

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – M**  
**DATE: December 4-6, 2018**

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**SUBJECT**

**Program Modification – Accelerated Program Request – USD**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 2:23](#) – Program and Curriculum Approval  
[AAC Guideline 2.3](#) – Substantive Program Modifications  
[AAC Guideline 2.3.A](#) – Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests  
Summary

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The University of South Dakota has submitted the following program modification proposals provided in Attachment I. This requests are also available on the [Institutional Substantive Program Modification Requests Webpage](#).

*Existing Program: Substantive Program Modification*

- Sustainability (MS) – *request to add accelerated degree option*

While the System Chief Academic Officer approves substantive course and program modifications after a formal review by the Academic Affairs Council, any program modifications that allow for the creation of accelerated programs must obtain formal approval by the Board.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

This request has been reviewed by the system Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Board staff recommends approval.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – USD: Substantive Program Modification Request Form

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**DRAFT MOTION 20181204\_3-M:**

I move to approve the program modification request to allow for USD’s MS in Sustainability to be offered as an accelerated program as described in Attachment I.



## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

### Substantive Program Modification Form

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>University of South Dakota</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>Sustainability, MS</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>30.3301</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Sustainability &amp; Environment</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Arts &amp; Sciences</b>

#### University Approval

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

Elizabeth M. Freeburg

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

10/18/18

Date

#### 1. This modification addresses a change in:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) – addition of accelerated degree option |

2. **Effective date of change (enter catalog year):** Fall 2019

#### 3. Program Degree Level:

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

#### 4. Category:

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

#### 5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:

- On the effective date for all students
- On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

**Proposed new name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.*

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):**

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Plan A (thesis)</b>				<b>Plan A (thesis)</b>			
SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3	SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3
SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3	SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3
SUST	790	Seminar	2-3	SUST	790	Seminar	2-3
SUST	794	Internship	0-3	SUST	794	Internship	0-3
SUST	798	Sustainability thesis	6-9	SUST	798	Sustainability thesis	6-9
Electives			9-18	Electives			9-18
Students will select elective courses from existing graduate-level courses with approval from the student's thesis committee. At least 50% of the total credits must be at the 700-level or above.				Students will select elective courses from existing graduate-level courses with approval from the student's thesis committee. At least 50% of the total credits must be at the 700-level or above.			
<b>Plan B (non-thesis)</b>				<b>Plan B (non-thesis)</b>			
SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3	SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3
SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3	SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3
SUST	790	Seminar	2	SUST	790	Seminar	2
SUST	794	Internship	3-6	SUST	794	Internship	3-6
Electives			18-21	Electives			18-21
Students will select elective courses from existing graduate-level courses with approval from the student's thesis committee. At least 50% of the total credits must be at the 700-level or above.				Students will select elective courses from existing graduate-level courses with approval from the student's thesis committee. At least 50% of the total credits must be at the 700-level or above.			
				<b>Accelerated Master's Program: B.A. or B.S. with M.S.</b>			
				Up to 12 graduate credits applied toward the B.A. or B.S. in sustainability may be used toward the M.S. in sustainability. The following restrictions apply:			
				a. Dual-listed courses taken at the 500-level can be applied to both the B.A./B.S. and M.S. degrees. Dual-listed courses must be taken at the 500-level.			
				b. The student must apply to, and be admitted to, the accelerated program prior to taking courses to be credited toward the accelerated program.			
				c. No courses taken prior to admission to the accelerated program may be counted toward an accelerated graduate degree.			
				d. Courses that are "double counted" must be approved by the program coordinator for inclusion in the program of study prior to taking the courses or the credits will not be applied toward the accelerated graduate degree.			
				e. Only courses taken from USD are eligible for dual credit.			
Total number of hours required for major			30 (Plan A) 32 (Plan B)	Total number of hours required for major			30 (Plan A) 32 (Plan B)
Total number of hours required for degree			30 (Plan A) 32 (Plan B)	Total number of hours required for degree			30 (Plan A) 32 (Plan B)

**7. Explanation of the Change:**

We are proposing to add an accelerated Master's program for sustainability undergraduate majors that is available for both the M.S. Plan A and M.S. Plan B options.