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## **New Minors Approved at Mines and USD**

VERMILLION, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved new minors in geospatial technology and art history at two public universities.

The minor in geospatial technology at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology will be available this fall, and may be added as an 18 credit-hour minor by students majoring in such fields as geology, computer science, mathematics, or engineering. A strong geospatial background enhances career options for students in many fields. University officials said students with this minor will be able to demonstrate to potential employers that they have received substantial training in GIS, GPS, remote sensing, and other geospatial techniques.

At The University of South Dakota, a new minor in art history will be available starting this summer, which may be added to any undergraduate degree program on campus. The 18 hours of coursework is designed to increase student abilities, perceptions, and interpretations of visual content. The minor will help students conduct historical research in art, applying that information to professional development or future careers in settings such as museums, galleries, archives, arts management, libraries, and publishing.

No new state resources were requested by the universities or the Board of Regents to implement these minors.