EXISTING PROGRAM: SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM MODIFICATION
This form is used to request substantive changes in already existing programs (majors, minors, specializations).

1. INSTITUTION: South Dakota State University

2. CURRENT PROGRAM NAME: Communication Studies and Journalism (M.S.) – Communication Studies Specialization

3. THIS PROPOSAL DEALS WITH A CHANGE IN:

   Distribution of Credits
   
   X  total credits required within the discipline  
   _____ total credits of supportive course work  
   X  total credits of elective course work  
   _____ total credits required for program  

   Program name
   X  Existing specialization  
   Addition of specialization  
   _____ Other (explain)

4. LEVEL: Master’s Degree

5. CATEGORY: Specialization

6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE: Fall 2015

8. PRIMARY ASPECTS OF THE MODIFICATION:

   Existing Curriculum
   
   Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

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   Electives as approved by advisor for a minimum total of 30 credits for the program 8-10

   Electives as approved by advisor for a minimum total of 30 credits for the program 11-13

   Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization 30

   Total number of hours required for degree 30

9. EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE:
The graduate faculty of the department has reviewed the Communication Studies and Journalism (M.S.) – Communication Studies Specialization program requirements. The department requests SPCM 501 Advanced Interpersonal Communication be eliminated as a required course in the Master’s curriculum, to allow students more flexibility in creating their Plan of Study.

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