



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Communication Studies (B.S.) [S.BS.CST]</li> <li>– Communication Studies (B.S.) – Speech Education Specialization [S.BS.CST-SHE]</li> <li>– Entrepreneurial Studies (B.S.) [S.BS.EST]</li> <li>– Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.) [S.BS.ISD]</li> <li>– Psychology (B.S.) [S.BS.PSY]</li> <li>– Psychology (B.S.) – Teaching Specialization [S.BS.PSY-TC]</li> <li>– Public Relations (B.S.) [S.BS.PR]</li> <li>– Sociology (B.S.) – Human Resources Specialization</li> <li>– Sociology (B.S.) – Human Services Specialization</li> <li>– Theatre (B.S.) [S.BS.THR]</li> </ul>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>Various – See Below</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Various – See Below</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>

**University Approval**

*To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.*

Dennis D. Hedge

5/8/2018

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Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

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Date

**1. This modification addresses a change in:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing specializations                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Add B.A. degree for existing majors |

**2. Effective date of change: 2018-2019 Academic Year**

**3. Program Degree Level:**

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**4. Category:**

Certificate  Specializations  Minor  Major

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change 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)

- On the effective date for all students

**Proposed new name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.*

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification:**

The following majors are currently available as Bachelor of Science degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. A Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree option will be added for the following majors and specializations.

Major	Specialization	Program CIP	Department
Communication Studies		09.0101	SCMST
Communication Studies	Speech Education	09.0101	SCMST
Entrepreneurial Studies		52.0701	SECO
Interdisciplinary Studies		24.0101	SINS
Psychology		42.0101	SPSY
Psychology	Teaching	42.0101	SPSY
Public Relations		09.0902	SJMC
Sociology	Human Resources	45.1101	SASSO
Sociology	Human Services	45.1101	SASSO
Theatre		50.0501	SPAR

Students will be required to complete the following college requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree:

- Modern Foreign Language including the 202-Level Credits: 6+
- A&S<sup>1</sup> 111 - Introduction to Global Citizenship and Diversity Credits: 3  
(Teaching Specializations will complete AIS 211 - South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education (COM) Credits: 3)
- Upper division credits (300 and above) Credits: 33
- One declared minor outside of the major prefix OR a second major OR a teaching specialization. The minor may be a traditional minor within one department or it may be interdisciplinary involving more than one department. The minor must be declared no later than the student's third semester of enrollment. Minor may be from any regental institution.
- One designated capstone course in the major discipline

**7. Explanation of the Change:**

As the College of Arts & Sciences transitions into the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, it is necessary to update the degree profile to include Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees for all applicable programs.

The following chart illustrates the history of the B.A. degree for each of these affected programs:

Major	Specialization	Pre-Existing BA	Year Discontinued
Communication Studies		Yes	2010
Communication Studies	Speech Education	Yes	2011
Entrepreneurial Studies		No	
Interdisciplinary Studies		No	
Psychology		Yes	1999
Psychology	Teaching	No	

<sup>1</sup> A minor course modification will be routed to update the A&S 111 prefix to AHSS. AHSS is a new prefix pending approval. The College of Arts & Sciences will be renamed to the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences on July 1, 2018. The AHSS prefix was requested to make it easier for students to find the appropriate course and be consistent with identifying courses throughout the university.

Major	Specialization	Pre-Existing BA	Year Discontinued
Public Relations		No	
Sociology	Human Resources	Yes	2010
Sociology	Human Services	Yes	2010
Theatre		Yes	2010

Each of the affected programs will see the elimination of the Natural Sciences (10+ credits) requirements, as follows:

- Any two lab sciences.
- Coursework must include 2 prefixes.
- MATH and STAT courses do not count toward the science requirement.

These requirements will be replaced with the Modern Foreign Language including the 202-Level Credits: 6+, thus aligning each program with the college's B.A. degree requirements. No further changes to programs' coursework will be necessary.

Major	Specialization	SGR	College Requirements - Bachelor of Arts	Major Requirements	Teaching Specialization Requirements	Supporting Coursework	Electives*
Communication Studies		30	9+	39	--	--	42
Communication Studies	Speech Education	30	9+	36	31	0	14
Entrepreneurial Studies		31-32	9+	62	--	6	11-12
Interdisciplinary Studies		30	9+	43	--	--	38
Psychology		30	9+	39	--	--	42
Psychology	Teaching	30	9+	39	34	--	8
Public Relations		30	9+	44	--	--	37
Sociology	Human Resources	30	9+	38	--	--	43
Sociology	Human Services	30	9+	45	--	--	36
Theatre		30	9+	47	--	--	34

\*Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements.

In 2010-11, SDSU underwent a significant degree clean-up exercise, and several programs (as noted in the chart above) that are historically B.A.- and/or B.S.-offering programs eliminated their B.A. degrees so as to align with the "Natural Sciences" of "Arts & Sciences." These programs historically offer both the B.A. and B.S., so the degree path was acceptable in either format.

By bringing the B.A. back to these programs, and because no Natural Sciences programs will be housed in the new college as of fall 2018, each of these programs will be strategically aligned within the new College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences by offering students the flexibility to pursue either the B.A. or B.S. degree. Both Theatre and Interdisciplinary Studies are natural fits for the B.A. degree, because they are situated in the arts or have clear options in the arts. In addition to these two degrees, then, both Entrepreneurial Studies and Public Relations degree-seekers would benefit greatly from having the B.A. option because it exposes them to, and transcripts them in, a modern language; the modern language skillset will prove beneficial as degree holders embark on career paths that will undoubtedly have numerous options for people who have exposure to other languages and cultures. The remaining degrees would benefit from the skillsets noted above and are traditionally offered as B.A. degrees at four-year institutions, as noted in the following list:

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Communications
- Education
- Journalism
- International studies
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Anthropology<sup>2</sup>

As noted above, students will still have the flexibility to pursue either the B.A. or B.S. degree in these disciplines, but SDSU will only enhance the degree portfolio and align the university with similar colleges in the new structure, and do so with very little change to the overall curriculum, no creation of new courses, and no need of additional monetary and personnel resources.

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<sup>2</sup> Source: [https://learn.org/articles/What\\_is\\_a\\_Bachelor\\_of\\_Arts\\_Degree.html](https://learn.org/articles/What_is_a_Bachelor_of_Arts_Degree.html)