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More Options Available for Online Study at State Universities

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Students seeking degrees in fields ranging from human sciences to business now have new options at two South Dakota public universities to complete their studies entirely by distance delivery.

The South Dakota Board of Regents approved requests from the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University to deliver four existing degree programs online, with no new state resources or student fees required. All of these programs are designed especially for adult learners who seek the flexibility to pursue new careers or advanced study without relocating or commuting to a residential campus.

Today's approvals apply to the following programs and are effective this fall:

- **Bachelor of business administration degree in management at USD.** Designed to provide a broad-based understanding of business disciplines, students may select emphasis areas to meet their individual needs, such as accounting, economics, finance, marketing, and e-commerce.
- **Master of arts degree in kinesiology and sport science at USD.** This graduate program will be offered online, with select courses delivered at off-campus university centers in Sioux Falls and Rapid City. The program is aimed at individuals working as coaches or athletic directors, and in intercollegiate athletics, professional sport, sport facility management, and non-profit sport organizations.
- **Master of science degree in human sciences at SDSU.** The field of human sciences encompasses a broad range of potential careers, with a focus on people-oriented professions. The degree program offers specializations in family and community services, adult development in the workplace, family and consumer sciences education, family financial planning, and merchandising.

Approval for distance delivery of the following program is effective with the summer 2013 term:

- **Master of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies at USD.** This graduate program will be offered online, with select courses offered in Sioux City, Iowa, and at off-campus university centers in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Pierre. Graduates of this program are prepared for a wide variety of careers in higher education, business and industry, and healthcare or to pursue continued graduate study in Ph.D. or professional programs.