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: Interdisciplinary Studies

3. THIS PROPOSAL DEALS WITH A CHANGE IN:
   Distribution of Credits
   ______ total credits required within the discipline ______ Program name
   ______ total credits of supportive course work ______ Existing specialization
   ______ total credits of elective course work ______ Addition of specialization
   ______ total credits required for program ______ Other (explain)

4. LEVEL:
   ______ Certificate
   ______ Associate Degree
   ______ Bachelor’s Degree
   ______ Master’s Degree
   ______ Doctoral Degree

5. CATEGORY:
   ______ Minor
   ______ XX Major
   ______ Specialization

6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE: July 1, 2011

7. IF A NAME CHANGE IS PROPOSED, THIS WILL OCCUR:
   ______ on the effective date for all students
   ______ on the effective date for students new to the program
   (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)
8. PRIMARY ASPECTS OF THE MODIFICATION:

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

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9. EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE:

Administration of the interdisciplinary studies program is moving from the College of General Studies to the College of Arts & Sciences. Thus, students in the program should be required to complete the College of Arts & Sciences graduation requirements for Bachelor of Science degrees which require more credits in natural sciences, social sciences and humanities than the system and institution general education require. In addition, Arts & Sciences students must complete 33 credits at the upper division.

Currently, interdisciplinary studies students are required to complete the System General Education Requirements (SGR), Institutional Graduation Requirements (IGR), and 30 credits at the upper division. The change will impact the distribution of credits in course selection options (i.e., taking more elective courses at the upper division, completing additional credits in natural and social sciences) but will not change the total credits required in program or for the degree.

In addition, students will be required to earn a grade of C or higher in the required sequence courses (IDL 262, IDL 362 and IDL 479).

Minor course modifications are in process to change the course prefix from GS to IDL as noted above.

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Institutional Authorization (President or Designee)
4/26/11
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