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North Dakota has the smallest four-year sector in this set — fourteen institutions in total — and the most striking tribal college presence. Four of the state's four-year institutions are tribally controlled land-grant colleges serving specific nations: Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish at New Town, Sitting Bull at Fort Yates, Turtle Mountain at Belcourt, and United Tribes Technical College at Bismarck. That is a higher proportion than any other state in the Midwest.

The rest of the public sector is a single statewide system covering the two research universities at Fargo and Grand Forks plus four regional universities. The private sector is very small.

What this list covers

- **14 four-year degree-granting institutions** with a physical campus in North Dakota: 8 public, 5 private nonprofit, 1 for-profit.
- **Included:** any institution the federal IPEDS directory records as active, degree-granting, at the four-year level, and awarding a bachelor's degree or higher. That covers universities, liberal arts colleges, seminaries, art and music conservatories, health-professions schools, and graduate-only institutions.
- **Excluded:** community and technical colleges, and any institution whose highest award is an associate degree or a certificate. Two-year institutions are covered on the Ohio page only — see [Ohio colleges](#) for the reasoning.
- **Excluded:** system and administrative offices that hold their own IPEDS identifier but enrol no students.
- **This is a directory, not a ranking.** No tuition, fee, or aid figure appears on this page. Verify anything here against the institution's own site before you act on it.

Four-year degree-granting institutions

Institution	City	Control	Notes
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Public	Baccalaureate, diverse fields
Mayville State University	Mayville	Public	Baccalaureate, diverse fields
Minot State University	Minot	Public	Master's university
North Dakota State University	Fargo	Public	Land-grant; Doctoral, very high research
Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College	New Town	Public	Tribal college; Land-grant
Rasmussen University-North Dakota	Fargo	For-profit	Baccalaureate/associate's
Sitting Bull College	Fort Yates	Public	Tribal college; Land-grant
Trinity Bible College and Graduate School	Ellendale	Private nonprofit	Faith-related
Turtle Mountain Community College	Belcourt	Private nonprofit	Tribal college; Land-grant
United Tribes Technical College	Bismarck	Private nonprofit	Tribal college; Land-grant
University of Jamestown	Jamestown	Private nonprofit	Master's university

University of Mary	Bismarck	Private nonprofit	Doctoral/professional
University of North Dakota	Grand Forks	Public	Doctoral, high research
Valley City State University	Valley City	Public	Baccalaureate, diverse fields

Public university systems

IPEDS records one statewide public system holding six of the state's public four-year institutions. The tribal colleges are federally chartered and separately governed.

North Dakota University System

- Dickinson State University
- Mayville State University
- Minot State University
- North Dakota State University
- University of North Dakota
- Valley City State University

Reported without a system affiliation

- Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College
- Sitting Bull College

Tuition reciprocity

North Dakota takes part in the **Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)**, run by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. Where a participating public institution accepts an MSEP student from another member state, it may charge no more than 150 per cent of its in-state rate; participating private institutions offer a reduction of at least 10 per cent. Participation is decided campus by campus and program by program — it is not automatic, and a university being in a member state does not mean every one of its programs takes part.

The member states are Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and South Dakota do not participate.

Related pages

- [Colleges by state](#) — the other fifty pages.
- [Colleges and universities](#) — how the directory is organized and what it deliberately leaves out.
- [Ohio colleges](#) — the flagship page, and the only one that covers two-year institutions.

Sources

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