

## National Student Exchange (NSE) Advising Checklist

### What is NSE?

- Exchange in Canada, the U.S. and it's territories
- You can earn credits to count towards major, minor, and gen. ed. requirements
- You can only study on NSE once
- You can study for an academic year, fall, or spring semesters
- Nearly 200 host schools to choose from (refer to the NSE brochure or website for complete list)

### Placement/application process

- NDSU applications will be due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> for full consideration
- Choose 3-5 schools you would like to go to – at least one has to be an “excellent” school if going on Exchange (Plan B / Home Payment)
  - Excellent: typically accepts all qualified applicants.
  - Good: typically accepts most applicants (75%) but not all.
  - Competitive: typically accept fewer than 50% of applicants.
  - Most Competitive: typically accepts fewer than 25% of applicants.
- You will be placed at a school after the conference in March – you will need to work with your study abroad and academic advisors to complete additional information post-placement

### Finances

- NDSU operates on Exchange (Plan B / Home Payment) OR Direct (Plan A / Host Payment)
  - Exchange (Plan B / Home Payment)** - For home payment schools, students will pay NDSU tuition and fees. Extra costs, such as individual course fees, housing, and meals, are collected by the host campus. Living expenses are the responsibility of the participant. Some campuses require participants to live in on-campus housing; others do not require it.
  - Direct (Plan A / Host Payment)** - For host payment schools, students will have NDSU tuition waived as you will be paying the host university's tuition. A small amount of NDSU fees will be charged for registration purposes. Room and board, meals, course-related fees, and transportation costs are the student's responsibility
- Eligible students are able to use financial aid, scholarships, grants, and private loans they already receive – this will all show on the student's account

### Eligibility

- Must be enrolled as a full-time student at NDSU
- At least sophomore standing (you can begin the application process fall of your freshman year)
- Must have at least a 2.5 GPA the semester before you go
- Must be in good standing with NDSU both academically and behaviorally
- Must maintain eligibility while at the host school

### After Exchange

- Request that a transcript from your host school be sent to NDSU
- The process of it getting entered on your NDSU transcript is about 1-2 months