South Dakota Board of Regents

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:   Associate of Arts in General Studies

3. THIS PROPOSAL DEALS WITH A CHANGE IN:
   Distribution of Credits

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

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

4. LEVEL:

   _____ Certificate
   _____ Bachelor’s Degree
   _____ Master’s Degree
   _____ Doctoral Degree
   ______ Associate Degree
   _____ Major
   _____ Specialization

5. CATEGORY:

6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE:   Fall 2012

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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Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization 64  Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization 60

Total number of hours required for degree 64  Total number of hours required for degree 60

9. EXPLANATION OF THE CHANGE:

Reducing the number of credits required for the completion of the associate of arts in General Studies from 64 credits to 60 credits was proposed through the Academic Affairs Council spring 2011. We are reducing the number of elective courses from 34 credits to 30 credits to meet the recommended reduction from 64 to 60 overall credits.

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Institutional Authorization (President or Designee) Date Submitted