



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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	University of South Dakota
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	B.A. and B.S. in Sociology
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	45.1101
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	Anthropology and Sociology
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	UANT
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	Arts & Sciences
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	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.*

*Elizabeth M. Freeburg*

5/4/2020

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Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

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Date

**1. This modification addresses a change in (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

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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 type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)                         |

**2. Effective date of change: Fall 2020**

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

- Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Ed. Specialist  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.
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC	150	Social Problems	3	DELETE			
SOC	211	Social Science Writing	3	SOC	211	Social Science Writing	3
SOC	281	Socio-cultural Theory	3	SOC	281	Socio-cultural Theory	3
SOC	309	Statistical Research Methods	3	SOC	309	Statistical Research Methods	3
SOC	410	Methods of Social Research	3	SOC	410	Methods of Social Research	3
SOC	490	Seminar	3	SOC	490	Seminar	3
SOC	Electives		9	SOC	Electives <sup>1</sup>		12
				<sup>1</sup> At least 6 elective credits must be at 300-level or above.			
Total number of hours required for major			30	Total number of hours required for major			30
Total number of hours required for degree			120	Total number of hours required for degree			120

Note: Students double-majoring in Psychology and Sociology may use PSYC 241/SOC 241 Social Psychology in both majors and may use either statistics course, SOC 309 Social Science Statistics or PSYC 371 Statistics in Psychological Research, and either methods course, SOC 410 Methods of Social Research or PSYC 373 Research Methods in Experimental Psychology (NOT PSYC 275), to fulfill requirements for both majors.

**7. Explanation of the Change:**

The program is removing a required course and replacing it with elective credit to enable Sociology majors to have more elective choices in the major, while retaining a core of theory and methods courses. With the increased number of elective credits available, the program also wants to ensure that at least 50% of the credits within the major are taken at the junior/senior level. Therefore, a requirement for at least 6 upper-level elective credits is being added.

The double major provision allows students to complete a double major in Sociology and Psychology by allowing statistics and methods courses with overlapping content to be used toward the completion of both degrees. The main subject matter content of each major is preserved with this scheme, and encouraging students to double major encourages increased content exposure compared to a typical major/minor combination of the two programs. The current double major requires a total of 64 credit hours; the proposed double major would require a total of 55 credit hours.