 1st for Spring Term
MAJORS
ACCOUNTING
AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT
• AGRICULTURAL FINANCE
• AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS & LEADERSHIP
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
AGRICULTURAL SOLUTIONS
AGRICULTURE (BAS)
AGRONOMY
APPLIED COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS
ART
• GRAPHIC DESIGN
• STUDIO ART
ART EDUCATION
BIOLOGY
BIOLOGY EDUCATION
BUSINESS (SEE FINANCE & MANAGEMENT)
CHEMISTRY
CHEMISTRY EDUCATION
COMMUNICATION ARTS & LITERATURE, ENGLISH
COMMUNICATION ARTS & LITERATURE, COMMUNICATION STUDIES
COMMUNICATION STUDIES
COMMUNICATION STUDIES: BROADCASTING AND DIGITAL MEDIA
COMMUNICATION STUDIES: PUBLIC RELATIONS
COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY & HEALTH PROMOTION
COMPUTER SCIENCE
CULINOLOGY
DATA SCIENCE
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
ECONOMICS
EDUCATIONAL STUDIES (NON-LICENSE)
• EARLY CHILDHOOD
• SCHOOL-AGED RECREATION
• YOUTH-AT-RISK
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ENGLISH EDUCATION
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
• HUMANITY & ENVIRONMENT
• NATURAL SCIENCE
EXERCISE SCIENCE
• ALLIED HEALTH
• EXERCISE SPECIALIST
FINANCE
• CORPORATE FINANCE
• FINANCIAL PLANNING & INVESTMENTS
HEALTH EDUCATION
HISTORY
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
• CULINARY MANAGEMENT
• HOTEL & EVENT MANAGEMENT
INDIVIDUALIZED INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES
JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (BAS)
MANAGEMENT
• ENTREPRENEURSHIP
• GENERAL MANAGEMENT
• HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION
• HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
• SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION (BAS)
MARKETING
MARKETING (BAS)
MATHEMATICS
MATHEMATICS EDUCATION
MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
MUSIC
• INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCE
• MANAGEMENT
• MUSIC IN THE LIBERAL ARTS
• PIANO PERFORMANCE/PEDAGOGY
• THEORY/COMPOSITION
• VOCAL PERFORMANCE
• MUSIC EDUCATION
• PHILOSOPHY
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
• RECREATION
• SPORTS MANAGEMENT
• PHYSICAL EDUCATION: TEACHING
POLITICAL SCIENCE
PROFESSIONAL WRITING & COMMUNICATION
PSYCHOLOGY
SOCIAL WORK
SOCIOLOGY
SPECIAL EDUCATION – ACADEMIC & BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIST
TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (TESL)
THEATRE ARTS

VISIT SMSU.EDU/CATALOG FOR THE NEWEST INFORMATION
HIGHLIGHTED PROGRAMS ALSO OFFER MINORS WITHIN THEIR FIELD

DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL.

YOUR SMSU EDUCATION IS:
• Focused on relevant careers, grounded in the liberal arts.
• Full of challenge, discovery, and personalized mentoring.
• Leadership-centered, action-based, and connected.
• Flexible, with options for where and when.
• Affordable, with public in-state tuition for all.
• Networked, before and after graduation.
Have the time of your life. Living on campus means you can plug into SMSU’s active campus community with more than 100 clubs and organizations to explore. Have fun, pursue your passions, and make new friends. Learn how to lead with your unique blend of interest and personal skills. Step up, step out, and discover your leadership qualities.

Our Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship houses many innovative enterprises, like the Small Business Development Center and Enactus, our decorated free-enterprise organization. Help protect water quality by assisting in the Redwood River Monitoring Project. Act in a play. Write for the campus newspaper or contribute to the university’s literary journal. It’s safe to say that you’ll find clubs, organizations — and other students — that share your interests.
A Winning Formula. That’s what our Division II Mustang student-athletes find as they pursue their goals in the classroom and on the court or playing field. Our teams are competitive, with student-athletes often named to all-academic teams on conference, regional, and national levels. We love our Mustangs!

Mustang fans generate a lot of noise and energy for our SMSU teams. Intramural sports offer fun and fitness for students who want to enjoy friendly competition.
Tuition & Fees $10,122
Housing $5,480*
Dining $3,502**
Health Insurance $2,119
Books & Supplies $1,277
Total $22,500***

* Based on double room in traditional residence hall    **Based on 10 meals/week in dining hall
***Students might expect to see increases of as much as 3% annually in total costs

At SMSU, everyone qualifies for in-state tuition!

PRIVATE EXPERIENCE.
PUBLIC COST.

PRIVATE COLLEGE
$38,185

PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
out-of-state
$22,698

SMSU
$10,122

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Estimate Total Yearly Cost 2022-23

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Application Requirements

Undergraduate
To apply for an undergraduate degree program, candidates must submit the following documentation to be considered for both admission and I-20 issuance:

- Online Application
- High School Transcript (2.5 GPA min)
- Any Post-secondary Transcripts
- Proof of English (IELTS 5.5/TOEFL 61+/DuoLingo 95+)
- Submit the $100 International Application Processing Fee

I-20 Issuance
Once you are fully admitted, these documents are required to issue your I-20:

- Copy of Passport
- Bank Statement / Letter with account balance in US $
- Financial Sponsor Form

Graduate
Graduate applicants are required to provide:

- Online Application
- $30 Non-Refundable Application Fee
- Degree Certificate and Transcripts
- All Foreign Post-secondary Transcripts must include an official English Transcript Credential Evaluation (SpanTran, ECE, or WES)
- Provide Two References with Contact Information
- Personal Statement of Qualifications
- Proof of English (IELTS 6.0/TOEFL 70+/DuoLingo 105+)
- MBA requires minimum GPA of 3.0 or GMAT score of 450+

Your Admission Letter & I-20 document will be emailed to you if you have met our admission requirements and after all required documents and payments are received.

Go to smsu.edu/go/international to learn more!
Southwest Minnesota State University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, the Minnesota Board of Teaching, the Council on Social Work Education, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

99% OF SMSU GRADS have found employment or continued their education after graduation
* statistics from the 2020 Annual Employment Report

- 22% Students of Color
- 28% Students from out of state
- 32 Countries Represented
- 19 Division II Athletic Teams
- #1 Safest Campus in MN - 2020
- Top 10 Military Friendly School
- 57 Major Programs
- 38 States Represented
- $8.3M Awarded in Scholarships & Grants
- 1970 Undergrad Students
- 57 Majors
- 38 States Represented
- 100% Classes Taught by Professors
- 80% Receive Financial Aid
- 98% Classes Under 50 Students
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- 23K+ Number of SMSU Alumni
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