



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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

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| <b>UNIVERSITY:</b>                  | <b>SDSU</b>  |
| <b>CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:</b>      | <b>M.S.</b>  |
| <b>CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:</b> | <b>Interdisciplinary Studies</b>                         |
| <b>CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:</b>      | <b>N/A</b>   |
| <b>CIP CODE:</b>                    | <b>30.0000</b>   |
| <b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>       | <b>School of English &amp; Interdisciplinary Studies</b> |
| <b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>      | <b>SENI</b>  |
| <b>UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:</b>          | <b>College of Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b> |
| <b>BANNER COLLEGE CODE:</b>         | <b>3S</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.*

Dennis D. Hedge

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

2/27/2024

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 checked="" 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<br><i>Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee</i> |  |

**2. Effective date of change: 2024-2025 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:

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 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.). |        |      |     | 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, CMST, ENGL, MCOM, MICR, NRM, OM, PE, SOC, etc.). |               |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Academic Area "1"   | 12            |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Academic Area "2"   | 12            |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Capstone Experience   | -             |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Electives   | 9             |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | OR  |               |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Academic Area "1"   | 9             |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Academic Area "2"   | 9             |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Academic Area "3"   | 9             |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Capstone Experience   | -             |
|      |     |   |        |      |     | Electives   | 6             |
|      |     | Select one of the following options   |        |      |     | Select one of the following options   |               |
|      |     | <del>Option B – Research/Design Paper</del>   |        |      |     | <del>Option B – Research/Design Paper</del>   |               |
|      |     | Academic Area "1"   | 12     |      |     | <del>Academic Area "1"</del>  | <del>12</del> |
|      |     | Academic Area "2"   | 12     |      |     | <del>Academic Area "2"</del>  | <del>12</del> |
|      |     | Capstone Experience   | -      |      |     | <del>Capstone Experience</del>  | <del>-</del>  |
|      |     | Electives   | 8      |      |     | <del>Electives</del>  | <del>8</del>  |
|      |     | OR  |        |      |     | <del>OR</del>   |               |
|      |     | Academic Area "1"   | 9      |      |     | <del>Academic Area "1"</del>  | <del>9</del>  |
|      |     | Academic Area "2"   | 9      |      |     | <del>Academic Area "2"</del>  | <del>9</del>  |
|      |     | Academic Area "3"   | 9      |      |     | <del>Academic Area "3"</del>  | <del>9</del>  |
|      |     | Capstone Experience   | -      |      |     | <del>Capstone Experience</del>  | <del>-</del>  |
|      |     | Electives   | 5      |      |     | <del>Electives</del>  | <del>5</del>  |
|      |     | <del>Option C – Coursework Only</del>   |        |      |     | <del>Option C – Coursework Only</del>   |               |
|      |     | Academic Area "1"   | 12     |      |     | <del>Academic Area "1"</del>  | <del>12</del> |
|      |     | Academic Area "2"   | 12     |      |     | <del>Academic Area "2"</del>  | <del>12</del> |
|      |     | Capstone Experience   | -      |      |     | <del>Capstone Experience</del>  | <del>-</del>  |
|      |     | Electives   | 11     |      |     | <del>Electives</del>  | <del>11</del> |
|      |     | OR  |        |      |     | <del>OR</del>   |               |
|      |     | Academic Area "1"   | 9      |      |     | <del>Academic Area "1"</del>  | <del>9</del>  |
|      |     | Academic Area "2"   | 9      |      |     | <del>Academic Area "2"</del>  | <del>9</del>  |
|      |     | Academic Area "3"   | 9      |      |     | <del>Academic Area "3"</del>  | <del>9</del>  |
|      |     | Capstone Experience   | -      |      |     | <del>Capstone Experience</del>  | <del>-</del>  |
|      |     | Electives   | 8      |      |     | <del>Electives</del>  | <del>8</del>  |

| <i>Existing Curriculum</i> |     |   |        | <i>Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)</i> |     |   |        |
|----------------------------|-----|---|--------|--|-----|---|--------|
| Pref                       | Num | Title                                     | Cr Hrs | Pref   | Num | Title                                     | Cr Hrs |
|                            |     | Total number of hours required for degree |        |  |     | Total number of hours required for degree |        |
|                            |     | Option B                                  | 32     |  |     | Non-Thesis                                | 33     |
|                            |     | Option C                                  | 35     |  |     |   |        |

**8. Explanation of the Change:**

The SDSU Graduate School has revised SDSU Policy 2:17 Credit Requirements for Graduate Credential Programs. The Graduate School adjusted the language to no longer refer to master's programs using Option A (Thesis Option), B (Research/Design Paper Option), C (Coursework Only), and D (Coursework Only – Professional Program) but to move forward with Thesis and Non-Thesis options that will require a minimum of 30 credits. The School of English and Interdisciplinary Studies has requested to change the Non-Thesis option from 32 credits (Option B) and 35 credits (Option C) to 33 credits.