

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4.C.1**

**DATE: July 26, 2010**

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**SUBJECT: New Site Request ~ DSU – Minor in Sociology, Internet**

Dakota State University requests authorization to deliver its minor in Sociology using the Internet.

Internet delivery of the minor supports the Board’s strategic goals and the Governor’s 2010 Education Initiative.

Dr. Wittmayer reported that the minor has been on the EUC plan and has been discussed by the EUC committee.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

**Provide comments to Dr. Gough for the COPS coversheet.**

**South Dakota Board of Regents**  
**Request for Authorization to Offer an Existing Program at a New Site**

<b>University</b>	Dakota State University
<b>Degree(s) and Program</b>	Sociology Minor
<b>New Site(s)</b>	Distance (Internet)
<b>Proposed Implementation (term)</b>	Fall 2010

**University Approval**

To the Board and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this request, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.



April 1, 2010

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President of the University

Date

After approval by the President, a signed copy of the request should be transmitted to the Executive Director. Post the request on the university web site and notify the Board staff and the other universities of the URL.

**1. What is the need for this program in this site (these sites)? What is the expected demand for graduates in the site(s)?**

Dakota State University is requesting permission to deliver its Sociology Minor via distance (Internet). The University has received requests to make the minor available to a wider audience. Since the minor also meets the requirements for a 7-12 endorsement in sociology, delivering the minor via distance (Internet) will also provide greater access for K-12 teachers and for teacher education majors outside the Madison area. The request supports the Governor's 2010 Education Initiative to expand the number of citizens with postsecondary education in South Dakota.

**2. Is any regental university authorized to offer a similar program at the new site(s)? Is any non-system institution offering a similar program at the new site(s)? If either answer is "yes," identify the institution(s) and program(s) and explain why authorization is requested.**

None of the other universities offer a minor in Sociology by distance (Internet). These SDBOR institutions currently offer face-to-face majors / minors in sociology on their campuses:

- Black Hills State University
- Northern State University
- South Dakota State University
- University of South Dakota

**3. Are students expected to be new to the university or redirected from other programs or both? Complete the table and explain how the estimates were developed. How will the**

**new site(s) affect enrollments in other campus and off-campus programs in the regental system?**

Students will either be new to the university (taking the minor to enhance / supplement a degree program at another institution) or current DSU education majors who want to complete the minor online. Students particularly like the flexibility of online programs, which allow them to continue to live and work anywhere in the state while they're completing their degree. It is not expected that the distance-delivered minor will have much impact on the enrollments in DSU's face-to-face, on-campus courses.

Sociology Minor	Fiscal Years*			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Estimated	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14
New to the university	5	5	5	5
Current students	5	5	5	5
Continuing students	0	10	10	10
= Total in the program at the site	10	20	20	20
Credit hours, majors in program courses**	90	380	380	380
Graduates	0	10	10	10

\* Do not include current year.

\*\* Nine credits offered the first year and 19 credits offered year two and beyond.

4. **Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If any program modifications are requested, attach that form. Explain how the new courses will be delivered. Attach the new course request forms.**

The curriculum for the existing program is included in Appendix A. No program modifications or new courses are being requested along with this new site request. As indicated in Appendix A, DSU currently offers all courses in the minor as distance-delivered courses. DSU will also accept 300- and 400-level courses from other regental institutions as substitutes for courses in the "choose from" list. And, DSU plans to continue to develop other courses on the "choose from" list and offer those in rotation as demand warrants.

Minor in Sociology	Credit hours	Credit hours currently available from DSU via distance	Credit hours currently available from other universities via distance	Credit hours that need to be developed for distance delivery by this university
Required Support Courses	9-10	9	0	1
Major Requirements	9	9	3	0
<i>Total, Requirements of the Minor</i>	18-19	18	3	1

The only course that has not been developed for distance delivery is SEED 303 Secondary and Middle Level Content Area: Sociology (1 credit). This course is required for education majors

seeking a 7-12 endorsement in sociology through the South Dakota Department of Education. The course is currently being developed for distance delivery by DSU.

**5. How will you provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?**

DSU has an existing infrastructure for students who take courses and programs via distance. This infrastructure includes student services. Library and other support services are available via the university's web site to students, regardless of location. Some student services are also available via EUC. Since DSU already offers a variety of degree programs via distance / Internet (both undergraduate and graduate), we do not anticipate any difficulties provide appropriate student services for this degree program.

**6. 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).**

None.

**7. Does the University request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy. If no exceptions are requested, enter "None."**

None.

**8. Costs, Budget & Resources: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, instructional technology and software, other O&M, facilities, etc needed to implement the program at the new site(s).**

Since all required courses are currently available via distance delivery (except for the 1-credit SEED 303, which is being developed by DSU this summer for internet delivery), there are no additional costs to deliver this minor via internet. As a consequence, no budget information is provided.

**Appendix A**

Sociology Minor

Prefix	Number	Course Title	Hours	Distance Delivery from DSU
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3	X
SOC	150	Social Problems	3	X
SOC	285	Information Society	3	X
Select three courses from the following:			9	
SOC	240	Sociology of Rural America	3	X
SOC	352	Social Indicators	3	
SOC	360	Social Systems & Technology	3	
SOC	370	People and their Cultures	3	
SOC	381	Social Institutions	3	
SOC	382	The Family	3	X
SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles	3	X
SEED	303	Secondary & Middle Level Content Methods: Social Science Minor	1*	
*Required for 7-12 Endorsement Program				
TOTAL			18-19	