

South Dakota—AcademicInfluence.com Ranks the State's Best Colleges & Universities for 2021

PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA, USA, May 17, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With so many excellent colleges and universities to choose from in South Dakota, the challenge for prospective students isn't selecting just any school but choosing the right school from among the state's very best institutions.

AcademicInfluence.com announces the release of its series "The Best Colleges & Universities in the USA," which ranks every state's schools in multiple categories. The top higher education institutions in South Dakota are ranked here:

[South Dakota's Best Colleges & Universities of 2021](#)

South Dakota's page includes breakdown rankings and links in the following categories:

- 2 Research Universities
- 8 Liberal Arts Colleges & Universities
- 4 Graduate Schools
- 5 Public Colleges & Universities
- 5 Private Colleges & Universities
- 4 Christian Colleges & Universities
- 8 Small Colleges & Universities (fewer than 5,000 students)
- 6 Affordable Colleges (below national average of \$16k/yr)
- 6 Community Colleges

Attending an in-state college or university remains a major priority for many students. The tuition benefit students receive from attending a school in their state can be the deciding factor in pursuing a college degree. A local school within driving distance can also make a major

A graphic with an orange and white background. On the left is a small blue and white icon of a building. On the right is a circular inset image of a modern building with large glass windows. The text "SOUTH DAKOTA'S BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF 2021" is written in bold black letters. Below the graphic, there is a short paragraph of text.

SOUTH DAKOTA'S BEST COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF 2021

What are the top colleges and universities in South Dakota? See where AcademicInfluence.com ranks them in a variety of categories...

difference in the cost, saving commuters money by providing an alternative to the costlier on-campus, residential experience.

What are the top South Dakota colleges and universities overall?

- Augustana University (Sioux Falls, South Dakota)
- Black Hills State University (Spearfish)
- Dakota State University (Madison)
- Dakota Wesleyan University (Mitchell)
- Mount Marty College (Yankton)
- Northern State University (Aberdeen)
- South Dakota State University (Brookings)
- University of Sioux Falls (Sioux Falls)
- University of South Dakota (Vermillion)

Baseline eligibility for selection: four-year undergraduate degree offerings, full accreditation, and nonprofit.

Visit the link above to see where these schools place in each ranking, along with additional details about each and rankings of all other South Dakota colleges and universities. For those students with specific needs and who want greater customization, AcademicInfluence.com's rankings provide greater detail through 26 customizable filters available using [Custom College Rankings for South Dakota](#).

"We believe that students today want more than a degree—they want a college experience that meets their personal needs," says Dr. Jed Macosko, academic director of AcademicInfluence.com and professor of physics at Wake Forest University.

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