

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – L (7)**

**DATE: March 30 – April 1, 2016**

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

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to deliver the minor in Sociology through online distance delivery. SDSU makes the request in response to growing demand for online programs and the need for minors to pair with available majors at UC-SF. 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 currently offers a major and minor in Sociology on campus and at BHSU-Rapid City. Northern State University and the University of South Dakota both offer a minor and major on campus. Dakota State University is authorized to offer a minor in Sociology through online distance 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 and UC-SF tuition. SDSU estimates the online and UC-SF minors will produce 6 graduates each per year after full implementation.

The attached proposal also includes a request for permission to offer the minor at the University Center-Sioux Falls (UC-SF). That request is on hold pending discussions with UC-SF partner institutions.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I move to approve SDSU’s proposal to offer the minor in Sociology as described in Attachment I for online distance delivery.

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

<b>University</b>	South Dakota State University
<b>Degree(s) and Program</b>	Minor in Sociology
<b>New Site(s)</b>	Online, University Center – Sioux Falls
<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 Sociology through online delivery and at the University Center – Sioux Falls. Students whose career goals involve extensive contact with the public, including majors in Consumer Affairs, Human Development and Family Studies, Nursing, and Psychology would benefit from this minor. It is a means toward greater understanding of the complex social and cultural world that shapes their future clients' and customers' life experiences, needs, and concerns. Enrollment in the minor on the main campus in Brookings is robust at 56. The availability of the minor both online and in Sioux Falls provides the opportunity for place bound and off-campus students to also access the minor.

This proposal is consistent with SDSU's *IMPACT 2018* strategic plan<sup>1</sup>. The request supports Goal #3 Outreach: b) "Enhance offerings at the University Centers to increase opportunities to meet the changing needs of learners;" and 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."

In addition, 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. SDSU offers six undergraduate majors at the University Center – Sioux Falls. This includes General Studies (B.G.S.), Consumer Affairs (B.S.) – Consumer Services Management Specialization and Family Financial Planning Specialization, Human Development and Family Studies (B.S.),

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

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Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.), Nursing (B.S.), Psychology (B.S.), and Sociology (B.S.). The addition of the minor provides a complimentary area of study to support these majors.

SDSU will not require additional resources. All courses are currently offered online and at the University Center – Sioux Falls. 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.**

SDSU currently offers the B.S. in Sociology online and at the University Center – Sioux Falls. Dakota State University has been approved to offer a minor in Sociology through online delivery. Other institutions currently offer face to face majors/minors in Sociology:

Black Hills State University

- Sociology (B.S.) - this program is also offered at BHSU - RC
- Sociology Minor - this program is also offered at BHSU - RC
- Sociology Minor - Teaching

Dakota State University

- Sociology Minor - this program is also offered online

Northern State University

- Sociology - Criminal Justice Specialization (B.A.)
- Sociology - Gerontology Specialization (B.A.)
- Sociology - Human Services Specialization (B.A.)
- Sociology Minor

University of South Dakota

- Sociology (B.A./B.S.)
- Sociology Minor
- Sociology Teaching 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?**

SDSU expects most of the students to be currently enrolled at SDSU. Students like the flexibility of programs offered online or through the University Center which allow them to continue to live and work anywhere in the state while they're completing their degree. It is not expected that delivery online or at University Center - Sioux Falls will have much impact on the enrollments in SDSU's face-to-face, on-campus courses. As seen in the table below, the minor is expected to attract 12 students per year through delivery online and at University Center – Sioux Falls. Students are already enrolling in the available courses.

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Minor	# of Graduate Per Year							Total Graduates FY2009 – FY2015	Fall 2015 Minor Enrollment
	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	FY2014	FY2015		
SSOC	47	57	48	56	52	30	31	321	56

	Fiscal Years*							
	1st		2nd		3rd		4th	
	FY17		FY18		FY19		FY20	
Estimated	Online	UC-SF	Online	UC-SF	Online	UC-SF	Online	UC-SF
New to the university <sup>^</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Current students	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Continuing students	0	0	6	6	6	6	6	6
= Total in the program at the site	6	6	12	12	12	12	12	12
Credit hours, majors in program courses**	54	54	108	108	108	108	108	108
Graduates	0		12		12		12	

\* Do not include current year.

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

<sup>^</sup>Completing the minor to enhance or supplement a degree program at another institution.

**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 Sociology	Credit hours	Credits currently available from this university online	Credits currently available from other universities online	Credits currently available from this university at UC-SF	Credits currently available from other universities at UC-SF	Courses new to this university
Minor Requirements	3	3	3	3	0	0
Electives	15	15	15	15	0	0
Total, Requirements of the Minor	18	18	18	18	0	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. 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.

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- 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

**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 Sociology

Credits: 18

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- SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology (COM) Credits: 3
  - 300 level or above SOC or ANTH Elective Credits: 6
  - Additional SOC or ANTH Elective Credits: 9

### Academic Requirements

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Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.2 to enter the program, a minimum GPA of 2.2 in the minor, and a C or better in each course for the minor. Courses may not be used for both a Sociology Major or Minor and a Criminal Justice Minor.

### Anthropology and Sociology Courses Offered by South Dakota State University Online

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ANTH 210 - Cultural Anthropology (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 150 - Social Problems (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 240 – The Sociology of Rural America (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 245 - Energy, Environment, and Society (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 282 - Youth and Community Credits: 3  
 SOC 283 - Working with Diverse Populations Credits: 3  
 SOC 284 - Investigating the Social World Credits: 3  
 SOC 307 - Research Methods I Credits: 3  
 SOC 308 - Research Methods II Credits: 3  
 SOC 325 - Domestic and Intimate Violence Credits: 3  
 SOC 350 - Race and Ethnic Relations (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 351 - Criminology (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 353 - Sociology of Work (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 354 – Victimology (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 382 - The Family (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 400 - Social Policy (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 402 - Social Deviance (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 403 - Sociological Theory (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 433 - Leadership and Organization (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 440 - Urban Sociology (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 453 - Industrial Sociology Credits: 3  
 SOC 455 - Juvenile Delinquency (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 456 - Community Corrections (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 462 - Population Studies (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 483 - Sociology of Gender Roles (COM) Credits: 3  
 SOC 492 - Topic (various topics) (COM) Credits: 3