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## **SDSU Offers New Visual Arts Certificates**

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Two certificate programs in animation and art history will offer new options for students who complete visual arts courses at South Dakota State University. The Board of Regents approved the new certificate programs this week.

Certificate programs, usually requiring 12 credit hours to complete, are developed by packaging a small set of courses that allow students to develop expertise in a focused area of study addressing identified market and workforce development needs.

The animation certificate draws from four animation classes now offered within the study of graphic design. The new certificate will likely attract general art and graphic design majors, as well as other students who are interested in studying time-based media. This certificate program reinforces a strong relationship between the visual arts department at SDSU and Keyframe Inc., a division of Brookings-based Daktronics, a world leader in manufacturing large-format electronic display systems.

The certificate in art history will allow students to pursue more specialized study, scholarship, and publication in art history and theory related to the visual arts. Twelve to 15 credit hours of coursework will be required.