



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Interdisciplinary Studies (M.S.)
CIP CODE:	30.0000
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Graduate Studies
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SGST
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Graduate School
BANNER DIVISION CODE:	3G

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

5/3/2021

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |

2. Effective date of change: 2021-2022 Academic Year

3. Program Degree Level: Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category: Certificate Specialization 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)
- Proposed new name:

6. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
		Coursework must be selected from two (2) or three (3) distinct academic areas, excluding pedagogy. If two academic areas are selected, the student must complete no fewer than twelve (12) credit hours in each area and no less than one (1) credit hour of capstone experience. If three academic areas are selected, the student must complete no fewer than nine (9) credit hours and no less than one (1) credit hour of capstone experience. An academic area is defined by courses taught under the same prefix (e.g. BIOL, ENGL, MCOM, MICR, NRM, OM, PE, SOC, SPCM, etc.).				Coursework must be selected from two (2) or three (3) distinct academic areas, excluding pedagogy. If two academic areas are selected, the student must complete no fewer than twelve (12) credit hours in each area and must include a capstone experience . If three academic areas are selected, the student must complete no fewer than nine (9) credit hours and must include a capstone experience . An academic area is defined by courses taught under the same prefix (e.g. BIOL, ENGL, MCOM, MICR, NRM, OM, PE, SOC, SPCM, etc.).	

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
Select one of the following options				Select one of the following options			
<i>Option B – Research/Design Paper</i>				<i>Option B – Research/Design Paper</i>			
		Academic Area “1”	12			Academic Area “1”	12
		Academic Area “2”	12			Academic Area “2”	12
		Capstone	1			Capstone Experience	1
		Electives	7			Electives	8
		OR				OR	
		Academic Area “1”	9			Academic Area “1”	9
		Academic Area “2”	9			Academic Area “2”	9
		Academic Area “3”	9			Academic Area “3”	9
		Capstone	1			Capstone Experience	1
		Electives	4			Electives	5
<i>Option C – Coursework Only</i>				<i>Option C – Coursework Only</i>			
		Academic Area “1”	12			Academic Area “1”	12
		Academic Area “2”	12			Academic Area “2”	12
		Capstone	1			Capstone Experience	1
		Electives	10			Electives	11
		OR				OR	
		Academic Area “1”	9			Academic Area “1”	9
		Academic Area “2”	9			Academic Area “2”	9
		Academic Area “3”	9			Academic Area “3”	9
		Capstone	1			Capstone Experience	1
		Electives	7			Electives	8
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			
		Option B	32			Option B	32
		Option C	35			Option C	35

7. Explanation of the Change:

As students progress through this degree program, the Graduate School has encountered questions involving the capstone experience and the mechanics of attaching the experience to a 1-credit course. Initially, it was envisioned students would complete a capstone experience within a course, similar to what most coursework-only programs do. However, because it is listed as a separate 1-credit requirement, students are having difficulty completing plans of study with the 1-credit capstone component specified. In order to avoid confusion, the Graduate School has revised the language to be worded to continue to require a capstone experience, but that it does not have to be a stand alone credit bearing course.