

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – H
DATE: June 26-27, 2019

SUBJECT

Inactive Status and Program Termination Requests – SDSU & USD

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[AAC Guideline 2.12](#) – Programs on Inactive Status

[AAC Guideline 2.13](#) – Program Termination

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

South Dakota State University has submitted a request asking that the following degree programs be terminated and/or inactivated (see Attachment I).

- Agricultural & Resource Economics (BS) – Terminate
SDSU has requested authorization to offer an Agricultural Economics Specialization in the B.S. of Economics. The B.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics will be terminated with approval of the new specialization. The strong analytical foundation of the Economics major is in high demand in today’s technical job market. Combining the agricultural economics specialization with the economics core courses will allow students to choose electives in agricultural economics and production agriculture courses (through College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences college requirements) to apply those quantitative, analytical skills to South Dakota’s number one industry. This proposal is contingent upon approval of the Agricultural Economics Specialization for the B.S. in Economics.
- Geospatial Science & Engineering (PhD) – Remote Sensing Engineering Specialization – Terminate
This change is part of streamlining the “remote sensing” specializations within the Geospatial Science & Engineering Ph.D. “Geography” will be removed from the Geospatial Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) – Remote Sensing Geography Specialization and the Geospatial Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) – Remote Sensing Engineering Specialization will be terminated. This way there is one “remote sensing” specialization that will be shared by Engineering and Geography.

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DRAFT MOTION 20190626_5-H:

I move to approve SDSU and USD’s respective program inactivation and termination requests, as presented.

- **Geospatial Science & Engineering (PhD) – Phasing out followed by Inactivation**
Students in the Geospatial Science and Engineering program will be required to select one of the two specializations. The S.PHD.GSEN (Colleague) and SPHD.GSEN (Banner) program codes would be changed to the phasing out status to prevent students from being admitted to the major without a specialization. Starting in academic year 2019-2020 students would be admitted to the Geography or Remote Sensing specializations. Students in prior catalog years will be allowed to graduate from the non-specialization bearing program code.
- **Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MS) – Terminate**
This program is being terminated as a cost-saving measure. It had a duplicated headcount enrollment of 11 students in 2018FA, 3 of which are completing the program this summer. The elimination of the M.S. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology will allow the college to eliminate two vacant faculty positions in the Department of Psychology.
- **Rangeland Ecology and Management (BS) – Terminate**
SDSU has requested authorization to offer a Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization in the B.S. of Ecology and Environmental Science. The B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management will be terminated with approval of the new specialization. The Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization will share the same core courses as the Ecology and Environmental Science major core requirements (48-49 credits) and System General Education Requirements (SGR) with exceptions under SGR Goal #3. The core will prepare the students to think critically, analyze data, and address ecology and environmental issues on a local and regional scale. The strong foundation of the Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization is in high demand in today's natural resource management job market. Combining the Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization with the Ecology and Environmental Science core courses will prepare students for a more diverse job potential and strengthen the enrollment numbers in this field.
- **Sociology (BA/BS) – Human Resources Specialization – Terminate**
The Sociology (B.A./B.S.) - Human Resources Specialization is being terminated as a cost-saving measure. It enrolls a relatively small number of students, with a duplicated headcount of only 22 students in 2018FA. Students who wish to major in Sociology and receive additional training in human resources can pursue the Human Resources minor offered by the Ness School of Management & Economics. (The curriculum of this minor will be reviewed to ensure currency and efficiency).
- **Sociology (BA/BS) – Human Services Specialization – Terminate**
The Sociology (B.A./B.S.) - Human Services Specialization is being terminated as a cost-saving measure. It enrolls a relatively small number of students, with a duplicated headcount of only 15 students in 2018FA. Students who wish to major in Sociology and receive additional training in human services can pursue the Social & Human Services minor offered by the same unit. (The curriculum of this minor will be reviewed to ensure currency and efficiency).

The University of South Dakota has submitted a request asking that the following degree program be inactivated (see Attachment II).

- English (MA) – Teaching English Speakers of Other Languages – Inactivate
Enrollment in the TESOL program has been minimal over the course of the past five years with only three students. Following the departure of the faculty member qualified to teach TESOL courses, one student transferred to the School of Education, one student switched to the Literature specialization, and one student continued and will be finished by the end of the spring semester of 2019.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION

SDSU does not anticipate any cost savings, employee terminations or any other potential implications associated with inactivating/terminating their respective programs, with the exception of the following:

- Industrial/Organizational Psychology Termination
Eliminating two tenure track faculty lines (both positions are currently vacant); cost savings will be applied to the college's operating margin
- Human Resources Specialization Termination
Reduction in workload equal to approximately one faculty member, therefore the next vacant position in this department will not be refilled; cost savings will be applied to the college's operating margin
- Human Services Specialization Termination
Reduction in workload equal to approximately one faculty member, therefore the next vacant position in this department will not be refilled; cost savings will be applied to the college's operating margin

USD does not anticipate any cost savings, employee terminations or any other potential implications associated with inactivating their respective program.

Board staff recommend approval.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – SDSU Program Termination Requests

Attachment II – USD Program Termination Requests



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**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Agricultural & Resource Economics (B.S.)
CIP CODE:	01.0103
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Economics
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

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.

Barry H. Dunn

President of the University

5/13/2019

Date

1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
2. **Category:** Certificate Specialization Minor Major
3. **The program action proposed is:** Inactive Status Termination
5. **TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

SDSU has requested authorization to offer an Agricultural Economics Specialization in the B.S. of Economics. The B.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics will be terminated with approval of the new specialization. The Economics (B.S.) - Agricultural Economics Specialization will be offered through the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The Agricultural & Resource Economics major was reviewed during the Program Productivity Review in 2012 and 2018. The major was retained at that time due to critical need. The Agricultural Economics Specialization will share the same core courses as the Economics major (2 semesters of accounting, 4 semesters of economic theory, 4 semesters of quantitative courses, a policy course, and a capstone) that will prepare the students to think critically, analyze data, and address policy issues on a local, regional, national, and global scale. The strong analytical foundation of the Economics major is in high demand in today's technical job market. Combining the agricultural economics specialization with the economics core courses will allow students to choose electives in agricultural economics and production agriculture courses (through College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences college requirements) to apply those quantitative, analytical skills to South Dakota's number one industry.

This proposal's submission is contingent upon approval of the Agricultural Economics Specialization for the B.S. in Economics.

b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

Current students will be allowed to graduate with the Agricultural & Resource Economics major.

c. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

May 2019

d. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?

May 2019

e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?

May 2024

f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?

No anticipated cost savings as the program has significant duplication with other current programs.

g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?

None



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**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Geospatial Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) – Remote Sensing Engineering Specialization
CIP CODE:	03.0104
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Geography
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Graduate School

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.

President of the University

5/13/2019

Date

1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
2. **Category:** Certificate Specializations Minor Major
3. **The program action proposed is:** Inactive Status Termination

5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

A. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

This change is part of streamlining the “remote sensing” specializations within the Geospatial Science & Engineering Ph.D. “Geography” will be removed from the Geospatial Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) – Remote Sensing Geography Specialization and the Geospatial Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) – Remote Sensing Engineering Specialization will be terminated. This way there is one “remote sensing” specialization that will be shared by Engineering and Geography.

B. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

There is one student currently active in the Geospatial Science & Engineering (Ph.D.) – Remote Sensing Engineering Specialization. The student should complete the degree the in spring or fall 2019.

C. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

05/06/2019

D. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?

05/06/2019

E. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?

05/06/2024

F. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?

None.

G. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?

None.



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Program Code Phasing Out

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Ph.D. in Geospatial Science and Engineering
CIP CODE:	03.0104
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Geography
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Graduate School

University Approval

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Barry H. Dunn

President of the University

5/13/2019

Date

1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
2. **Category:** Program Code
3. **The program action proposed is:** Phasing out followed by inactivation
4. **PROGRAM CODE PHASING OUT STATUS**

A. Provide a justification for phasing out the program code:

Students in the Geospatial Science and Engineering program will be required to select one of the two specializations. The S.PHD.GSEN (Colleague) and SPHD.GSEN (Banner) program codes would be changed to the phasing out status to prevent students from being admitted to the major without a specialization. Starting in academic year 2019-2020 students would be admitted to the Geography or Remote Sensing specializations. Students in prior catalog years will be allowed to graduate from the non-specialization bearing program code.

B. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

Current students seeking the Ph.D. in Geospatial Science and Engineering will be allowed to continue in their current program of study.

C. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?

5/6/2019 – Summer 2019.

D. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?

5/10/2026 – Summer 2026.



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**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Industrial/Organizational Psychology (M.S.)
CIP CODE:	42.2804
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Psychology
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

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.

Barry H. Dunn

President of the University

5/9/2019

Date

1. Program Degree Level: Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

2. Category: Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is: Inactive Status Termination

5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

This program is being terminated as a cost-saving measure. It had a duplicated headcount enrollment of 11 students in 2018FA, 3 of which are completing the program this summer. The elimination of the M.S. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology will allow the college to eliminate two vacant faculty positions in the Department of Psychology.

b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

The department will teach out the program for current students. It is retaining one existing faculty member who specializes in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and this level of staffing is sufficient to deliver the courses needed for returning second-year students. Because this is a two-year program and the department will not admit additional students in the fall, SDSU expects only a one year teach-out phase.

c. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

5/3/2019

- d. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**

5/3/2019

- e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

5/9/2025

- f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

This program termination allows the college to eliminate two currently-vacant tenure track faculty lines. The resulting cost savings will be applied to the college's operating margin.

- g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

None. No existing employees will be terminated, and no other programs will be impacted.



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**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Rangeland Ecology and Management (B.S.)
CIP CODE:	01.1106
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Natural Resource Management
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

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.

Barry H. Dunn

President of the University

5/13/2019

Date

1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
2. **Category:** Certificate Specialization Minor Major
3. **The program action proposed is:** Inactive Status Termination
5. **TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**
 - a. **Provide a justification for terminating the program:**

SDSU has requested authorization to offer a Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization in the B.S. of Ecology and Environmental Science. The B.S. in Rangeland Ecology and Management will be terminated with approval of the new specialization. The Ecology and Environmental Science (B.S.) – Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization will be offered through the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The enrollment of the Rangeland Ecology and Management major has been on a decline since 2005. Historically, the major had 15-30 majors per year. In light of the BOR requirements for a major to graduate 7/year or 35 in 5 years, SDSU requests termination of the major. The Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization will share the same core courses as the Ecology and Environmental Science major core requirements (48-49 credits) and System General Education Requirements (SGR) with exceptions under SGR Goal #3. The core will prepare the students to think critically, analyze data, and address ecology and environmental issues on a local and regional scale. The strong foundation of the Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization is in high demand in today's natural resource management job market. Combining the Rangeland Ecology and Management Specialization

with the Ecology and Environmental Science core courses will prepare students for a more diverse job potential and strengthen the enrollment numbers in this field.

b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

Current students will be allowed to graduate with the Rangeland Ecology and Management major.

c. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

May 2019

d. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?

May 2019

e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?

May 2024

f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?

No anticipated cost savings as the program has significant duplication with other current programs.

g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?

None



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**Program Termination or
Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Sociology (B.A./B.S.) - Human Resources Specialization
CIP CODE:	45.1101
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Sociology & Rural Studies
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

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.

Barry H. Dunn

President of the University

5/9/2019

Date

1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
2. **Category:** Certificate Specialization Minor Major
3. **The program action proposed is:** Inactive Status Termination
5. **TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

The Sociology (B.A./B.S.) - Human Resources Specialization is being terminated as a cost-saving measure. It enrolls a relatively small number of students, with a duplicated headcount of only 22 students in 2018FA. Students who wish to major in Sociology and receive additional training in human resources can pursue the Human Resources minor offered by the Ness School of Management & Economics. (The curriculum of this minor will be reviewed to ensure currency and efficiency).

b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

The department will notify students of the impending termination. Students will be shifted to the BA or BS in Sociology and enrolled in the HR minor wherever possible. The department and college will collaborate to identify appropriate program substitutions for returning students as courses are cycled off the annual schedule.

- c. **What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?**

5/3/2019

- d. **What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**

5/3/2019

- e. **What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

5/9/2025

- f. **What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

The college expects that the elimination of the Human Resources and Human Services specializations will result in a reduction in course offerings corresponding approximately to the workload of one faculty member. The next vacant position in this department will not be refilled, with the cost savings used to improve the college's operating margin.

- g. **What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

None.



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Placement on Inactive Status**

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Sociology (B.A./B.S.) - Human Services Specialization
CIP CODE:	45.1101
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Sociology & Rural Studies
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

University Approval

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Barry H. Dunn

President of the University

5/9/2019

Date

1. **Program Degree Level:** Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral
2. **Category:** Certificate Specialization Minor Major
3. **The program action proposed is:** Inactive Status Termination
5. **TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

The Sociology (B.A./B.S.) - Human Services Specialization is being terminated as a cost-saving measure. It enrolls a relatively small number of students, with a duplicated headcount of only 15 students in 2018FA. Students who wish to major in Sociology and receive additional training in human services can pursue the Social & Human Services minor offered by the same unit. (The curriculum of this minor will be reviewed to ensure currency and efficiency).

b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?

The department will notify students of the impending termination. Students will be shifted to the B.A. or B.S. in Sociology and enrolled in the Social & Human Services minor wherever possible. The department and college will collaborate to identify appropriate program substitutions for returning students as courses are cycled off the annual schedule.

c. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?

5/3/2019

- d. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**

5/3/2019

- e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

5/9/2025

- f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

The college expects that the elimination of the Human Resources and Human Services specializations will result in a reduction in course offerings corresponding approximately to the workload of one faculty member. The next vacant position in this department will not be refilled, with the cost savings used to improve the college's operating margin.

- g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

None.



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Placement on Inactive Status

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	English, M.A.-Teaching English Speakers of Other Languages [UMA.ENG-TES]
CIP CODE:	13.1401
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	English
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Arts and Sciences

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.

 President of the University

 Date

1. Program Degree Level:

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

2. Category:

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is:¹

Inactive Status Termination

See question 4 *See questions 5 and 6*

4. INACTIVE STATUS**A. Provide a justification for inactivating the program:**

Enrollment in the TESOL program has been minimal over the course of the past five years with only three students. Following the departure of the faculty member qualified to teach TESOL courses, one student transferred to the School of Education, one student switched to the Literature specialization, and one student continued and will be finished by the end of the spring semester of 2019.

Furthermore, the English department is unable to offer the single class within the department pertaining to the TESOL specialization, ENGL 509: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status? Zero students will be impacted by placing the program on inactive status. The lone student currently enrolled in the TESOL program is in her final semester of coursework and will have fulfilled all of the required coursework, including ENGL 509.

C. What is the last date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate in the program: December 31, 2019.

D. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) inactive status takes effect (the proposed date for inactive status is also the last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)? August 22, 2019.

¹ Note: An inactive program is a program a university has authority to offer, but the program is not admitting new students and has not formally terminated. A presumption exists that inactive status is a temporary status; universities review inactive programs periodically to determine the feasibility of reactivating or terminating the program. Programs can remain inactive for five (5) consecutive years at which time a university must terminate the program. A terminated program is a program for which a university ceases to have authority to offer. Reinstatement of a terminated program requires university and BOR approval through the prescribed new program approval processes.