



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	Minor
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	N/A
CIP CODE:	05.0207
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	School of English and Interdisciplinary Studies
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SENI
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
BANNER COLLEGE CODE:	3S

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

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

4/3/2023

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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification requiring Board of Regents approval | |

Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee

2. Effective date of change: 2023-2024 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. Is the program being modified associated with a current articulation agreement? Yes ☐ No ☒

- a. If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain: N/A

7. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr.Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr.Hrs.
WMST	247	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3	WMST	247	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
WMST	491	Independent Study	3	WMST	491	Independent Study	3
Electives		Select 12 credits from at least three different prefixes that are cross-listed with WMST. Students may also select 3 credits from WMST 492, WMST 494, or WMST 498.	12	Electives		Select 15 credits from at least three different prefixes that are cross-listed with WMST. Students may also select 3 credits from WMST 491 , WMST 492, WMST 494, or WMST 498.	15
Total number of hours required for minor			18	Total number of hours required for minor			18

8. Explanation of the Change:

Given the workload demands of faculty, especially those related to teaching, it is no longer feasible to require students to complete an independent study. Independent studies have to be negotiated between the faculty member and the immediate supervisor, assuming the independent study can be fit into the workload. It is often the case that a faculty member has no additional workload space to accommodate an independent study. Removing the independent study from required to elective will help the students with minor completion as it eliminates the time spent identifying a faculty member and having the faculty member negotiate workload with the immediate supervisor. Replacing the independent study with a class from the electives will expedite time to completion for those students who do not wish to complete an independent study. The program will still have the independent study as an elective option, but recognize that this will be an option only in unique cases when a faculty member has workload space available.