



Fargo Moorhead

Where college is
just the beginning
of the college
experience



EXPERIENCE MORE IN FARGO MOORHEAD

College experience.
For two to four years,
it's just another name
for your life.

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Go to class. Study hard. Build your future. Absolutely. But there are other things that are just as important as the next exam.

College experience is where you go, who you meet and what you do together when you get there. It's what you can't believe you just saw or heard on a big stage or in a small coffee shop, and can't wait to tell someone else about. It's what you fall in love with that, before, you just had no idea. And when your college experience is really good, it's what you'll remember forever.

It's going to be your
life. Make it really,
really good in Fargo
Moorhead.



230,000 people

30,000 college students

THE GOOD LIFE

Seems like national media, bloggers and list makers are constantly finding new ways to call Fargo Moorhead a “hip” and “trendy” place for work, play and life. Sounds good, we’ll take it. But here’s what that really means for you:

About 230,000 people live in Fargo Moorhead, a community that values what college students bring to life here. With one private and two public four-year universities, along with several community, technical and business schools, this is a college town that rivals any in the nation.

Nearly 30,000 college students enjoy a kaleidoscope of entertainment and nightlife, dining and shopping, funky shops and bookstores, coffee bars and neighborhood bakeries, nationally recognized performance venues and intimate clubs. It’s also a place of cultural, racial and religious diversity where you can be yourself and have a blast while growing intellectually and socially.

The tangibles are clean air and water, awesome entertainment venues, exceptional medical facilities, great shopping, short drive times, low cost of living and some of the lowest crime rates in the nation. The not-so-measurables are just as important - friendly people, a sense of community, solid values and a genuine concern for others.

So we’re “hip.” OK. But we’re also happy, healthy and safe. And those are the things that truly make Fargo Moorhead a great place for your college experience.



This is a smart town and a great place to get smart.

TRI-COLLEGE UNIVERSITY

SMART

www.tri-college.org

Tri-College University is a unique consortium that allows students enrolled at any one of its five member institutions to take courses at the others at no extra charge, and to apply the credits toward graduation requirements at the home campus. You'll be able to access world-class programs in a "combined campus" of around 30,000 students while living and learning in an environment sized to suit you.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Moorhead, Minn.
Private, 4-year, liberal arts college
2,200 students
Division III athletics
concordiacollege.edu

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD

Moorhead, Minn.
4-year university
7,400 students
Division II athletics
mnstate.edu

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fargo, N.D.
4-year research university
14,500 students
Division I athletics
nds.edu

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE-MOORHEAD

Moorhead, Minn.
2-year comprehensive college
3,700 students
minnesota.edu/moorhead

NORTH DAKOTA STATE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Wahpeton and Fargo, N.D.
2-year comprehensive college with a commuter location in Fargo
3,100 students
ndscs.edu

SNOW WHAT?

average summer high/low: 80°/51°

average winter high/low: 20°/2°

average monthly precipitation: 1.11"

We hear it all the time – what do people do up there in the winter? Straight answer – we do the same things people do everywhere else, we just wear warmer coats.

Fact is, we enjoy four seasons of fun in the sun. The weather is generally temperate with lots of sunshine all year long. Our springs are warm and bright, summers are pleasant, and autumns are delightfully crisp and cool. Winters are cold, but it's generally dry and usually includes beautiful snowfalls you don't see many other places. Speaking of snow, there is usually some around to play in from Thanksgiving to Easter, but we generally get less each year than most communities in the Northeast.





Downtown Fargo is a destination in itself, with something for people of all ages, interests and tastes.

GET DOWN(TOWN)



Upscale culinary delights, regional fare, cafés and galleries, distinctive boutiques, artsy hangouts, craft breweries, a historic art deco theater, and a truly out-of-the-ordinary upscale hotel with distinctive regional touches are all part of a vibrant downtown scene.



BE ENTERTAINED

If you find yourself with time on your hands, there's no shortage of entertainment options. Just one example – live music all over the place. The Fargodome and Scheels Arena host big-time touring acts of all genres, and national entertainers regularly play venues like the Bluestem Amphitheater and the Fargo Theatre. Fill in the gaps with regional and local bands in smaller clubs all over town, poetry and storytelling events, improv, stand-up comedy and more, and we're jammin' all year long.



Our arts community is thriving with live theater, ensembles for every musical preference, annual film and music festivals, museums, the symphony, opera and ballet, dance companies and an internationally renowned performing arts school. Local artists regularly contribute their talents to community events, fundraisers, galleries, coffee shops, restaurants, buildings and city streets.



PLAY HARD

Fargo Moorhead has 99 miles of hiking/biking trails.

Whether you bike, blade or skate, if you're into frof, golf or cross-country skiing, or you like swimming, shooting hoops or scoring goals, you can do it here as much as you want and in any direction you care to gaze. In fact, we have the facilities, trails and leagues for just about every activity and every person.

PLAY HARD

Minnesota lake country is only an hour down the road, and both Minnesota and North Dakota are world-class destinations for hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing and *(insert your favorite outdoor activity)*. If you like your sports from the bleachers, you can cheer for Division I, II and III collegiate teams, and professional minor league teams in baseball, hockey and soccer.

The annual Fargo Marathon is a Boston Marathon qualifier that hosts thousands of runners from all over the world.

Just a short drive from Fargo Moorhead, the North Country Trail stretches 4,600 miles across the United States.





Ultimately, attending college is all about earning a degree and starting a solid and satisfying career. You can get a jump on yours in Fargo Moorhead. There's an entrepreneurial spirit that generates palpable excitement in the community, and our traditional and high-tech businesses are in constant need of highly educated and skilled employees. On-the-job positions from internships to cooperative learning/working experiences to part-time jobs are plentiful, not to mention full-time careers when you graduate.

Fargo Moorhead is the #1 college town to find a job - ZipRecruiter

JUMP START

"Approximately 40 percent of our current Microsoft workforce in Fargo graduated from schools within the Tri-College system. Over many decades, the Tri-College graduates have excelled in a variety of roles on our Microsoft campus in Fargo. They come well prepared for roles in software development, commercial tech support, finance, sales and marketing. As our corporate strategy evolves and changes, the Tri-College graduates are able to adapt and excel."

- Don Morton, Senior Director and Site Leader

Among the top 10 cities for entrepreneurs - Nerd Wallet

#1 City for Finding a Job - US News & World Report

#3 Most Secure Places to Live - Farmers Insurance

#5 Best Places to Live in America - Moving.com



BE WELL

Fargo Moorhead is served by world-class health systems, specialty clinics and independent physicians, dentists, chiropractors, therapists and nontraditional healing providers... you name it. We're talking top-notch professionals, some of whom are internationally renowned. Whatever happens, someone here can help.



LIVE WELL

Housing for college students and new graduates is plentiful, from apartments and houses near campuses to downtown apartments, condos and lofts. It costs less to live here, too; grocery, housing, transportation and utility costs are at or below national averages.

North Dakota boasts the lowest overall crime rate and the lowest violent crime rate in the nation.

Fargo was #1 in a recent ranking of the most affordable college towns in the United States by valuecolleges.com.

STAY TRUE

You can be your own person in Fargo Moorhead and take your life where you want it to go.



This is a welcoming community where cultural, religious and racial diversity are expanding all the time. People of many faiths and denominations come together in dozens of churches, mosques, temples and synagogues for worship and fellowship. And Fargo Moorhead has always been a place where you can push personal boundaries, test new ideas, make new friends and discover interests you never knew you had.



Getting around is a snap;
wherever you are, it doesn't take
long to get where you're going.
You can get to your classes, the
clinic, supermarket, a movie,
your part-time job or your
internship in just minutes.

G HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

College students ride free on our
excellent community-wide public bus
system, and with Great Rides Bike
Share, you can pedal from campus
to downtown or wherever else you
want to go.

I-94 and I-29 intersect here, with
Minneapolis-St. Paul and Winnipeg
only a few hours away. For longer
trips, direct flights out of Hector
International Airport go to major U.S.
cities with connections anywhere in
the world. If you'd rather ride the rails,
Amtrak's trains run east and west.



There's so
much more
about Fargo
Moorhead that
we don't have
room for here.

To get the
bigger picture,
dig into some
of these
resources.

DIG IN

The Arts Partnership • theartspartnership.net
Bluestem Amphitheater • bluestemamphitheater.org
Downtown Community Partnership • downtownfargo.com
Emerging Prairie, An Entrepreneurial Ecosystem • emergingprairie.com
Fargo Blues Festival • fargobluesfest.com
Fargo-Moorhead Ballet • fmballet.org
Fargo Force (hockey) • fargoforce.com
Fargo Moorhead Convention & Visitors Bureau • fargomoorhead.org
Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks (baseball) • fmrighthawks.com
Fargo Park District • fargoparks.com
Fargo Theatre • fargotheatre.org
Fargodome • fargodome.com
Great Rides Bike Share • greatrides.bcycle.com
Moorhead Parks & Recreation • cityofmoorhead.com/departments/parks-and-recreation
North Country Trail • northcountrytrail.org
Red River Zoo • reddriverzoo.org
Scheels Arena • scheelsarena.com
West Fargo Parks • wfparks.org



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