



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	Master of Science (M.S.)
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Economics
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	N/A
CIP CODE:	45.0601
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Ness School of Management and Economics
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SSME
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	College of Arts, Humanities & 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

 3/28/2024
 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
<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
DSCI OR ECON	752	Advanced Business Decision Science	3	DSCI OR ECON	752	Advanced Business Decision Science	3
ECON	705	Econometrics		ECON	705	Econometrics	
ECON OR ECON	704	Advanced Microeconomics	3	ECON OR ECON	704	Advanced Microeconomics	3
	751	Advanced Managerial Economics		ECON	751	Advanced Managerial Economics	
		<i>Select one of the following:</i>				<i>Select one of the following:</i>	
		<i>Option A: Thesis</i>				<i>Thesis</i>	
ECON	798	Thesis	5	ECON	798	Thesis	5
		Electives	19			Electives	19
		<i>Option B: Research/Design Paper</i>				<i>Option B- Research/Design Paper Non-Thesis</i>	
ECON	788	Master's Research Problems/Projects	2	ECON	788	Master's Research Problems/Projects	2
		Electives	24			Electives	24
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			
Option A			30	Thesis			30
Option B			32	Non-Thesis			30

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 Ness School of Management and Economics has requested to change the non-thesis option from 32 credits (Option B) to 30 credits.