

Important Information

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The purpose of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act is to afford certain rights to students concerning their education records. The primary rights afforded are the right to inspect and review education records, the right to seek to have the records corrected, and the right to have some control over the disclosure of information from records.

Educational records contained in student records will not be otherwise released without written consent from the student. Student's who would like to release educational records to a 3rd party, must complete the NDUS FERPA Release Form.

For more information go online to:
bismarckstate.edu/student/registrar/StudentRecords.asp.

Graduation Requirements

Graduates of Bismarck State College are awarded degrees depending on the number of credits and other requirements completed.

To meet graduation requirements for an Associate in Applied Science, students must earn a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit that includes:

1. Completion of a prescribed technical program.
2. Completion of the following General Education requirements.
3. Earn at least 15 credits from BSC.
4. Achieve a minimum 2.00 grade point average in at least 60 semester hours, including a 2.00 grade point average in a prescribed technical program and in all credits from Bismarck State College.
5. Clear all college obligations.
6. File an "Application for Graduation" with the Student Records office in the semester/term in which student expects to complete requirements for graduation.

For more information about Graduation, please go online to bismarckstate.edu/student/registrar/Graduation.asp.

Transfer of Credits from BSC

Students who intend to transfer to a four-year institution are strongly advised to visit with representatives of that institution to assure that their program of study at BSC is suitable for transfer. Transfer of credits from BSC is normally a smooth process for students who have followed suggested curricular guidelines of BSC and the institution to which they will transfer. However, if at any time students encounter a problem with transfer of BSC credits to another institution, they are encouraged to contact the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at BSC.

THE NDUS Transfer Agreement

Students who attend colleges and universities in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) are guaranteed that approved general education requirements successfully completed at one of the NDUS institutions will transfer to other NDUS institutions. This practice was made possible when the State Board of Higher Education adopted the General Education Requirements Transfer Agreement (GERTA).

BSC students who complete the general education course requirements for either the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science degree and who accumulate 36 semester hours of course work in the areas of communications, arts/humanities, social sciences, and mathematics/science/technology will be exempt from taking any additional lower division general education courses at any NDUS institution to which they transfer.

Students who plan to transfer to other NDUS institutions and who have met the requirements may request to have a GERTA verification statement provided to another NDUS institution.

For more information about GERTA stipulations, go online to:
bismarckstate.edu/student/registrar/TransferCredits.asp.

The complete text of GERTA and the NDUS "A Student's Guide to Transfer Within the North Dakota University System" is available online at www.ndus.edu/students/ccn/gerta/default.asp.