



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	B.A.
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	German
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	Teaching Specialization
CIP CODE:	16.0901 – Major CIP 13.1299 – Specialization CIP
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	School of American & Global Studies
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SSAG
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	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

2/13/2025

Date

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Academic Requirements |
| <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

However, SDSU's German program has a collaborative agreement with the German

program at USD.

- 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.
Systems General Education Requirements			30	Systems General Education Requirements			30
Systems General Education Requirements - Electives			30	Systems General Education Requirements - Electives			30
		SGR 1 – Written Communication	3			SGR 1 – Written Communication	3
		SGR 1 – Written Communication	3			SGR 1 – Written Communication	3
		SGR 2 – Oral Communication	3			SGR 2 – Oral Communication	3
		SGR 3 – Social Sciences	3			SGR 3 – Social Sciences	3
		SGR 3 – Social Sciences	3			SGR 3 – Social Sciences	3
		SGR 4 – Arts and Humanities	3			SGR 4 – Arts and Humanities	3
		SGR 4 – Arts and Humanities	3			SGR 4 – Arts and Humanities	3
		SGR 5 – Mathematics	3			SGR 5 – Mathematics	3
		SGR 6 – Natural Sciences	3			SGR 6 – Natural Sciences	3
		SGR 6 – Natural Sciences	3			SGR 6 – Natural Sciences	3
System General Education Requirements - Required			0	System General Education Requirements - Required			0
AHSS College Requirements <i>Additional required credits of coursework beyond SGRs, Major, and Support Courses</i>			0	AHSS College Requirements <i>Additional required credits of coursework beyond SGRs, Major, and Support Courses</i>			0
		Modern Foreign Language (6+) <i>Competency at the 202 level (6 credits from one approved Modern Foreign language from SGR #4 may be counted toward goal)</i>	0			Modern Foreign Language (6+) <i>Competency at the 202 level (6 credits from one approved Modern Foreign language from SGR #4 may be counted toward goal)</i>	0
		One declared minor outside of the major discipline OR a second major OR a teaching specialization. The minor may be a traditional minor within one department or school or it may be interdisciplinary involving more than one department or school. The minor can be in a different college. The minor must be declared no later than the student’s third semester of enrollment.	--			One declared minor outside of the major discipline OR a second major OR a teaching specialization. The minor may be a traditional minor within one department or school or it may be interdisciplinary involving more than one department or school. The minor can be in a different college. The minor must be declared no later than the student’s third semester of enrollment.	--
		Capstone course within major MFL 420 K-12 Foreign Language Methods	--			Capstone course within major MFL 420 K-12 Foreign Language Methods	--
		33 Upper Division Credits (300-400 level coursework inside and outside of the major)	--			33 Upper Division Credits (300-400 level coursework inside and outside of the major)	--
Major Requirements			37	Major Requirements			37
GER	102	Introductory German II	4	GER	102	Introductory German II	4
GER	201	Intermediate German I	3	GER	201	Intermediate German I	3
GER	202	Intermediate German II	3	GER	202	Intermediate German II	3
GER	310	Practical German Language Skills	3	GER	310	Practical German Language Skills	3
MFL	420	K-12 Foreign Language Methods <i>*non-education majors will complete GSLT 489 (SDSU only) or GER 400-level course (cannot double count towards an elective requirement–USD only)</i>	3	MFL	420	K-12 Foreign Language Methods <i>*non-education majors will complete GSLT 489 (SDSU only) or GER 400-level course (cannot double count towards an elective requirement–USD only)</i>	3

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (*highlight changes*)

Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
		Electives Requirements Select at least 21 credits of upper-division coursework. The following is a suggested sequence. All majors are required to select at least one course from each of the categories below. Majors are also strongly encouraged to study abroad in a German-speaking country. MFL XXX courses with content in Teaching Methods, K12 Foreign Language Methods, or Linguistics courses can also fulfill credits in the Elective requirements.	21			Electives Requirements Select at least 21 credits of upper-division coursework. The following is a suggested sequence. All majors are required to select at least one course from each of the categories below. Majors are also strongly encouraged to study abroad in a German-speaking country. MFL XXX courses with content in Teaching Methods, K12 Foreign Language Methods, or Linguistics courses can also fulfill credits in the Elective requirements.	21
		Language and Professional Skills Electives (minimum 1 from this section):				Language and Professional Skills Electives (minimum 1 from this section):	
GER	330	Reading and Writing for Communication	3	GER	330	Reading and Writing for Communication	3
GER	350	German for Commerce	3	GER	350	German for Commerce	3
GER	444	German Culture and Language in Translation	3	GER	444	German Culture and Language in Translation	3
GER	492	Topics (when topic is advanced language or professional skills)	2-3	GER	492	Topics (when topic is advanced language or professional skills)	2-3
GER	494	Internship	1-3	GER	494	Internship	1-3
GER	496	Field Experience	1-6	GER	496	Field Experience	1-6
		Literature Culture and Civilization Electives (minimum 1 from this section):				Literature Culture and Civilization Electives (minimum 1 from this section):	
GER	353	Introduction to German Literature	3	GER	353	Introduction to German Literature	3
GER	380	Deutschland Heute	3	GER	380	Deutschland Heute	3
GER	435	German Cultural History	3	GER	435	German Cultural History	3
GER	454	Survey of German Literature II	3	GER	454	Survey of German Literature II	3
GER	455	German Film	3	GER	455	German Film	3
GER	492	Topics (when topic is literature, culture, and/or civilization)	2-3	GER	492	Topics (when topic is literature, culture, and/or civilization)	2-3
Teaching Specialization Requirements			34	Teaching Specialization Requirements			37
AIS	211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education	3	AIS	211	South Dakota American Indian Culture and Education	3
EDFN	101	Exploration of Teaching & Learning	1	EDFN 101	Exploration of Teaching & Learning	4	
				EDFN 102	Introduction to Teaching	3	
EDFN	340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts	3	EDFN	340	Adolescent Development in Educational Contexts	3
EDFN	351	Teaching & Learning I	1	EDFN	351	Teaching & Learning I	1
EDFN	352	Teaching & Learning II	3	EDFN	352	Teaching & Learning II and Lab	3
EDFN	352L	Teaching & Learning II Lab	2	EDFN 352L	Teaching & Learning II Lab	2	
EDFN	453	Teaching & Learning III	3	EDFN	453	Teaching & Learning III	3
EDFN	453L	Teaching & Learning III Lab	4	EDFN	453L	Teaching & Learning III Lab	4
EDFN	454	Teaching & Learning IV	11	EDFN	454	Teaching & Learning IV	11
MFL	420	K-12 Foreign Language Methods (Major Requirement) (Content Methods Course)	--	MFL	420	K-12 Foreign Language Methods (Major Requirement) (Content Methods Course)	--
SEED	450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	2	SEED	450	7-12 Reading and Content Literacy	2
SEED	456	Capstone/Action Research	1	SEED	456	Capstone/Action Research	1
				SPED 100	Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities	3	
Electives (Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements)			19	Electives (Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements)			16

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (*highlight changes*)

Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs	Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
Summary of Credits German (B.A.) – Teaching Specialization							
System General Education Requirements			30	System General Education Requirements			30
AHSS College Requirements <i>Additional required credits of coursework beyond SGRs, Major, and Support Courses</i>			0	AHSS College Requirements <i>Additional required credits of coursework beyond SGRs, Major, and Support Courses</i>			0
Majors Requirements			37	Majors Requirements			37
Teaching Specialization Requirements			34	Teaching Specialization Requirements			37
Electives (Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements)			19	Electives (Taken as needed to complete any additional degree requirements)			16
Total number of hours required for specialization			71	Total number of hours required for specialization			74
Total number of hours required for degree			120	Total number of hours required for degree			120

Academic Requirements

Current:

- There are no application requirements to enroll as a German major. However, students with previous knowledge of the language must take the placement test and register for an appropriate course. All of the courses for the major must be passed with a grade of “C” or better.
- A grade of “C” or better is required in CMST 101, ENGL 101, PSYC 101, and MATH 103 or higher (if these courses are in your plan of study), and all courses for the major (classes with school/program prefix).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required to enroll in any education courses.

Proposed:

- Students with previous knowledge of the language must take the placement test and register for an appropriate course.
- A grade of “C” or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- A grade of “C” or better is required in academic major coursework (classes with GER or MFL prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.

Acceptance into Teacher Education

- A grade of “C” or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA in the academic major of 2.6 is required.
- Completion of program application and professional licensure location form.

Acceptance into Residency I

- A grade of “C” or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis content exam.
- The teacher candidate is also required to complete a criminal background check with field placements, a TB test with negative reading, and CPR and first aid certification.

Acceptance into Residency II

- A grade of “C” or better is required in education coursework (classes with AIS, EDFN, SPED, or SEED prefixes).
- An overall GPA of 2.5 is required.
- A GPA of 2.7 is required in both major and education courses.
- The teacher candidate must take the Praxis PLT exam.

Oral Proficiency Interview

An official Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) certified by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is required of all students majoring in German. A minimum ranking of Advanced Low is the target for majors with a teaching specialization.

8. Explanation of the Change:

In August 2024, the SDBOR approved the Gateway to Teacher Education Certificate. This 12-credit certificate provides a jumpstart for South Dakota high school students with a career interest in PK-12 teacher education and provides knowledge about teacher education degree programs within South Dakota Regental Institutions. In addition to six credits towards their general education requirements, students will complete EDFN 102 Introduction to Teaching (3 cr.) and SPED 100 Introduction to Persons with Exceptionalities (3 cr.). The certificate is intended to be stackable with elementary, secondary, and special education programs. The Teaching Specialization has been revised to incorporate EDFN 102 and SPED 100. EDFN 102 has replaced EDFN 101 Exploration of Teaching & Learning (1 cr.) and EDFN 352L Teaching & Learning II Lab (3 cr.). General electives were offset by three credits to offset the addition of SPED 100 in the program requirements.

The program proposes clarifying language that MFL 420 is a program course requiring a “C” or better and condensing such language under one bullet point.

The program proposes to add the Oral Proficiency Interview language. This interview has long been required of all students majoring in the language programs. Its addition here will clarify what we already do and create consistency with the catalog language for the Spanish (B.A.) -Teaching Specialization.

Changes to academic requirements stem from changes to state level certification requirements. Language has been updated to reflect how students in teacher education programs progress through their program requirements toward graduation.