



**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>Sustainability, M.S.</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>30.3301</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Sustainability &amp; Environment</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Arts &amp; 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

2/20/2020

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) – addition of joint degree with J.D., allow 9 hours to count towards J.D. |

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

**3. Program Degree Level:**

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**4. Category:**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

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

**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.
<b>Sustainability M.S. Plan A (thesis)</b>				<b>Sustainability M.S. Plan A (thesis)</b>			
SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3	SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3
SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3	SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3
SUST	790	Seminar	2-3	SUST	790	Seminar	2-3
SUST	794	Internship	0-3	SUST	794	Internship	0-3
SUST	798	Sustainability Thesis	6-9	SUST	798	Sustainability Thesis	6-9
Electives			9-18	Electives			9-18
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>Sustainability M.S. Plan B (non-thesis)</b>				<b>Sustainability M.S. Plan B (non-thesis)</b>			
SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3	SUST	705	Sustainability & Complexity	3
SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3	SUST	715	Research for Sustainability	3
SUST	790	Seminar	2-3	SUST	790	Seminar	2-3
SUST	794	Internship	3-6	SUST	794	Internship	3-6
Electives			18-21	Electives			17-21
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>32</b>	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>32</b>
Students will select elective courses from existing graduate-level courses with approval from the student's advisor and the Graduate Program Coordinator. At least 50% of the total credits must be at the 700-level or above.				Students will select elective courses from existing graduate-level courses with approval from the student's advisor and the Graduate Program Coordinator. At least 50% of the total credits must be at the 700-level or above.			
				<b>Sustainability M.S. Plan B/J.D. Joint Master's Program with Juris Doctorate</b>			
				The M.S./J.D. option is available only to candidates who are concurrently enrolled in the School of Law. Ordinarily, students complete the first year of the J.D. before beginning the M.S. in Sustainability.			
				LAW courses, with approval from the student's sustainability advisor and the Sustainability Graduate Program Coordinator, can be used to partially fulfill the elective requirements for the M.S. Plan B option. Up to 9 of these credits can also be used to fulfill requirements in the student's J.D. degree.			
<b>Subtotal:</b>				<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>32</b>
Total number of hours required Plan A			30	Total number of hours required Plan A			30
Total number of hours required Plan B			32	Total number of hours required Plan B			32
				<b>Total number of hours MS Plan B, Joint Program with Juris Doctorate</b>			<b>32</b>

**7. Explanation of the Change:**

We are proposing to add a joint law degree (Juris Doctorate) option to our existing Sustainability M.S. Plan B degree to allow greater opportunities for sustainability and law students.