



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

**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Agricultural & Resource Economics (B.S.)
CIP CODE:	01.0103
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Economics
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

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.

President of the University

5/13/2019

Date

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

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

SDSU has requested authorization to offer an Agricultural Economics Specialization in the B.S. of Economics. The B.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics will be terminated with approval of the new specialization. The Economics (B.S.) - Agricultural Economics Specialization will be offered through the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The Agricultural & Resource Economics major was reviewed during the Program Productivity Review in 2012 and 2018. The major was retained at that time due to critical need. The Agricultural Economics Specialization will share the same core courses as the Economics major (2 semesters of accounting, 4 semesters of economic theory, 4 semesters of quantitative courses, a policy course, and a capstone) that will prepare the students to think critically, analyze data, and address policy issues on a local, regional, national, and global scale. The strong analytical foundation of the Economics major is in high demand in today's technical job market. Combining the agricultural economics specialization with the economics core courses will allow students to choose electives in agricultural economics and production agriculture courses (through College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences college requirements) to apply those quantitative, analytical skills to South Dakota's number one industry.

This proposal's submission is contingent upon approval of the Agricultural Economics Specialization for the B.S. in Economics.

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

Current students will be allowed to graduate with the Agricultural & Resource Economics major.

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 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 2019

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

May 2024

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

No anticipated cost savings as the program has significant duplication with other current programs.

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

None