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NSU to Offer Online Associate Degree in Criminal Justice

BROOKINGS, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has approved a new associate of arts degree in criminal justice from Northern State University, to be delivered online to students anytime, anywhere. NSU also received approval for a new minor in human resources management.

The two-year associate degree provides graduates for entry-level positions in criminal justice professions, as well as giving current employees in the field an opportunity to obtain academic competencies. All students in the program will take courses in introductory criminal justice, criminology, correctional system studies, and law and society. Graduates of the associate-degree program may continue their education at the bachelor's level, including NSU's B.A. degree in sociology, with a criminal justice specialization.

Northern State officials say they expect, after full implementation of the program, to graduate 10 students a year with the associate degree.

The new minor in human resources management allows business majors at Northern to expand their knowledge base in personnel management, including recruitment, hiring, training and development, retention, and compensation. University officials say the minor should also appeal to students in other majors who want to understand the human side of business and management. The minor consists of 18 credit hours of study. NSU expects 10 graduates per year after full implementation.