



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
 Program Termination or
 Placement on Inactive Status

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| UNIVERSITY: | University of South Dakota |
| DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM: | Earth Sciences, B.S. [U.BS.ESCI] |
| CIP CODE: | 40.0601 |
| UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT: | Sustainability and Environment (previously Physics/Earth Sciences) |
| UNIVERSITY DIVISION: | College of Arts & 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:¹

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is:²

Inactive Status Termination
See question 4 *See questions 5 and 6*

5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:

Insufficient number of students enrolled.

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

Final offerings of required courses will be taught for current majors by December 2018 (with the exception of Capstone ESCI 495, see below). The Earth Sciences electives necessary for current majors to complete their programs will continue to be offered because they serve the Sustainability major and other majors at USD. The 1-credit Capstone course will be offered on an as-needed basis for students in their final semesters prior to graduation with minimal workload implications.

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)? 8/22/2017

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*)? 8/22/2017

¹ Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in Colleague.
² 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.

- e. **What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?** Spring 2021
- f. **What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**
\$110,012.35 in savings due to unfilled vacancy, following faculty retirement in FY 2017. Savings applied to college budget deficit.
- g. **What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**
Restructuring of department as new Department of Sustainability and Environment resulted in one tenure line being eliminated through attrition and reallocation of some faculty resources to new programs in Sustainability.