



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	USD
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Master of Public Administration
CIP CODE:	45.1001
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Political Science
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	UPOL
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	Arts and Sciences
BANNER DIVISION CODE:	2A

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.

_____ Date
 Vice President of Academic Affairs or
 President of the University

1. This modification addresses a change in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work | <input checked="" 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) Changed list of required courses |

2. Effective date of change: 7/1/2020

3. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate Bachelor's Master's Doctoral

4. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Certificate Specialization Minor Major

5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- 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>			
Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
LDR	501	Advanced Leadership Theory and Practice	3	LDR	501	Advanced Leadership Theory and Practice	3
POLS	567	Analytic Techniques in Public Policy	3	POLS	567	Analytical Techniques in Public Policy	3
POLS	721	Seminar in Public Administration	3	POLS	721	Seminar in Public Administration	3
POLS	722	Budgetary and Fiscal Management	3	POLS	722	Budgetary and Fiscal Management	3
POLS	723	Public Personnel Management	3	POLS	723	Public Personnel Management	3
POLS	733	Administrative Law and Government	3	Delete			
				POLS	724	Organizations and Management	3
POLS	765	Research Methods in Political Science	3	POLS	765	Research Methods and Statistics	3
POLS	769	Administrative Thought and Ethics	3	Delete			
				POLS	788	Professional Report (Capstone)	3
POLS	788	Professional Report	3	POLS	794	Internship in Political Science	3
POLS	794	Internship in Political Science	3			Electives	12
		Electives	6				
Total number of hours required for major			36	Total number of hours required for major			39
Total number of hours required for degree			36	Total number of hours required for degree			39

7. Explanation of the Change:

The Master of Public Administration program is updating its curriculum and required courses to convert to a 2-year cohort model in order to ensure the least duplication of effort and maximum course enrollment. Some changes are also result of staffing changes and changes in faculty expertise. These changes require the removal of some required courses and additional flexibility in electives.

In addition, we propose to increase the credit hours from 36 to 39. Because we want to implement a cohort structure, the best time for students to complete an internship will be the summer between years 1 and 2. With the cohort structure of 9 credits X 4 semesters, the internship represents an additional three credits. In other words, the program needs the additional three credits so that it can have both a cohort structure AND an internship requirement.