



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Agricultural Education, Communication and Leadership
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	Leadership Specialization
CIP CODE:	13.1301 – Major CIP 52.0213 – Leadership Specialization CIP
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SAED
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
BANNER COLLEGE CODE:	3F

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

2/3/2025

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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: 2025-2026 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:

7. Primary Aspects of the Modification:

Existing Curriculum				Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)			
Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
System General Education Requirements			31	System General Education Requirements			31
System General Education Requirements – Electives			12	System General Education Requirements – Electives			21
		SGR #1	3			SGR #1	3
		SGR #1	3			SGR #1	3
		SGR #2	3			SGR #2	3
		SGR #3	3			SGR #3	3
		SGR #4	3			SGR #4	3
		SGR #4	3			SGR #4	3
		SGR #5	3			SGR #5	3
System General Education Requirements – Required			10	System General Education Requirements – Required			10
ECON OR ECON	201 202	Principles of Microeconomics (3) (recommended) (SGR #3) Principles of Macroeconomics (3) (SGR #3)	3	ECON OR ECON	201 202	Principles of Microeconomics (3) (recommended) (SGR #3) Principles of Macroeconomics (3) (SGR #3)	3
BIOL	101-101L	Biology Survey I & Lab (SGR #6)	3	BIOL	101-101L	Biology Survey I & Lab (SGR #6)	3
CHEM	106-106L	Chemistry Survey & Lab (SGR #6)	4	CHEM	106-106L	Chemistry Survey & Lab (SGR #6)	4
Major Requirements			44-46	Major Requirements			47-49
ABS	203	Global Food Systems	3	AFES	203	Global Food Systems	3
ABS or XXX or XXX	482 494 498	International Experience (3) Internship (2-3) Undergraduate Research (2-3)	2-3	AFES or XXX or XXX	482 494 498	International Agricultural Travel Experience (3) Internship (2-3) Undergraduate Research (2-3)	2-3
AGEC	479	Agricultural Policy	3	AGEC	479	Agricultural Policy	3
AGED	119	First Year Seminar	2	AGED	119	First Year Seminar	2
		Agricultural Electives - select from the following disciplines: ABS, AGECE, AGED, AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, or WL	9			Agricultural Electives - select from the following disciplines: AFES, AGECE, AGED, AS, AST, DS, EES, FS, HO, NRM, PRAG, PS, RANG, VET, or WL	9
AS	101	Introduction to Animal Science	3	AS	101	Introduction to Animal Science	3
AS	101L	Introduction to Animal Science Lab	1	AS	101L	Introduction to Animal Science Lab	1
				CMST		Select a 300 or 400 level CMST course	3
CMST OR CMST	215 410	Public Speaking (3) Organizational Communication (3)	3	CMST OR CMST	215 410	Public Speaking (3) Organizational Communication (3)	3
LDR	210	Foundations of Leadership	3	LDR	210	Foundations of Leadership	3
LDR	310	Leadership in Context	3	LDR	310	Leadership in Context	3
LDR	410	Leadership: Senior Seminar	1	LDR	410	Leadership: Senior Seminar	1
LDR	435	Organizational Leadership and Team Development	3	LDR	435	Organizational Leadership and Team Development	3
LDR	496	Field Experience: Leadership in Action	2	LDR	496	Field Experience: Leadership in Action	2
				LMNO	201	Introduction to Leadership and Management of Nonprofit Organizations	3
				LMNO OR LMNO	301 305	Fundraising and Resource Development (3) Volunteer Management (3)	3
PS	103	Crop Production	2	PS	103	Crop Production	2
PS	103L	Crop Production Lab	1	PS	103L	Crop Production Lab	1
		Capstone Elective Select from the following courses	3-4			Upper-Level Ag Requirement Select from the following courses	3-4
ABS	475	Integrated Natural Resource Management	3	ABS	475	Integrated Natural Resource Management	3

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)

Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
AGEC	471	Advanced Farm & Ranch Management	3	AGEC	471	Advanced Farm & Ranch Management	3
AS	389	Current Issues in Animal Science	3	AS	389	Current Issues in Animal Science	3
DS	480	Dairy Farm Operations I	3	DS	480	Dairy Farm Operations I	3
DS	480L	Dairy Farm Operations I Lab	1	DS	480L	Dairy Farm Operations I Lab	1
DS	481	Dairy Farm Operations II	3	DS	481	Dairy Farm Operations II	3
DS	481L	Dairy Farm Operations II Lab	1	DS	481L	Dairy Farm Operations II Lab	1
HO	434	Local Food Production	2	HO	434	Local Food Production	2
HO	435	Local Food Production: Harvest and Storage	2	HO	435	Local Food Production: Harvest and Storage	2
				HO	475	Senior Capstone	3
				NRM	485	Integrated Natural Resource Management	3
PRAG	440	Crop Management with Precision Farming	2	PRAG	440	Crop Management with Precision Farming	2
PRAG	440L	Crop Management with Precision Farming Lab	1	PRAG	440L	Crop Management with Precision Farming Lab	1
				PRAG	475	Senior Capstone	3
RANG	374	Habitat Conservation and Management	3	RANG	374	Habitat Conservation and Management	3
RANG	374L	Habitat Conservation and Management Lab	1	RANG	374L	Habitat Conservation and Management Lab	1
Electives			43-45	Electives			40-42
Summary of Credits Agricultural Education, Communication and Leadership (B.S.) - Leadership Specialization							
System General Education Requirements			31	System General Education Requirements			31
Major Requirements			44-46	Major Requirements			47-49
Electives			43-45	Electives			40-42
Total number of hours required for specialization			54-56	Total number of hours required for specialization			57-59
Total number of hours required for degree			120	Total number of hours required for degree			120

8. Explanation of the Change:

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences updated the college prefix from the former college name, Agriculture and Biological Sciences (ABS), to reflect the new college name in the AFES prefix.

LMNO 301 Fundraising and Resource Development or LMNO 305 Volunteer Management will replace LDR 410 and LDR 496 in the Leadership Specialization to equip students with essential skills for fostering community engagement, which is especially important in rural communities. These courses develop students' ability to lead, organize, and motivate others effectively. By integrating these competencies, students will be better prepared to support and advance the agricultural industry. The addition of LMNO 201 Introduction to Leadership and Management of Nonprofit Organizations will ensure students a foundation knowledge in nonprofits to better equip them for the LMNO 301 or 305 courses.

The CMST upper-level course requirement was changed to better align with the desired outcomes for students for the career demands compared to the previous CMST 215 or CMST 410 requirement.

Additional changes to the upper-level ag requirement list of classes are based on current availability of coursework within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.