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Regents Approve New Academic Programs, Delivery Options

RAPID CITY, S.D. – More academic majors will soon be available to South Dakota college students. The Board of Regents this week approved new undergraduate degrees in public relations, innovation and entrepreneurship, operational analytics, and community and regional planning.

South Dakota State University will offer the bachelor of science degrees in public relations and in community and regional planning, while bachelor of business administration degrees in innovation and entrepreneurship and in operational analytics will be available through the University of South Dakota. All four degree programs will be available starting this fall.

In related action, the Board of Regents approved:

- For SDSU, new minors in electronics, financial counseling, social and human services, social media, theatre, and youth and community work.
- For USD, new certificate programs in laboratory science, museum and archives studies, reading interventionist, and regulatory affairs. Certificate programs usually require fewer credit hours to complete than a minor. They are developed by packaging a small set of courses that allow students to develop expertise within a focused area of study, addressing identified market and workforce development needs.
- For SDSU, a new certificate program in data science.
- For SDSU, approval to offer minors in criminal justice, geography, gerontology, history, psychology, and sociology through online distance delivery. SDSU was also granted permission to offer its minor in human development and family studies through online delivery and at University Center-Sioux Falls.