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## **Neuroscience Offerings Approved at USD**

BROOKINGS, S.D. – An undergraduate degree and a minor in one of the largest scientific fields in the country have been approved for delivery at the University of South Dakota. The bachelor of science in neuroscience degree will prepare USD students for professional pathways to graduate study and new careers in a growing field.

Meeting this week in Brookings, the Board of Regents agreed to USD's request to offer the B.S. degree in neuroscience, with specializations available in **cognitive neuroscience** or **molecular and cellular neuroscience**. It is estimated that, after full implementation, 10 students a year will graduate with the new degree.

Students majoring in neuroscience may pursue graduate studies in behavior neuroscience, clinical neuroscience, biomedical science, or clinical neuropsychology. The degree could also lead to professional study in medicine, physical therapy, or law, and careers in science writing, communication, and the pharmaceutical and biomedical industries.

The new minor proposed in conjunction with the neuroscience major will provide essential background for students majoring in other disciplines at USD, such as biology, medical biology, psychology, chemistry, and health sciences.