



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
**Program Termination or**  
**Placement on Inactive Status**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	SDSU
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	Community Development (M.S.) [SMS.CDV]
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	44.0201
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	School of Psychology, Sociology and Rural Studies
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	SPSR
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	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.*

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President of the University

11/4/2024

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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:**

The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences requests to terminate the M.S. in Community Development. The program was offered at SDSU in collaboration with the Innovative Digital Education Alliance (IDEA). IDEA is a consortium of public universities that offer collaborative online degree and certificate programs in human services and agriculture. This program enrolls a very small number of SDSU students. Over the four-year period from 2020 to 2023, duplicated headcount enrollment has never exceeded five students. The request to terminate the M.S. in Community Development is based on the low program enrollment and the resources would be better deployed elsewhere.

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

SDSU currently has four students enrolled in the M.S. in Community Development. The students are currently expected to graduate after spring 2025. Per the IDEA policy handbook, institutions must complete their teaching commitments or secure support for an alternative arrangement (e.g., courses they have promised to teach) for at least one year following the announcement of their intention to leave the program. IDEA will be notified via a letter from the university of its intent to withdraw from the Community Development IDEA program affiliation. SDSU will work with IDEA to form a transition

team for the shift in teaching responsibilities and to ensure a clear path for students to finish their program. Students unable to complete their program by spring 2027 can transfer to another institution in the IDEA consortium.

- 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)?**

Fall 2024

- 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*)?**

Fall 2024

- e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

Spring 2027

- f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

SDSU currently teaches seven unique courses that exclusively serve the Community Development program. Those faculty instructors will be reassigned to other, more impactful, instructional responsibilities.

- g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

No employee terminations are necessary. Workload will be redirected to other programs in the school.