

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

## Policy Manual

**SUBJECT:** South Dakota State University Mission Statement

**NUMBER:** 1:10:2

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### **A. PURPOSE**

To comply with provisions of Board Policy 1:10 requiring the South Dakota State University 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 South Dakota State University under SDCL 13-58-1 as:

Designated as South Dakota's Land-grant University, South Dakota State University, formerly the State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, located at Brookings, in Brookings 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 agriculture, education, engineering, home economics, nursing and pharmacy, and other courses or programs as the Board of Regents may determine.

#### **2. Board of Regents Implementation of Statutory Mission**

The Board recognizes South Dakota State University's mission as:

To offer a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation and engagement that improve the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation and the world.

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.

South Dakota State University facilitates the transference of knowledge through the Cooperative Extension Service with a presence in every county and through other entities, especially to serve the citizens of South Dakota.

South Dakota State University is unique within the South Dakota System of Higher Education because of its comprehensive land grant mission. The mission is implemented through integrated programs of instruction, the Cooperative Extension Service, the Agricultural Experiment Station, and numerous auxiliary and laboratory services.

South Dakota State University 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**

Agricultural and Food Sciences, American Indian and Indigenous Studies, Apparel Merchandising, the Arts, Architecture, Aviation, Computer Science (in accordance with SDCL 13-59-2.2), Construction and Manufacturing, Consumer Affairs, Education, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Exercise Science, Fine and Performing Arts, General Studies, Health Sciences, Human Sciences, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Management (non-business fields), Mathematics, Natural Resources, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical/Biological/Environmental Sciences, Social Sciences, Sport Media and Administration, and Technology.

#### **3.2. Master's Level Curriculum**

Agricultural Sciences, Architecture, Athletic Training, Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Humanities, Liberal Arts, Mathematics and Statistics, Nursing, Operations Management, Physical and Biological Sciences, Public Health, and Social Sciences.

#### **3.3. Doctoral Level Curriculum**

Agricultural Sciences, Engineering, Nursing, Human Sciences, Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical and Biological Sciences, and Social Sciences.

### **4. Authorized Degrees**

#### **4.1. Undergraduate Degrees**

Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.), Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.), and Bachelor of Science (B.S.). Certificates in related fields.

#### **4.2. Graduate Degrees**

Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.), Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Master of Architecture (M.Arch.), Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Engineering (M.Eng.), Master of Mass Communication (M.M.C.), Master of Public Health (M.P.H.), Master of Science (M.S.). Certificates in related fields.

**FORMS / APPENDICES:**

None

**SOURCE:**

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