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SDSU Adds Global Studies Major and Minor; New Degrees Also Planned at USD and DSU

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents approved a new global studies major and minor at South Dakota State University to focus on preparing students to live and work as citizens of a global society.

“The global studies major integrates content and theory from a number of our disciplines,” said SDSU President Peggy Miller. “International activities are now global, based on new relationships between regions and countries. We recognize national boundaries are becoming less important, and the global perspective more important when it comes to culture, environmental conditions, agriculture, economics, politics, terrorism, and health and safety.”

Beginning this fall, SDSU students may pursue a B.A. or B.S. degree in global studies or a minor in the field. Depending on which major degree is pursued, students will take 14 to 22 credit hours in a modern foreign language such as Spanish, German, or French. Global studies majors will also be required to complete a cross-cultural experience outside the U.S. Miller said that might be an internship, volunteer service learning project, a semester of university study abroad, or an intensive language immersion program.

Regents President Harvey C. Jewett said the new program at SDSU is being funded with existing resources. No new state funds were requested by the Board of Regents to develop or implement it.

The regents Thursday also authorized Dakota State University to pursue planning for a new bachelor’s degree in scientific forensic technology. At the same time, The University of South Dakota was given approval to plan for a clinical doctorate in audiology and a two-year program to allow master’s degree holders in audiology to upgrade to the doctorate level. DSU and USD officials will return to the board later for final approval of their programs after plans are finalized.