



DAKOTA WESLEYAN
UNIVERSITY

2020-21

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

Nursing (all tracks).....	169 (24%)
Business (all concentrations).....	139 (20%)
Education (Elementary, Secondary and Special Education).....	99 (14%)
Natural Sciences (Biochemistry, Biology, General Science, Wildlife Management).....	61 (8%)
Athletic Training.....	49 (7%)

Graduate Program Enrollment: 131

Master of Arts in Education.....	38 (24%)
Master of Athletic Training.....	13 (8%)
Master of Business Administration.....	24 (15%)
Certificate Seeking.....	83 (53%)

Outcomes

2019-20 Undergraduate Degrees

Associate of Science.....	1
Bachelor of Arts.....	49 (25%)
Bachelor of Science.....	120 (61%)

2019-20 Graduate Degrees

Master of Arts in Education.....	13 (7%)
Master of Athletic Training.....	3 (1%)
Master of Business Administration.....	12 (6%)
Total.....	198

Fast Facts

- 90% of graduates are employed full time or attending graduate school.
- 100% job placement for nursing graduates
- 95% of education graduates are working as teachers or attending graduate school.
- 90% placement rate into medical and other healthcare-related graduate programs
- 73% aggregate retention
- 68% freshman-to-sophomore retention
- 30 student clubs and organizations

Annual Graduate Survey Data

- 99% of graduates would recommend DWU to a student seeking a quality educational experience.
- More than 97% of graduates "evaluated their overall educational experience at Dakota Wesleyan" as either "excellent" or "good."
- 100% of graduates said their critical-thinking skills have grown stronger as a result of their time at DWU.
- 98% of graduates said that instructors were willing to meet with them outside of class to discuss questions and concerns.
- More than 93% of graduates either "strongly agreed" or "agreed" that "my experience at Dakota Wesleyan University has prepared and inspired me to lead a life of learning, leadership, faith and service."
- 99% of graduates said professors provided them with opportunities to apply classroom learning to "real-life situations."

National Recognition for DWU

- U.S. News & World Report
 - Best Value Schools – Midwest (2021)
 - Best Regional Colleges – Midwest (2021)
 - Best Undergraduate Teaching – Midwest (2021)
 - Top 50 Performers on Social Mobility (2021)
- College Raptor – Hidden Gems in the Midwest (2020)
- Top Education Degrees – Top 50 Best Master's in Educational Leadership Online (2020)
- Intelligent.com – Top 53 Master's in Education Administration (2020)

- MBA Central – Top No Application Fee Online MBA (2020)
- Military Friendly School – Bronze (2020)
- Best Value Schools – Best Value Colleges and Universities in South Dakota (2019)
- OnlineMasters.com – Best Online Master's in Education Administration Programs (2019)
- College Consensus – Ranked No. 2 for Best Colleges in South Dakota (2019)

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 37 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.

Students Living on Campus.....488

Employees

Staff.....98
Faculty.....44

Student/Faculty Ratio: 13:1
Faculty With Terminal Degree: 80%
Courses Taught by Teaching Assistants: 0%
Faculty/Staff Giving Participation Rate: 92%

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: 948

Undergraduate.....789
Graduate.....159

Undergraduate Student Enrollment: 789

Full time.....630
Part time.....71
Other.....88

Graduate Student Enrollment: 159

Full time.....51
Part time.....24
Nondegree or Certificate Seeking.....84

Online Enrollment: 84

Undergraduate.....	22 (26%)
Graduate.....	62 (74%)

Enrollment by Program Type

Mitchell Campus.....	616
Undergraduate: 603	
Graduate: 13	
Online Programs.....	84
Hybrid Programs.....	114
Sioux Falls Campus: 70	
Graduate Certificate Programs: 44	
Nondegree Certification.....	40
High School Bridge Program.....	8
High School Dual Credit.....	80
Other.....	6

Fall 2020 New Enrolled Students: 372

Mitchell Campus.....	223
Freshmen: 179	
Transfers: 44	
Online Programs.....	29
Hybrid Programs.....	66
Sioux Falls Campus: 23	
Graduate Certificate Programs: 43	
Nondegree Certification.....	40
High School Bridge Program.....	8
Other.....	6

High School/Dual Enrollment: 80
Average Incoming Freshmen GPA: 3.39
Average Incoming Freshmen ACT: 21.1
% Incoming Freshmen Pell Eligible: 31%
% Incoming Freshmen First Generation: 27%

Enrollment by Classification

Freshmen.....	225 (24%)
Sophomores.....	173 (18%)
Juniors.....	149 (16%)
Seniors.....	145 (15%)
Other.....	97 (10%)
Graduate.....	159 (17%)

Undergraduate Student Profile

Gender

Men.....	338 (42%)
Women.....	451 (58%)

Diversity

Caucasian.....	667 (84%)
Hispanic.....	56 (7%)
Multiple.....	24 (3%)
Black or African American.....	14 (2%)
American Indian.....	13 (2%)
Race/Ethnicity Unknown.....	8
Asian.....	6
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.....	1

Geography

South Dakota.....	581 (74%)
Nebraska.....	34 (4%)
Minnesota.....	31 (4%)
California.....	27 (4%)
Wyoming.....	15 (2%)
Washington.....	11 (1%)
Iowa.....	11 (1%)
23 Other States and 5 Countries.....	79 (10%)
(6 International Students)	

International students represent the following countries/territories: Argentina, Columbia, Ecuador, Germany, Panama and South Africa.

Denominational Preference

Catholic.....	171 (22%)
Lutheran.....	120 (15%)
Methodist.....	74 (9%)
Baptist.....	19 (3%)
Other/No Denomination Preference.....	136 (17%)
Not Reported.....	269 (34%)

First Generation

First Generation.....	221 (28%)
Not First Generation.....	349 (44%)
Unknown.....	219 (28%)

Graduate Student Profile

Gender

Men.....	64 (40%)
Women.....	95 (60%)

Diversity

Caucasian.....	128 (81%)
Black or African American.....	10 (6%)
Other (American Indian, Asian, Multiple or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander.....)	8 (5%)
Race/Ethnicity Unknown.....	8 (5%)
Hispanic.....	5 (3%)

Financial

Budget and Finance

Operating Budget: \$17,511,000
Endowment: \$31,353,000

Annual Student Charges

Tuition.....	\$28,700
Room and Board.....	\$7,100
Technology Fee.....	\$600
Activity Fee.....	\$470
Total.....	\$36,870

Financial Aid

Federal.....	\$5,088,894
Private.....	\$1,711,484
Endowed Scholarships.....	\$877,560
Institutional Scholarships.....	\$9,165,338
Work Study.....	\$104,099
Total.....	\$16,947,375

Average Aid Per Student (including federal loans): \$24,689
Average Aid Per Student (not including federal loans): \$17,822
Average Debt Per Student (federal loans): \$26,519
Full-time, On-campus Students Receiving Aid: 100%

Tiger Athletics

Total Student-Athletes: 413

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 Wrestling
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
Women's Softball
Women's Volleyball
Coed Cheer (club status)

Nickname: Tigers
Colors: Royal Blue 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 College, Sioux City, Iowa
Mount Marty University, Yankton, S.D.
Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa
University of Jamestown, Jamestown, N.D.

Alumni

Total Alumni: 19,449
Total Number of Living Alumni: 8,430

Alumni by State/Region

South Dakota.....	4,821 (57%)
Minnesota.....	484 (6%)
Nebraska.....	327 (4%)
Colorado.....	271 (3%)
California.....	233 (3%)
Iowa.....	222 (3%)
Arizona.....	178 (2%)
Texas.....	160 (2%)
Florida.....	126 (1%)
Illinois.....	108 (1%)
Wisconsin.....	102 (1%)
New York.....	84 (1%)
Foreign Countries.....	42 (1%)
Other.....	1,272 (15%)

Trustees

Executive Committee

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

Paul Christen, Jacqueline Johnson, Beth Kroger '91,
Roger Musick, Bishop Bruce Ough, Bob Ruedebusch '78,
Leon Washington '72

Total Trustees.....29

Administration

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