

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: South Dakota State University Mission Statement

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The legislature established South Dakota State University as the Comprehensive Land Grant University to meet the needs of the State and region by providing undergraduate and graduate programs of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education in agriculture, education, engineering, human sciences, nursing, pharmacy, and other courses or programs as the Board of Regents may determine (SDCL 13-58-1).

The Board implemented SDCL 13-58-1 by authorizing South Dakota State University to serve students and clients through teaching, research, and extension activities. The University's primary goal is to provide undergraduate and graduate programs at the freshman through the doctoral levels. The university complements this goal by conducting nationally competitive strategic research and scholarly and creative activities. Furthermore, South Dakota State University facilitates the transference of knowledge through the Cooperative Extension Service with a presence in every county and through other entities, especially to serve the citizens of South Dakota.

South Dakota State University is unique within the South Dakota System of Higher Education because of its comprehensive land grant mission. The mission is implemented through integrated programs of instruction, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and numerous auxiliary and laboratory services.

Curriculum

Degrees are authorized at the Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, Professional Doctorate, and Doctoral levels.

The following curriculum is approved for South Dakota State University.

A. Undergraduate Programs

Associate degree programs in General Studies and General Agriculture.

Baccalaureate programs in the agricultural sciences, aviation, education, engineering and technology, human sciences, humanities and liberal arts, nursing, performing and visual arts, pharmaceutical sciences, physical and biological sciences, and social sciences.

B. Graduate Programs

Masters degrees in arts and sciences, agricultural and biological sciences, human sciences, education and counseling, engineering and technology, and nursing.

Doctor of Philosophy Degrees in Agriculture and Engineering, and the Physical, Biological, and Social Sciences.

Professional programs – the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D), Nursing (DNP).

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