In order to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of South Dakota, you must complete a minimum of 32 hours of USD credit, including at least 16 of the final 32 hours completed immediately prior to the degree. At least 50% of the coursework required for your major must be earned through USD.

Transfer Credit Review

Once you have been accepted to USD, you will receive a tentative credit evaluation based on your official transcripts using the following guidelines:

- Academic courses completed for credit at an accredited institution are generally accepted for transfer.
- Credits from non-accredited institutions may be accepted for transfer subject to approval of the dean of the college or school in which you plan to enroll.
- College credit earned while a student is still enrolled in high school may or may not be eligible for transfer. Consult your admissions counselor for further information.
- Accepted academic courses will transfer as meeting graduation requirements as determined by the school or major department if:
- the courses parallel requirements for the degree or
- the courses meet electives required for degree
- Courses repeated for credit are evaluated using the last grade earned.
- A maximum of 64 semester hours of transfer credit from a two-year college may apply toward graduation, and may not exceed one-half of the total semester hours required for completion of your USD degree.
- Transfer credits are accepted with the same grade and credit as recorded on the original transcript from your previous institution.
- Grades of "F" or the equivalent in a course otherwise transferable will be incorporated in calculating a student's cumulative grade-point average.
- Remedial courses, vocational courses, orientation, life experience and high school level courses are generally not accepted for transfer credit.