



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

**Program Termination or  
Placement on Inactive Status**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Communication Studies and Journalism (M.A.) – Communication Studies Specialization – Journalism Specialization</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>09.0499</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>School of Communication &amp; Journalism</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>Graduate School</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.*

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President of the University

3/27/2019

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Date

- 1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral
- 2. **Category:** Certificate  Specializations  Minor  Major
- 3. **The program action proposed is:** Inactive Status  Termination
- 5. **TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

**a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:**

The Departments of Communication Studies and Journalism & Mass Communication recently joined together to form the School of Communication and Journalism (COJO). With this reorganization, there are new opportunities for greater synergies between the programs, particularly in the Master of Arts program.

The M.A. in Communication Studies and Journalism has been a joint program between the two departments for many years. However, with the two distinct specializations (Communication Studies, Journalism) that had separate admissions and coursework requirements, the specializations essentially operated independently. Additionally, the Journalism Specialization is less necessary now that students with an interested in developing professional journalism skills can complete the more-relevant online Master of Mass Communication program. To better convey the joint focus of the program and create a more cohesive experience for students in this program, the program name will be changed to "Communication & Media Studies." The two specializations will be terminated so that all students admitted to the Master of Arts program in the School of COJO complete the

same core coursework. This creates a more cohesive graduate program that requires all students to complete coursework in both communication and media studies and provides them the opportunity to take classes from, and work with, faculty across these disciplines.

This proposal's submission is contingent upon the approval of the substantive program modification to update the M.A. in Communication Studies and Journalism program.

**b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?**

Current students will complete the program and earn their chosen specialization.

**c. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?**

May 3, 2019

**d. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**

May 3, 2019

**e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

June 1, 2026

**f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

There are no cost savings associated with this program termination.

**g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

There are no impacts on other programs or on employee terminations. The integration of the specializations should result in more collaboration and partnership between faculty in communication studies and media studies.