



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

Program Termination or Placement on Inactive Status

UNIVERSITY:	USD
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	PhD in Political Science
CIP CODE:	45.1001
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Political Science
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:¹

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

3. The program action proposed is:²

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 24 students currently enrolled in the program. The Department will provide students scheduled courses and independent study course offerings to complete their degrees. The Department has a plan to teach out the courses and help the students through the dissertation phase of their studies. All current students have up-to-date programs of study, and must remain continually enrolled. No new students will be admitted.

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

As the inactive status is terminated after five years without reactivation, the last date will be Summer 2024. Students will be provided with an individualized plan of study to ensure that coursework, program requirements, and dissertation requirements may be completed by that date. This date corresponds with the inactivation date of the MA program. If PhD students meet course requirements and want to complete an MA program instead, they may do this.

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

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.