



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

**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Rangeland Ecology and Management (B.S.)
CIP CODE:	01.1106
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Natural Resource Management
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 a Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization in the B.S. of Ecology and Environmental Science. The B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management will be terminated with approval of the new specialization. The Ecology and Environmental Science (B.S.) – Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization will be offered through the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The enrollment of the Rangeland Ecology and Management major has been on a decline since 2005. Historically, the major had 15-30 majors per year. In light of the BOR requirements for a major to graduate 7/year or 35 in 5 years, SDSU requests termination of the major. The Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization will share the same core courses as the Ecology and Environmental Science major core requirements (48-49 credits) and System General Education Requirements (SGR) with exceptions under SGR Goal #3. The core will prepare the students to think critically, analyze data, and address ecology and environmental issues on a local and regional scale. The strong foundation of the Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization is in high demand in today's natural resource management job market. Combining the Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization

with the Ecology and Environmental Science core courses will prepare students for a more diverse job potential and strengthen the enrollment numbers in this field.

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

Current students will be allowed to graduate with the Rangeland Ecology and Management 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