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SDSU to Offer New Engineering Certificate

ABERDEEN, S.D. – South Dakota State University will offer a new engineering graphics certificate next year, aimed at students seeking industry-specific skill sets. The South Dakota Board of Regents granted approval for the offering this week.

The undergraduate certificate in engineering graphics at SDSU combines traditional drawing skills with advanced computer-aided design applications. It will provide students a professional credential demonstrating competency in engineering drawing. The certificate is available starting in the fall 2017 semester.

Labor market data are projecting a 2 percent growth in mechanical drafters across South Dakota. SDSU officials said this new certificate should appeal to engineering, technology, and design majors who seek industry-specific skills.

Nine of the 12 credit hours required for the certificate also fulfill requirements for a bachelor's degree in operations management. University officials hope this will encourage many certificate completers to continue toward earning their bachelor's degree.