

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – L (3)

DATE: March 30 – April 1, 2016

SUBJECT: New Site: SDSU Minor in Gerontology

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to deliver the minor in Gerontology 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. All courses in the minor are currently available online. Northern State University offers a minor, specialization, certificate, and AA in Gerontology face-to-face, and the University of South Dakota offers a face-to-face minor.

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

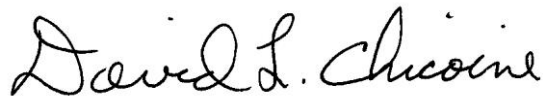
I move to approve SDSU’s request to offer the Minor in Gerontology through online distance delivery as described in Attachment I.

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

University	South Dakota State University
Degree(s) and Program	Minor in Gerontology
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 Gerontology through online delivery. The minor in gerontology prepares graduates to work directly with or on behalf of older adults by drawing on coursework from multiple disciplines and collaborating with practitioners in aging-related professions. It may accompany any major, but is especially recommended for students in health science majors and/or students with an interest in human service and medical professions, including majors in Biology, Health Education, Human Development and Family Studies, Nursing and Sociology. Enrollment at the main campus in Brookings is robust at 29. The availability of the minor online provides the opportunity for place bound and off-campus students to access the minor.

This proposal for an online minor in Gerontology 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.

None of the other Regental universities offer a minor in Gerontology through online delivery. These institutions currently offer face to face majors/minors in Gerontology:

Northern State University

- Gerontology, Applied (A.A.) - this program is also offered at Capital University Center, BHSU - Rapid City, and University Center - Sioux Falls
- Sociology - Gerontology Specialization (B.A.)
- Gerontology Minor
- Gerontology, Applied - Certificate

University of South Dakota

- Gerontology 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?

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. 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 – FY2015	Fall 2015 Minor Enrollment
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015		
SGER	15	6	14	11	18	21	14	99	29

	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	90	90	90
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 Gerontology	Credit hours	Credits currently available from this university online	Credits currently available from other universities online	Courses new to this university
Minor Requirements	18	18	7	0
Total, Requirements of the Minor	18	18	7	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 offers all courses in the minor as online courses.

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

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

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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 Gerontology

Credits: 18

Level One

Select 11 credits from the following Level One Aging courses.

- BIOL 439 - Biology of Aging Credits: 3
- CA 442 - Family Resource Management Lab Credits: 3
- GERO 201 - Introduction to Gerontology Credits: 3
- GERO 491 - Independent Study Credits: 1-3
- GERO 492 - Topics Credits: 1-3
- HDFS 347 - Human Development III: Adulthood Credits: 3²
- NURS 201 - Medical Terminology Credits: 1
- PSYC 324 - Psychology of Aging Credits: 3
- SOC 490 - Seminar Credits: 1-3

Levels Two and Three

Select 7 credits from Level Two and Three approved courses with the program coordinator.

- A portion of Level Two courses is aging-related.
- Level Three courses cover the study of biological, psychological, or social aspects of humans.

Academic Requirements

A grade of “C” or better is required in all courses in the minor. To count for the minor, all Seminar, Topics, or Independent Study coursework must be approved by the Gerontology Coordinator. The topics and credits vary by semester.

Courses Applicable to the Gerontology Minor Offered by South Dakota State University Online

ANTH 210 - Cultural Anthropology (COM) Credits: 3
 BIOL 105 - Human Biology (COM) Credits: 3
 BIOL 371 - Genetics (COM) Credits: 3
 BIOL 439 - Biology of Aging Credits: 3
 CA 345 - Financial Management Credits: 3
 CHRD 453 – Family Therapy Credits: 3
 GEOG 200 - Introduction to Human Geography (COM) Credits: 3
 GERO 201 - Introduction to Gerontology Credits: 3
 GERO 415 - Intergenerational Issues Credits: 3
 HDFS 141 - Individual and the Family Credits: 3
 HDFS 210 - Lifespan Development (COM) Credits: 3
 HDFS 241 - Family Relations Credits: 3
 HDFS 247 - Human Development III: Adulthood Credits: 3²

² Currently HDFS 347. Minor course modification will update the course number to 247 effective fall 2016.

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HLTH/HSC 212 - Contemporary Health Problems Credits: 2
HLTH/HSC 230 - Stress Management for Life Credits: 3
HLTH/HSC 443 - Public Health Science Credits: 3
NURS 201 - Medical Terminology Credits: 1
NUTR 221 - Survey of Nutrition Credits: 3
NUTR 315 - Human Nutrition Credits: 3
PSYC 210 - Introduction to Biopsychology Credits: 3
PSYC 324 - Psychology of Aging Credits: 3
PSYC 364 - Cross Cultural Psychology Credits: 3
PSYC 389 - Pseudoscience and Psychology Credits: 3
PSYC 406 - Cognitive Psychology (COM) Credits: 3
PSYC 414 - Drugs and Behavior (COM) Credits: 3
PSYC 417 - Health Psychology (COM) Credits: 3
PSYC 441 - Social Psychology (COM) Credits: 3
SOC 150 - Social Problems (COM) Credits: 3
SOC 250 - Courtship and Marriage (COM) Credits: 3
SOC 270 - Introduction to Social Work (COM) Credits: 3
SOC 271 - Social Work Skills and Methods I Credits: 3
SOC 307 - Research Methods I Credits: 3
SOC 308 - Research Methods II Credits: 3
SOC 382 - The Family (COM) Credits: 3
SOC 400 - Social Policy (COM) Credits: 3
SOC 403 - Sociological Theory (COM) Credits: 3

**Note: Additional courses that cover the study of biological, psychological, or social aspects of humans and aging-related courses may be approved by the program coordinator.*