



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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>University of South Dakota</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>Psychology, Clinical Psychology Specialization, M.A.</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>42.0201</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Psychology</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>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.*

Elizabeth M. Freeburg

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

5/4/2020

Date

**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 type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)                   |

**2. Effective date of change (enter catalog year):** Fall 2020

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

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**4. Category:**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:**

- 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>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pre f.	Num	Title	Cr. Hrs.
<b>Masters of Arts Degree (Plan A - Thesis)</b>				<b>Masters of Arts Degree (Plan A - Thesis)</b>			
<b>Psychology Core</b>				<b>Psychology Core</b>			
PSYC	703	Modern Psychology	3	PSYC	703	Modern Psychology	3
PSYC	705	Learning, Memory, and Cognition	3	PSYC	705	Learning, Memory, and Cognition	3
PSYC	771	Research Design & Statistics I	3	PSYC	771	Research Design & Statistics I	3
PSYC	772	Research Design & Statistics II	3	PSYC	772	Research Design & Statistics II	3
				<b>One course from below (3 cr)</b>			
				PSYC	722	Sem: Developmental Psychology	3
				PSYC	741	Sem: Social Psychology	3
				BIOL	530	Neurobiology	3
PSYC	789	Master's Thesis Research in Psychology	6	PSYC	789	Master's Thesis Research in Psychology	6
<b>Clinical Specialization required courses</b>				<b>Clinical Specialization required courses</b>			
PSYC	747	Sem: Science and Practice I	2	PSYC	747	Sem: Science and Practice I	2
PSYC	748	Sem: Science and Practice II	1	PSYC	748	Sem: Science and Practice II	2
PSYC	749	Vertical Clinical Team	2	PSYC	749	Vertical Clinical Team	2
PSYC	750	Adult Psychopathology	3	PSYC	750	Adult Psychopathology	3
PSYC	751	Psychological Assessment I	3	PSYC	751	Psychological Assessment I	3
PSYC	752	Psychological Assessment II	3	PSYC	752	Psychological Assessment II	3
PSYC	760	Orientation to the Field of Clinical Psychology	1	PSYC	760	Orientation to the Field of Clinical Psychology	1
PSYC	786	Sem: Professional Dev I (1cr course must be repeated)	2	PSYC	786	Sem: Professional Dev I (1cr course must be repeated)	2
<b>Total number of hours required for specialization</b>			18	<b>Total number of hours required for specialization</b>			18
<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			35	<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			35

**7. Explanation of the Change:**

Assessment of PSYC 703: Modern Psychology revealed that it was not meeting the needs of the department in delivering adequate depth in content areas related to biological, developmental or social psychology. To meet APA accreditation standards in the clinical PhD, existing courses (BIOL 530, PSYC 722 and PSYC 741) were added to the degree requirements for the clinical specialization. One of these three courses will be completed in the process of earning the MA (not-terminal) and the remaining two will be completed during the PhD. This arrangement allows the department to distribute the offering of these courses to maximize faculty efficiency and more easily meet minimum enrollment standards.