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## **NSU Accounting Degrees Go Online**

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University has received the go-ahead to offer two accounting degrees online to make them more accessible to students. The South Dakota Board of Regents Thursday approved that request, along with a new minor in criminal justice for the public university based in Aberdeen.

Starting this fall, NSU will be able to deliver two bachelor of science degrees, one in accounting and another in professional accountancy, via the internet. Both of these online degree programs, developed in collaboration with Dakota State University, provide students with a strong academic background in business and accounting. NSU officials say distance delivery will extend these programs to more students outside of the Aberdeen area and contribute to workforce development in the state.

The accounting degree requires students to complete 120 credit hours of study, while the professional accountancy program is 150 credit hours. State law requires individuals sitting for the CPA exam to have first completed an undergraduate degree in accounting, plus an additional 30 hours of college credit.

A new minor in criminal justice also was approved at NSU. In response to the increasing complexity of the criminal justice system, the 18 credit-hour minor helps prepare students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, parole, and private security. Northern currently offers a criminal justice specialization within its sociology major.