Welcome to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system (MnSCU) was created in 1995 out of a merger of the state university system, the community college system, and the technical college system. The MnSCU system comprises 31 colleges and universities on 54 campuses in 47 communities across the state of Minnesota.

MnSCU institutions offer higher education that meets the personal and career goals of a wide range of individual learners, enhances the quality of life for all Minnesotans and sustains vibrant economies throughout the state. We play an essential role in growing Minnesota’s economy and opening the doors of educational opportunity to all Minnesotans.

MnSCU’s promise:
- To ensure access to an extraordinary education for all Minnesotans.
- To meet Minnesota’s workforce and community needs.
- To deliver to students, employers, communities and taxpayers the highest value/most affordable higher education option.

We are:
- The largest provider of higher education, continuing education, and customized training, in the state.
- The 5th largest system of public higher education in the country.

We support the state economy with $8.3 billion in economic impact, adding 80,856 jobs throughout the state.

We employ 17,900 dedicated faculty and staff to serve students.

We are the most affordable higher education option in the state. Tuition at MnSCU universities is about ½ the cost of the U of M, 1/5 the cost of private colleges.

Our Foundations raise more than $17 million for student scholarships. More than 60% of MnSCU students receive financial aid.
We educate:

- 435,000 students
- 66% of all undergraduate students in the state
- 107,000 online students
- 54,000 first generation students
- 11,000 veterans
- 82% of all PSEO students in the state
- More students of color and more low-income students than all of the other higher education providers in Minnesota combined

We offer 5,400 high-quality academic programs including 522 online programs.

More than 33,000 students transfer into the MnSCU system each year. 30,000 students take courses at more than one MnSCU institution at the same time.

We award 41,957 degrees and certificates.

Nearly 86% of our grads get jobs related to their field of study.

80% of our grads choose to live in Minnesota after finishing their education.

We are Charting the Future with a roadmap for how we can work together in new ways to better serve students and communities across our state. Eight campus-led teams are driving change:

1. Academic Planning and Collaboration
2. Competency Certification and Credit for Prior Learning
3. Comprehensive Workplace Solutions
4. Diversity
5. Education Technology
6. Information Technology Systems Design
7. Student Success
8. Systems Incentives and Rewards

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Thank you for joining the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities team. Together, we are the places of hope and opportunity where all Minnesotans can create better futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.