

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – E**  
**DATE: October 5-6, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**Accelerated Program Request – USD – Master of Social Work (MSW)**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – New Programs, Program Modifications, Curricular Requests, and  
Inactivation/Termination

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The University of South Dakota (USD) is proposing an accelerated pathway for the attainment of the Master of Social Work (MSW). Each accelerated program proposes twenty-four (24) overlapping credits.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

USD proposes an accelerated program from the BA in Sociology. At the Board's June meeting, an accelerated program for the MSW from the BS in Sociology was approved, but the BA degree was overlooked. This accelerated option will provide a pathway for these students in the BA degree to extend their education to five years.

Board office staff recommends approval.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – Accelerated Program Request Form: USD – Master of Social Work  
(MSW)– BA in Sociology

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**DRAFT MOTION 20221005\_5-E:**

I move to approve USD's proposal to offer an accelerated program for Master of Social Work (MSW), from the BA degree Sociology, as presented.



## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS Accelerated Graduate Program Request

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>NAME AND DEGREE (e.g., BA, BS) OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM:</b>	<b>B.A. in Sociology</b>
<b>NAME AND DEGREE (e.g., MA, MS, PhD) OF GRADUATE PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Master of Social Work (MSW)</b>

### 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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Vice President of Academic Affairs or President of the University

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Date

An accelerated graduate program for the purposes of this guideline is a graduate program at a Regental institution that allows a student to count courses for undergraduate and graduate credit simultaneously. Board Policy 2:8 – Level and Numbering of and Enrollment in Courses governs the transfer of courses between the undergraduate and graduate program.

Board of Regents Policy 2:5 – Transfer of Credit requires the Board of Regents to approve accelerated programs involving the transfer of thirteen (13) or more credits up to a total of twenty-five (25) total transfer credit hours at the accepting institution. In other words, an institution may create an accelerated program of one (1) to twelve (12) hours without Board approval. However, an accelerated program requires the creation of coding by the Enrollment Services Center (ESC) regardless of whether or not the accelerated program is accepting more than twelve (12) credit hours.

- Maximum number of credits allowed to transfer between undergraduate and graduate program:** 24 credits
- Is the response to Question 1 more than thirteen (13) credit hours? (place an “X” in the box following the correct response)**

Yes (requires BOR approval)	X	No (does not require BOR approval)	
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- What is the proposed date (day/month/year) the accelerated program would begin?**  
August 22, 2022 [Fall 2022]
- Please provide a brief explanation of the accelerated program, including specific courses eligible for both the undergraduate and graduate program credit.**

The addition of accelerated 3+2 program in the B.A. in Sociology track will allow the undergraduate program to count 24 hours of the 1st year of MSW towards the electives in the B.A. degree (see 4-year plan guide below). The student will complete 96 hours by the end of the 3rd year towards the undergraduate degree.

The University of South Dakota  
Major Credit Hour Count: Core Courses 30  
Major: B.A. in Sociology and fast track option to MSW

First Year – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	
Course	Credit
First Year Seminar	1
ENGL 101 Composition I	3
Fine Arts	3
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
Foreign Language - BA requirement	4
Mathematics	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>17</b>
Second Year – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	
Course	Credit
Advanced Composition Course	3
BIOL 101/L Biology Survey I	4
Minor Course	3
Minor Course	3
Sociology Elective Course	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>
Third Year – 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	
Course	Credit
SOC 410 Methods of Social Research	3
Sociology Elective Course	3
Minor Course	3
Additional Humanities or Social Science - BA req	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>
Fourth Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (SOC); First Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (MSW)	
Course	Credit
*SOCW 601 History and Philosophy of SW	3
*SOCW 610 Generalist Practice I	3
*SOCW 641 Human Behavior in Social Environment	3
*SOCW 683 Field Education I (16 – 20 hours per week)	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>12</b>

First Year – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
Course	Credit
ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3
CMST 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
Humanities – SGR #4	3
Sociology Elective Course	3
Foreign Language – BA requirement	4
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>16</b>
Second Year – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
Course	Credit
SOC 281 Socio-cultural Theory	3
SOC 309 Statistical Research Methods	3
Additional Humanities or Social Science - BA req	3
Additional Science Course – SGR #6	3
Sociology Elective Course	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>15</b>
Third Year – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
Course	Credit
SOC 490 Seminar	3
Sociology Elective Course	3
Minor Courses	6
Elective Courses	5
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>17</b>
Fourth Year 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (SOC); First Year 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (MSW)	
Course	Credit
*SOCW 600 Social Policy	3
*SOCW 630 Practice with Small Groups	3
*SOCW 640 Diversity and Social Justice	3
*SOCW 684 Field Education II (16 – 20 hours per week)	3
<b>Semester Credit Hours:</b>	<b>12</b>

Degree total 120

\*Course will also count toward Sociology undergraduate degree.