

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 8 – F (4)

DATE: June 22-23, 2022

SUBJECT

New Site – USD – Minor in Anthropology (Online)

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – Program and Curriculum Approval

[BOR Policy 2:12](#) – Distance Education

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The University of South Dakota (USD) requests approval to offer the minor in Anthropology online. Currently, a majority of the courses for this minor are offered online. A proposed program modification will allow for students to complete the minor online, which will provide online students more choice. Currently, there are relatively few minors available for online students.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

USD anticipates 8 online enrollments and 4 graduates after four years of the program being online. The university requests no new resources.

Board office staff recommends approval to offer the certificate online.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – New Site Request: USD – Minor in Anthropology

DRAFT MOTION 20220622_8-F(4):

I move to approve USD's new site proposal to offer the minor in Anthropology online.



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

New Site Request

UNIVERSITY:	USD
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Anthropology Minor
NEW SITE(S):	Online
INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	Fall 2022
CIP CODE:	45.0201
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Anthropology & Sociology
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	UANT
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Arts & Sciences
BANNER DIVISION CODE:	2A

X	<p><u>Please check this box to confirm that (place an “X” in the left box):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The individual preparing this request has read AAC Guideline 2:11, which pertains to new site requests, and that this request meets the requirements outlined in the guidelines. This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs Committee until it is approved by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.
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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.

President of the University

Date

1. What is the need for offering the program at the new physical site or through distance delivery?

Adding the online delivery modality will increase the opportunities for students to study anthropology and obtain a meaningful credential, particularly if those students are not enrolled on the Vermillion main campus. Moreover, since there are relatively few minors currently offered online at USD, adding this modality will provide an additional option for students majoring in other online programs that require a minor.

2. Are any other Regental universities authorized to offer a similar program at the proposed site(s) or through distance delivery? If “yes,” identify the institutions and programs and explain why authorization is requested.

No. USD offers the only anthropology program in the South Dakota Regental system.

3. Are students enrolling in the program expected to be new to the university or redirected from other existing programs at the university? Complete the table below and explain the methodology used in developing the estimates.

This request will not likely attract new degree seeking students to the university, as the minor is not a degree on its own. It will, however, provide flexibility to students currently completing online majors and is expected to draw more students to the anthropology program. We expect some growth in the number of minors from existing online majors, and as the number of minors is expected to increase, we anticipate an increase in program credit hours.

	Fiscal Years*			
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
<i>Estimates</i>	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25
Students new to the university	0	0	0	0
Students from other university programs	2	4	6	8
=Total students in the program at the site	2	4	6	8
Program credit hours (major courses)**	18	36	54	72
Graduates	0	1	4	4

*Do not include current fiscal year.

**This is the total number of credit hours generated by students in the program in the required or elective program courses. Use the same numbers in Appendix B – Budget.

4. What is the perceived impact of this request on existing programs in the Regental system?

The addition of online delivery to this minor will enhance existing programs in the Regental system. There is no comparable online minor in the system, so addition of this program would provide opportunities for students enrolled in online or face-to-face majors in the system to earn a different credential. Authorization to offer the minor online would potentially allow for the delivery of additional online anthropology coursework and could provide increased scheduling flexibility. The current anthropology minor enrolls students from psychology and international studies. Adding an online anthropology minor would enhance opportunities for online psychology majors and may also attract online criminal justice majors.

5. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If there are corresponding program modifications requested, please attach the associated form. Explain the delivery of the new courses and attach any associated new course request forms.

[Insert Degree/Program and Title]	Credit hours	Credit hours currently available from this university at this site	Credit hours currently available from other universities available at this site	Credit hours currently available via distance	Credit hours new to this university
System General Education Requirements					
<i>Subtotal, Degree Requirements</i>					
Required Support Courses					
Major Requirements					
Major Electives or Minor	18	24	0	24	0
<i>Subtotal, Requirements of the Proposed Major</i>					
Free Electives					
<i>Total, Degree with Proposed Major</i>					

*If the major will be available in more than one degree (e.g., BA, BS, BS Ed) at the new site(s) and the number or distribution of credits will vary with the degree, provide a separate table for each degree.

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
		Blank				Complete either the sequence:	
ANTH	210	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH	210	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH	220	Biological Anthropology	3	ANTH	220	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH	230	Introduction to Archaeology	3	ANTH	230	Introduction to Archaeology	3
		Blank				Or the introductory course	
		Blank		ANTH	150	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ANTH	490	Seminar	3			DELETE	
ANTH	3XX/4XX	Electives (Two additional upper-division ANTH courses)	6	ANTH	XXX	ANTH Electives (At least two must be upper-division courses)	9-15
Total Hours Required			18	Total Hours Required			18

No new courses are proposed at this time.

6. How will the university provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?

Student services will be provided by the Department of Anthropology and Sociology as well as Academic Affairs. Services will be similar to those provided for other online programs. The Department of Anthropology and Sociology have been offering online coursework for over 10 years and are accustomed to working with students from a distance. We also have available the expertise of the I.D. Weeks library, the CTL, and ITS to assist online students (and faculty serving students) in accessing and using resources to further their education.

7. Is this program accredited by a specialized accrediting body? If so, address any program accreditation issues and costs related to offering the program at the new site(s).

No, the anthropology minor is not accredited.

8. Does the university request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy.

No exceptions are requested for delivery at the new site (online).

9. Cost, Budget, and Resources related to new courses at the site: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, time redirected from other assignments, instructional technology & software, other operations and maintenance, facilities, etc., needed to implement the proposed minor. Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.

No new costs are anticipated. The department currently offers sufficient credits online for a minor, but not all the required courses for the minor are offered. A minor program modification proposed concurrently with this new site proposal will provide more flexibility in the requirements such that the minor could then be earned solely through online courses.