Transportation and Logistics

Program and Application Information

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Application Deadline: May 1 for fall semester, October 1 for spring semester
Degrees Offered: Ph.D.
Test Requirement: GRE (GMAT may be substituted)
English Proficiency Requirements: TOEFL iBT 71; IELTS 6

Program Description

North Dakota State University offers an interdisciplinary program leading to the Ph.D. degree in Transportation and Logistics (TL). The Transportation and Logistics program is a joint effort of the Colleges of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources; Business; and Engineering; as well as the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. The following departments are participating in the program: Agribusiness and Applied Economics; Civil Engineering; Construction Management and Engineering; Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering; Management and Marketing; Geosciences; and Emergency Management.

The TL doctoral program allows students to develop advanced knowledge and research skills in the rapidly growing fields of transportation and logistics. The Ph.D. program consists of three main components: a core curriculum, an area of concentration, and a dissertation. After completing the interdisciplinary core curriculum, students may enter one of three areas of concentration: 1) Logistics and Supply Chain Systems, 2) Transportation Economics and Regulation, or 3) Transportation Infrastructure and Capacity Planning.

Admission Requirements

The Transportation and Logistics Ph.D. program is open to qualified graduates of universities and colleges of recognized standing. In addition to the Graduate School requirements, the applicant must have adequate preparation in one or more of the disciplines comprising Transportation and Logistics, a stated interest in transportation, and the capability to conduct transportation research.

Students who do not meet all requirements for admission or have deficiencies in prerequisite course work, but show satisfactory potential for graduate study, may be admitted conditionally. The conditional status may be changed to full graduate standing after the first or second semester of study, based on the student's academic performance.

A student wishing to pursue an area of concentration in Transportation Economics and Regulation must have completed intermediate-level microeconomics and taken at least one course in macroeconomics.

In order to pursue an area of concentration in Logistics and Supply Chain Systems, a student must have earned a baccalaureate degree in Agribusiness, Business, Economics, Finance, Industrial Engineering, Management, Marketing, or a related field. All applicants must meet the general program prerequisites of at least one year of calculus, at least one course in statistics and economics, and an expressed interest in transportation. Preference will be given to students with prior transportation course work and relevant research experience.

Financial Assistance

The number of assistantships vary from year to year, depending on grant availability and the number of students in residence. Applicants are considered on the basis of scholarship and potential to undertake advanced study and research.

To be considered for an assistantship, an applicant must complete a Graduate School application, be accepted by the department, and identify the desire for an assistantship or financial need in the statement of purpose.

Graduate tuition is waived for students with qualifying assistantships.

The Ph.D. program requires the completion of a minimum of 90 credits of graduate study beyond the baccalaureate degree with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. Each student must develop a plan of study under the guidance of a faculty adviser and a supervisory committee. Twenty-five of the graduate credit hours must consist of core Transportation and Logistics courses or suitable substitutes. A minimum of 30 credit hours must consist of research-based dissertation credits. In addition, a minimum number of credit hours must be taken in the student's area of concentration, including quantitative methods courses related to the concentration. The remaining credits may be comprised of technical electives and additional dissertation credits.
Students must pass the comprehensive/preliminary examination after the majority of the course work has been completed. The comprehensive exam includes written and oral components related to core transportation and quantitative concepts and to the student's area of concentration. The comprehensive exam also includes a dissertation prospectus examination in which the student must present and defend a plan for undertaking and completing a dissertation. After passing of the comprehensive exam and completion of the dissertation, the doctoral candidate must pass a final examination in which the completed dissertation is presented and defended.

Courses Offered

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