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New Minors Authorized at Three Public Universities

SPEARFISH, S.D. – New minor-degree programs at three public universities were approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents at its meeting Friday. The programs are in computer forensics, geography, and leadership.

- **Computer forensics at Dakota State University**—A minor in computer forensics at Dakota State University offers students the opportunity to apply computer investigation and analysis techniques in the gathering of potential legal evidence. Computer specialists draw on various methods to discover data residing in a computer system or to recover deleted, encrypted, or damaged file information. DSU does not currently offer a degree program in computer forensics. However, content in this minor is closely related to undergraduate and graduate programs in network security and information assurance already offered at Madison. The 18-hour minor will be offered starting this fall.
- **Geography at Northern State University**—Northern State University will offer a new minor in geography starting this fall. It is designed to support and expand on NSU's existing programs in the arts and sciences, education, and business and is expected to appeal to a wide range of majors in those fields. University officials said the minor will prepare students for a broad range of programs and careers that benefit from a geographic perspective. The minor will require 19 credit hours.
- **Leadership at South Dakota State University**—A new minor in leadership at South Dakota State University will be open to all students regardless of degree or major. This program seeks to encourage student self-development in leadership, international and intercultural understanding, and service and social responsibility. Students will work with faculty in a wide range of disciplines and develop skills in interpersonal communication, group dynamics, and teamwork. This 18-hour minor will be available starting in spring 2008.