

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – L (1)

DATE: March 30 – April 1, 2016

SUBJECT: New Site: SDSU Minor in Criminal Justice

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to deliver the minor in Criminal Justice through online distance delivery. SDSU makes the request in response to growing demand for online programs. In addition, the online minor would provide additional options to comply with SDSU’s College of Arts and Sciences requirement that all students complete a minor. Black Hills State University offers a certificate in Criminal Justice, Northern State offers a specialization and minor, and the University of South Dakota offers a major and a minor. Dakota State University is authorized to deliver a minor through online delivery.

SDSU is not requesting new state resources to deliver the program. Funding for the program will come from self-support tuition revenue generated from online tuition. SDSU estimates the online minor will produce 5 graduates per year after full implementation.

RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I move to approve SDSU’s request to offer the Minor in Criminal Justice through online distance delivery as described in Attachment I.

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New Site: Request to Offer an Existing Degree Program**

University	South Dakota State University
Degree(s) and Program	Minor in Criminal Justice
New Site(s)	Online
Proposed Implementation (term)	Fall 2016

University Approval

To the Board and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this request, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.



President of the University

January 28, 2016

Date

After approval by the President, a signed copy of the proposal should be transmitted to the Executive Director. Only after Executive Director review should the proposal be posted on the university web site and the Board staff and the other universities notified of the URL.

1. What is the need for this program in this site (these sites)? What is the expected demand for graduates in the site(s)?

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to offer the minor in Criminal Justice through online delivery. The minor in Criminal Justice is designed for students seeking careers in probation, parole, court services, pre-law, private security, or general law enforcement, including majors in Ecology and Environmental Science, Natural Resource Law Enforcement, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. The purposes of this program are 1) to provide qualified personnel for all segments of the Criminal Justice system; and 2) to help improve the competence and professional status of existing Criminal Justice personnel. Enrollment in the minor at the main campus in Brookings is robust at 58. The availability of the minor online provides the opportunity for place bound and off-campus students to also access the minor.

This proposal for an online minor in Criminal Justice supports SDSU's *IMPACT 2018* strategic plan¹. The request supports Goal #3 Outreach: c) "Use emerging technologies and institutional collaboration to provide undergraduate, graduate, professional and continuing education focused on traditional and adult learners across the state, in the region, nation and globally."

The College of Arts and Sciences has recently implemented a degree requirement that requires a majority of their students to complete a minor as a part of their program. The addition of online minors will support the growing number of programs available to students through online delivery.

¹ <http://www.sdstate.edu/impact2018/>

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SDSU will not require additional resources. All courses are currently offered online. Students are already enrolling in the courses that are available.

2. Is any regental university authorized to offer a similar program at the new site(s)? Is any non-system institution offering a similar program at the new site(s)? If either answer is “yes,” identify the institution(s) and program(s) and explain why authorization is requested.

Yes. Black Hills State University has been approved to offer a certificate in Criminal Justice. Other institutions currently offer face to face majors/minors in Criminal Justice:

Northern State University

- Criminal Justice Specialization - Sociology (B.A.)
- Criminal Justice Minor

University of South Dakota

- Criminal Justice (B.A./B.S.) - this program is also offered at BHSU – RC and University Center – Sioux Falls
- Criminal Justice Minor

3. Are students expected to be new to the university or redirected from other programs or both? Complete the table and explain how the estimates were developed. How will the new site(s) affect enrollments in other campus and off-campus programs in the regental system?

Due to the nature of the minor, the University expects most of the students to be currently enrolled in the university. Students will either be new to the university (taking the minor to enhance or supplement a degree program at another institution) or current SDSU students that want to complete the minor online. Nursing students at remote locations have indicated a specific interest in accessing the minor. Students like the flexibility of online programs which allow them to continue to live and work anywhere in the state while they’re completing their degree. It is not expected that the online minor will have much impact on the enrollments in face-to-face, on-campus courses. As seen in the table below, the online minor is expected to attract five students per year. Onsite students are already enrolling in the online courses that are available.

Minor	# of Graduate Per Year							Total Graduates FY2009 – FY2014	Fall 2015 Minor Enrollment
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015		
SCJUS	23	17	26	19	17	20	19	141	58

	Fiscal Years*			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Estimated				
New to the university	1	1	1	1
Current students	4	4	4	4
Continuing students		5	5	5
= Total in the program at the site	5	10	10	10
Credit hours, majors in program courses**	45	180	180	180
Graduates	0	5	5	5

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* Do not include current year.

** 9 credits offered the first year and 18 credits offered year two and beyond.

4. Complete the table and explain any special circumstances. Attach a copy of the program as it appears in the current catalog. If any program modifications are requested, attach that form. Explain how the new courses will be delivered. Attach the new course request forms.

Minor in Criminal Justice	Credit hours	Credits currently available from this university online	Credits currently available from other universities online	Courses new to this university
Minor Requirements	6	6	6	0
Electives	12	12	12	0
Total, Requirements of the Minor	18	18	18	0

The curriculum for the existing minor is included in Appendix A. No new program modifications or new courses are being requested along with this new site request. As indicated in Appendix A, SDSU currently regularly offers a variety of courses in the minor as online courses so that students can complete the minor in a timely manner. Required courses are offered in a regular rotation.

5. How will you provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?

The student's academic advisor will be available to assist them in pursuing the minor. Students are referred to the department head or a minor coordinator if one exists for questions regarding minors. A student services facilitator is housed in Continuing and Distance Education and is available to assist students in connecting to necessary resources on-campus and online or to assist with general questions regarding online courses.

Library support services will be available to students through a variety of means:

- Students can contact librarians for research assistance. The librarian provides on-line research guides and is available for consultations with faculty and students.
- Distance Library Services include book and article delivery for materials owned by the library. Students may request materials not held by the library through interlibrary loan.
- SDSU students have on-line access to research databases such as *Web of Science*, *EBSCOhost MegaFILE*, and *JSTOR*.

Other student services such as disability services accommodations will be available to students upon request.

6. Is this program accredited by a specialized accrediting body? If so, address any program accreditation issues and costs related to offering the program at the new site(s).

None

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7. Does the University request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy. If no exceptions are requested, enter "None."

None

8. Costs, Budget & Resources Related to New Courses at the Site: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, instructional technology and software, other O&M, facilities, student services, etc needed to implement the program at the new site(s). Complete Appendix B – Budget using the system form.

All courses are currently being taught. No additional resources are needed.

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Appendix A

Requirements for the Minor in Criminal Justice

Credits: 18

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- CJUS 201 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (COM) Credits: 3
 - SOC 351 - Criminology (COM) Credits: 3 *

Electives

Select from the following. Credits: 12

- CJUS 203 - Policing in a Free Society (COM) Credits: 3
- CJUS 330 - Civil Rights and Liberties Credits: 3
- CJUS 334 - Criminal Investigation (COM) Credits: 3
- CJUS 412 - Criminal Prosecution and Defense (COM) Credits: 3
- CJUS 431 - Criminal Law (COM) Credits: 3
- CJUS 433 - Criminal Procedure (COM) Credits: 3
- CJUS 436 - Juvenile Justice (COM) Credits: 3
- CJUS 491 - Independent Study Credits: 1-3
- CJUS 492 - Topics Credits: 3
- SOC 325 - Domestic and Intimate Violence Credits: 3 *
- SOC 354 – Victimology (COM) Credits: 3 *
- SOC 402 - Social Deviance (COM) Credits: 3
- SOC 455 - Juvenile Delinquency (COM) Credits: 3 *
- SOC 456 - Community Corrections (COM) Credits: 3 *
- SOC 492 - Topics Credits: 1-3

Academic Requirements

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.2 to enter the program and a minimum GPA of 2.2 in the minor to complete. Students may select any major, but (*) courses may not be used for both a Criminal Justice Minor and Sociology Major or Minor. Students will need to earn a C grade or better in courses taken for the minor.

Criminal Justice and Sociology Courses Offered by South Dakota State University Online

CJUS 201 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (COM) Credits: 3
 CJUS 433 - Criminal Procedure (COM) Credits: 3
 CJUS 436 - Juvenile Justice (COM) Credits: 3
 SOC 325 - Domestic and Intimate Violence Credits: 3
 SOC 351 - Criminology (COM) Credits: 3
 SOC 354 - Victimology Credits: 3
 SOC 402 - Social Deviance (COM) Credits: 3
 SOC 455 - Juvenile Delinquency (COM) Credits: 3
 SOC 456 - Community Corrections (COM) Credits: 3
 SOC 462 - Population Studies (COM) Credits: 3