SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

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SUBJECT
> Program Modifications Requiring Board Approval – SDSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY
> BOR Policy 2:23 – New Programs, Program Modifications, Curricular Requests, and
> > Inactivation/Termination
> AAC Guideline 2.3 – Substantive Program Modifications
> AAC Guideline 2.3.A – Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests
> > Summary

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION
> South Dakota State University has submitted the following program modification proposal provided in Attachment I. Per AAC Guideline 2.3, certain substantive program modifications may require Board approval. Institutions may submit substantive program modifications to the Board after approval from the Executive Director, following a review by the System Associate VP for Academic Programming. These requests are also available on the Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests Webpage.

> *Existing Program: Substantive Program Modifications Requiring Board Approval*

> - Sociology (MS) – Community Development Specialization – *request to modify the current specialization in Community Development within the MS in Sociology into a standalone major, the MS in Community Development. There will be no changes to the curriculum.*

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION
> Upon approval by the Board, the proposals will move forward for implementation and entry into Banner.

ATTACHMENTS
> Attachment I – SDSU: Substantive Program Modification Requests Summary Form

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DRAFT MOTION 20230621_7-J:
> I move to approve SDSU's program modification requests for the MS in Sociology – Community Development Specialization, as presented.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	**SDSU**
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	**Master of Science (M.S.)**
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	**Sociology**
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION	**Community Development**
CIP CODE:	**45.1101**
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	**School of Psychology, Sociology & Rural Studies**
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	**SPSR**
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	4/28/2023
Vice President of Academic Affairs or President of the University	Date

1. **This modification addresses a change in:**
   - ☐ Total credits required within the discipline
   - ☐ Total credits of supportive course work
   - ☐ Total credits of elective course work
   - ☐ Total credits required for program
   - ☒ Program name
   - ☒ Existing specialization
   - ☒ CIP Code
   - ☐ Other (explain below)
   - ☒ Modification requiring Board of Regents approval
     Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee

2. **Effective date of change: 2023-2024 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: Community Development (M.S.)

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:**

The curriculum will remain the same.

		Existing Curriculum				*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*	
Pref.	**Num.**	**Title**	**Cr. Hrs.**	**Pref.**	**Num.**	**Title**	**Cr. Hrs.**
CD	600	Foundations of Community Development	3	CD	600	Foundations of Community Development	3
CD	601	Organizing for Community Change	3	CD	601	Organizing for Community Change	3
CD	602	Community and Regional Economic Policy and Analysis	3	CD	602	Community and Regional Economic Policy and Analysis	3
CD	603	Community Natural Resource Management	3	CD	603	Community Natural Resource Management	3
CD	604	Community Analysis	3	CD	604	Community Analysis	3
CD	605	Principles and Strategies of Community Change	3	CD	605	Principles and Strategies of Community Change	3
		Select <u>one</u> of the following options:	18			Select <u>one</u> of the following options:	18
		Option A: Thesis				*Option A: Thesis*	
SOC	798	Thesis	6	SOC	798	Thesis	6
		Electives *Electives will be determined in consultation with the advisor.	12			Electives *Electives will be determined in consultation with the advisor.	12
		Option B: Research/Design Paper				*Option B: Research/Design Paper*	
SOC	791	Independent Study	3	SOC	791	Independent Study	3
SOC	794	Internship	3	SOC	794	Internship	3
		Electives *Electives will be determined in consultation with the advisor.	12			Electives *Electives will be determined in consultation with the advisor.	12
		Option C: Coursework Only				*Option C: Coursework Only*	
		Electives *Electives will be determined in consultation with the advisor.	18			Electives *Electives will be determined in consultation with the advisor.	18
	Total number of hours required for specialization Option A, B, & C		36		Total number of hours required for major Option A, B, & C		36
	Total number of hours required for degree Option A, B, & C		36		Total number of hours required for degree Option A, B, & C		36

CIP Code:
Current CIP Code: <u>45.1101</u>; Title: Sociology, General.
Definition: A program that focuses on the systematic study of human social institutions and social relationships. Includes instruction in social theory, sociological research methods, social organization and structure, social stratification and hierarchies, dynamics of social change, family structures, social deviance and control, and applications to the study of specific social groups, social institutions, and social problems.

Proposed CIP Code: 44.0201; Title: Community Organization and Advocacy.
Definition: A program that focuses on the theories, principles, and practice of organizing and providing services to communities. May prepare individuals to apply such knowledge and

skills in community service positions.

8.   Explanation of the Change:

The M.S. in Sociology - Community Development Specialization is offered by SDSU in conjunction with institutional partners as members of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (Great Plains IDEA). Specifically, the curriculum for this graduate program is shared, offered, and only possible in collaboration with Kansas State University, University of Nebraska Lincoln, and North Dakota State University. It is important to improve the ability to market and recruit students into this program to increase SDSU's enrollment as a member of Great Plains IDEA consortium. The requested change will shift the specialization to a standalone major. This change will clearly emphasize Community Development as the focus of this master's graduate program, which will also enhance the university's ability to market and recruit. The simplification of the program name should also reduce confusion, as SDSU's M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology are in inactive status with admission suspended. It is confusing presently for prospective students to differentiate these two inactive programs from the active Sociology (M.S.) - Community Development Specialization.

In addition, the School of Psychology, Sociology and Rural Studies requests to update the program's CIP code. The online master's degree in Community Development focuses on refining a student's leadership ability and hands-on skills needed to help communities and regions build their own capacity for an inclusive, sustainable future. The code would change to 44.0201 (Community Organization and Advocacy). This change is requested to update the CIP code to accurately reflect the nature of the program.

For substantial modifications requiring Board approval, complete the items below. References to external sources should be documented with a footnote (including web addresses where applicable).

9.   Date of approval from the Executive Director or designee.

14 February 2023

10. Identify the program modification requested.

The School of Psychology, Sociology and Rural Studies requests to change the Sociology (M.S.) – Community Development Specialization into a standalone major.

11. Provide justification for the desired modification.

The change in program name will more accurately reflect this academic program and will enhance SDSU's ability to market and recruit students.

12. Would the requested modification require a change to the catalog description and/or the program learning outcomes? If so, describe.

Yes, the catalog description would need to reflect the change in program name. This will not change the student learning outcomes, which are as follows:
- Professional knowledge of community development (CD) theory, methods, practices, and

ethics.
- The ability to create and implement planning and action for community change toward more prosperity for all.
- Communication skills appropriate for both academic and public audiences.

13. Indicate the number of students currently enrolled in the program.

Six (6)

14. Describe the real impact to students.

The change in program title will make it easier to identify Community Development on students' transcripts.

15. Describe the real impact to the university.

The change from a specialization to a standalone major will make it easier to market and recruit students into this graduate program.

16. Describe any cost associated with the program modification.

Beyond initial updates of marketing material, there are not any additional costs that the school foresees with this program modification.

17. Describe any risks and unintended consequences associated with the program modification.

No risks or unintended consequences are anticipated with changing this from a specialization to a standalone major.

18. Would this modification be effective for current and future students, or only students who enroll following the change?

This modification would be effective for students who enroll following the change. Current students may opt to move forward to the new catalog.