

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – L (6)**

**DATE: March 30 – April 1, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: New Site: SDSU Minor in Psychology**

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to deliver the minor in Psychology 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. Black Hills State University currently offers a minor and major in Psychology on campus and at BHSU-Rapid City. Northern State University and the University of South Dakota offer a major and minor on campus. No university currently offers the minor online.

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 3 graduates per year after full implementation.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**


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

**South Dakota Board of Regents  
New Site: Request to Offer an Existing Degree Program**

<b>University</b>	South Dakota State University
<b>Degree(s) and Program</b>	Minor in Psychology
<b>New Site(s)</b>	Online
<b>Proposed Implementation (term)</b>	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.




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President of the University

January 28, 2016

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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 Psychology through online delivery. Students who have an interest in psychology but would prefer to adapt their study as a complement to another major may choose to minor in Psychology. The curriculum allows flexibility in course selection. Thus, students with majors in a wide variety of disciplines will find it possible to design a psychology minor that is relevant to their career goals, including majors in Biology, Human Development and Family Studies, Nursing, Spanish, and Sociology. Enrollment in the minor at the main campus in Brookings is robust at 72. 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 Psychology supports SDSU's *IMPACT 2018* strategic plan<sup>1</sup>. 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.

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

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

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**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.**

SDSU is authorized to offer the B.S. in Psychology at University Center – Sioux Falls. None of the other Regental universities offer a minor in Psychology through online delivery. These institutions currently offer face to face majors/minors in Psychology:

Black Hills State University

- Psychology Major (B.S.) - this program is also offered at BHSU - RC
- Psychology Minor - this program is also offered at BHSU - RC

Northern State University

- Psychology (B.S.)
- Psychology Minor

University of South Dakota

- Psychology (B.A./B.S.)
- Psychology Minor
- Psychology Education 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 three 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		
SPSYC	22	21	20	14	19	16	15	127	72

	Fiscal Years*			
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Estimated	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
New to the university	1	1	1	1
Current students	2	2	2	2
Continuing students		3	3	3
= Total in the program at the site	3	6	6	6
Credit hours, majors in program courses**	27	54	54	54

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Graduates	0	3	3	3
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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 Psychology	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	3	0
Electives	12	12	12	0
Total, Requirements of the Minor	18	18	15	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. SDSU offers twelve 300-400 level courses online (36 credits).

**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 Psychology

Credits: 18

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- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (COM) Credits: 3
- PSYC 210 - Introduction to Biopsychology Credits: 3 (pre-requisite PSYC 101 with a C or better)
- 300-400 level PSYC Courses Credits: 12

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PSYC 101 - General Psychology (COM) Credits: 3  
PSYC 210 - Introduction to Biopsychology Credits: 3  
PSYC 324 - Psychology of Aging Credits: 3  
PSYC 364 - Cross Cultural Psychology Credits: 3  
PSYC 367 - Psychological Gender Issues 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  
PSYC 451 - Psychology of Abnormal Behavior (COM) Credits: 3  
PSYC 461 - Theories of Personality (COM) Credits: 3