

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – B

DATE: October 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – NSU

Northern State University has submitted a request asking that the following degree program be inactivated.

- Inactivate the Following:
 - Sociology – Gerontology Specialization (B.A)
 - Sociology – Gerontology Minor
 - Sociology – Gerontology (Applied) Associates Degree
 - Sociology Gerontology (Applied) Certificate

The Gerontology Program was never able to either recruit or retain enough students (over the past several years) to make it viable. At present, only two students are enrolled in the minor; they will both complete the minor this year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve NSU's request to inactivate the Sociology – Gerontology Specialization (B.A); Sociology – Gerontology Minor; Sociology – Gerontology (Applied) Associates Degree; and Sociology Gerontology (Applied) Certificate programs. Forward to the BOR.



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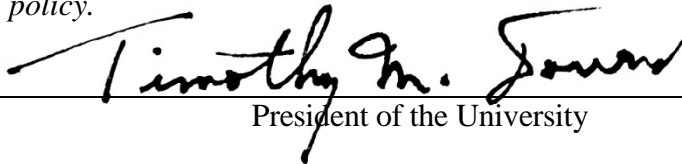
**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

Use this form to request termination or inactive status for an existing program (graduate program, undergraduate major or minor, certificate, or specialization). The Board of Regents, Executive Director, and/or their designees may request additional information about the proposal. After the university President approves the proposal, submit a signed copy to the Executive Director through the system Chief Academic Officer. Only post the form to the university website for review by other universities after approval by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.

UNIVERSITY:	Northern State University
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Sociology – Gerontology Specialization (BA); Sociology – Gerontology Minor; Sociology – Gerontology (Applied) Associates Degree; Sociology Gerontology (Applied) Certificate.
CIP CODE:	
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	History, Sociology, Political Science & Geography
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	CAS

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

9/20/16

Date

1. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

2. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):¹

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is (place an "X" in the appropriate box):²

¹ Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in Colleague.

Inactive Status *See question 4*Termination *See questions 5 and 6***4. INACTIVE STATUS****A. Provide a justification for inactivating the program:**

The Gerontology Program was never able to either recruit or retain enough students (over the past several years) to make it viable. At present, only two students are enrolled in the minor; they will both complete the minor this year.

B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status?

Both students are on track to complete their minors through existing electives.

C. What is the last date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate in the program:

Spring 2017

D. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) inactive status takes effect (the proposed date for inactive status is also the last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

Fall 2017

5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**A. Provide a justification for terminating the program:****B. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?****C. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?**

² Note: An inactive program is a program a university has authority to offer, but the program is not admitting new students and has not formally terminated. A presumption exists that inactive status is a temporary status; universities review inactive programs periodically to determine the feasibility of reactivating or terminating the program. Programs can remain inactive for five (5) consecutive years at which time a university must terminate the program. A terminated program is a program for which a university ceases to have authority to offer. Reinstatement of a terminated program requires university and BOR approval through the prescribed new program approval processes.

- D. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**
- E. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**
- F. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**
- G. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

6. TERMINATION WITHOUT ENROLLED STUDENTS

- A. Provide a justification for terminating the program:**
- B. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) for the program to terminate (program status in the database changes to *Deleted*)?**
- C. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**
- D. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**