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Campus Academic Requests Approved

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents this week approved academic program requests from public universities to meet workforce and community development needs across the state.

The following actions, sorted by the university making the request, were approved:

Northern State University

- New undergraduate certificates in **behavioral forensic sciences** and **quantitative analytics in science** and a graduate certificate in **Germans from Russia studies**.
 - The behavioral forensic certificate prepares people to work in a variety of fields such as counseling, police or law enforcement, social work, and psychology.
 - Students in the science fields often look for an opportunity to acquire valuable quantitative skills. The certificate in quantitative analytics provides a formal credential for employers to identify candidates with those skills.
 - A graduate certificate in Germans from Russia studies complements the newly-opened South Dakota Germans from Russia Cultural Center on the NSU campus. The nine credit-hour certificate will focus on practical aspects of history, culture, and language, along with instruction in the interpretation and translation of written documents.

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

- New minors in **electrical engineering, electronics engineering and technology, mining engineering, and systems engineering** will be available to SD Mines students seeking to expand their knowledge base in engineering specialties outside of their major fields. Study at the minor level also helps prepare students for graduate studies.

South Dakota State University

- A specialization in **natural resource management** will be available as part of two degrees in biological sciences offered at SDSU, the master of science degree and the

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Ph.D. degree. Students will receive advanced training in ecology, conservation, and management, making them more competitive for careers in state and federal agencies, non-government organizations, and private industry.

University of South Dakota

- Permission to deliver USD's **sociology** offerings at the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, and minor degree levels both online and through the Community College for Sioux Falls. Expanded availability of these degrees and the minor will give more students the flexibility to complete a degree that is in high demand within the local and regional workforce.