

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: University of South Dakota Mission Statement

NUMBER: 1:10:1

A. PURPOSE

To comply with provisions of Board Policy 1:10 requiring the University of South Dakota mission statement to include the legislatively established purpose of the institution and the programs authorized by the Board to implement that purpose.

B. DEFINITIONS

- 1. Statutory Mission:** The institutional mission defined under South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL).

C. POLICY

1. Statutory Mission

The legislature established the statutory mission of the University of South Dakota under SDCL 13-57-1 as:

Designated as South Dakota's Liberal Arts University, the University of South Dakota, established and located at Vermillion, in Clay County, shall be under the control of the Board of Regents and shall provide undergraduate and graduate programs of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education in business, education, fine arts, law and medicine, and other courses or programs as the Board of Regents may determine.

2. Board of Regents Implementation of Statutory Mission

The Board recognizes the University of South Dakota's mission as:

To be the best small, public flagship university in the nation built upon a liberal arts foundation.

The institution is also charged with promoting excellence in teaching and learning, supporting research, scholarly and creative activities, and providing service to the State of South Dakota, the region, and beyond.

The University of South Dakota is the comprehensive university of the South Dakota System of Higher Education.

The University of South Dakota is the administrative lead institution at the Community College for Sioux Falls University and is approved to offer programs and courses online through the Internet.

3. Curriculum

The following curriculum is approved for the university:

3.1. Undergraduate Major Level Curriculum

Business, Computer Science (in accordance with SDCL 13-59-2.2), Education, Entrepreneurship, Exercise Science, Fine and Performing Arts, General Studies, Health Sciences, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Mathematics, Native American Studies, Nursing, Physical and Biological Sciences, Social Sciences, Sport Media and Administration, Sustainability, and Technical Leadership.

3.2. Master's and Specialist Level Curriculum

Biological and Physical Sciences, Biomedical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, Business, Computer Science, Counseling, Education, Fine and Performing Arts, Humanities and Liberal Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies, Mathematics, Public Administration, Public Health, Social Sciences, Social Work, and Sustainability.

3.3. Doctoral Level Curriculum

Biological and Physical Sciences, Biomedical Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, Business, Counseling, Education, Health Sciences, Humanities and Liberal Arts, Law, Medicine, Social Sciences, and Sustainability.

4. Authorized Degrees

4.1. Undergraduate Degrees

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Musical Arts (B.M.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). Certificates in related fields.

4.2. Graduate Degrees

Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.), Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.), Education Specialist (Ed.S.), Executive Master of Public Administration (E.M.P.A.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.), Master of Law and Policy (M.E.L.P.), Master of Music (M.M.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.A.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Master of Science (M.S.), Master of Science in Administration (M.S.A.), Master of Social Work (M.S.W.), Transitional Doctorate in Physical Therapy (t-D.P.T.). Certificates in related fields.

FORMS / APPENDICES:

None

SOURCE:

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