



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

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>MA in Political Science</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>45.1001</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Political Science</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Arts and 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.*

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President of the University Date

**1. Program Degree Level:**

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**2. Category:<sup>1</sup>**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**3. The program action proposed is:<sup>2</sup>**

Inactive Status  Termination

**4. INACTIVE STATUS**

**A. Provide a justification for inactivating the program:**

A reduction in faculty lines and the resulting shifting of faculty resources no longer makes the degree program a viable option for future students.

**B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status?**

There are three students currently in the program; two are writing theses and the third requires a single course. The Department will assist the one remaining student in the completion of appropriate coursework by offering an independent study. No new students will be admitted.

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

Summer 2024 will be the last date by which a student can graduate in the program. All students have current programs of study on file with the Department. The Department has provided all students with individualized programs of study to assure they can complete all coursework, thesis and degree requirements by summer 2024.

**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)?** Summer 2019

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.