

HIGH SCHOOL DUAL CREDIT

GATEWAY TO BUSINESS

The Gateway to Business Certificate Program offers high school students in dual credit courses a chance to explore career-focused classes while earning college credits. This initiative, supported by Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, South Dakota State University, and the University of South Dakota, is ideal for those interested in business and entrepreneurship.

View the certificate course plan and potential degree paths below!



CERTIFICATE COURSEWORK PLAN

If you are considering a career in business, the courses in the certificate plan below will help you explore that path.

*Completing these courses not only qualifies for an undergraduate certificate but contributes to degree progress within the featured business programs at South Dakota's public universities. Courses that comprise the certificate may count toward general education requirements, major requirements, or electives, depending on your chosen major and university.

ECONOMICS

Take one of the following:

ECON 201 Principles of Microeconomics

ECON 202 Principles of Macroeconomics

COMPUTERS/COMMUNICATION

Take one of the following:

CSC/MIS 105 Intro to Computers

CSC/MIS 205 Advanced Computer Application

CMST 201 Interpersonal Communication

CMST 210 Interpersonal Communication/
Professionals

BUSINESS

Take one of the following:

BADM 101 Survey of Business

BADM/FIN 208 Personal Finance

MATH

MATH 114 College Algebra (or higher)

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Learn basic economic concepts as they relate to consumer, worker, and business decisions.
- Earn critical thinking or effective communication skills in business.
- Learn to make sound financial decisions related to all areas of personal finance.
- Learn about the organization and component areas of a modern business.

*Students who do not complete the certificate coursework in high school can still earn the credential while attending a participating South Dakota public university.

POTENTIAL DEGREE PATHS

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Accounting
Agribusiness/Ranch Management
Business Administration
Economics
Finance
Entrepreneurial Studies
Health Services Administration
Human Resource Management
Management
Marketing
Professional Accountancy

DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Accounting
Artificial Intelligence in Organizations
Business Analytics & Cybersecurity
Management
Business Education
Business Technology
Computer Information Systems
Finance
Health Informatics and Information
Management
Marketing
Professional Accountancy

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Accounting
Agricultural Business
Banking and Financial Services
Business Administration
Finance
International Business
Management
Management Information Systems
Marketing
Sport Administration

SOUTH DAKOTA MINES

Business Management in Technology

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Accounting
Advertising
Agricultural Business
Agricultural Economics
Business Economics
Concrete Industry Management
Construction Management
Consumer Behavior
Data Science
Economics
Entrepreneurial Studies
Fashion Studies and Retail
Merchandising
Global Studies
Hospitality, Tourism and
Event Management
Leadership & Management of
Nonprofit Organizations
Operations Management
Public Relations
Sport Management

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Accounting
Agribusiness Leadership
Business Administration
Business Analytics
Communication Studies
Economics
Finance
Health Services Administration
Human Resource Management
Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Kinesiology and Sport Management
Management
Marketing (Graphic & Digital Design)
Sport Marketing & Media
Supply Chain Management