



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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>Psychology, B.A. and Disaster Response Specialization</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>42.0101</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Psychology</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

3/23/2017

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

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

**2. Effective date of change: 8/22/2017**

**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.

### 5. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines as needed):

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)

Psychology, B.A. (Disaster Response Specialization)

N/A

Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
<b>System General Education Requirements</b>				<b>System General Education Requirements</b>			
SGR 1: Written Communication			6	SGR 1: Written Communication			
ENGL	101	Composition I	3	ENGL	101	Composition I	3
UHON	110	Honors English		UHON	110	Honors English	
SGR 2: Oral Communication			3	SGR 2: Oral Communication			3
SGR 3: Social & Behavioral Sciences				SGR 3: Social & Behavioral Sciences			
BOR approved Course <b>PSYC 101</b>			3 (-3)	BOR approved Course <b>PSYC 101</b>			3 (-3)
SGR 4: Arts and Humanities				SGR 4: Arts and Humanities			
Humanities Course/Fine Arts Course			3	Humanities Course/Fine Arts Course			3
SGR 5: Quantitative Literacy			3	SGR 5: Quantitative Literacy			3
SGR 6: Sciences				SGR 6: Sciences			
BOR approved lab science course			3	BOR approved lab science course			3
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>18 (-3)</b>	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>18 (-3)</b>
<b>Institution designated general education requirements</b>				<b>Institution designated general education requirements</b>			
Advanced composition course (in addition to SGR #1)			3*	Advanced composition course (in addition to SGR #1)			3*
Additional 100/200 course in another discipline from SGR #3			3*	Additional 100/200 course in another discipline from SGR #3			3*
Course from category in Fine Arts or Humanities not selected for SGR #4 above			3*	Course from category in Fine Arts or Humanities not selected for SGR #4 above			3*
Additional 100/200 lab science course for SGR #6			3*	Additional 100/200 lab science course for SGR #6			3*
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>General Education credits minus double count reduction:</b>			<b>30 (-3)</b>	<b>General Education credits minus double count reduction:</b>			<b>30 (-3)</b>
<b>*University specific requirements</b>				<b>*University specific requirements</b>			
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences-College Degree Requirements:</b>				<b>Arts &amp; Sciences-College Degree Requirements:</b>			
<b>Bachelor of Arts</b>				<b>Bachelor of Science</b>			
<b>ENGL 210: Introduction to Literature</b>			3	<b>ENGL 210: Introduction to Literature</b>			3
This course may not be used to fulfill SGR 4 Arts and Humanities or the Humanities and Social Sciences Distribution Requirement for the College of Arts & Sciences.				This course may not be used to fulfill SGR 4 Arts and Humanities or the Humanities and Social Sciences Distribution Requirement for the College of Arts & Sciences.			
<b>Minor or second major</b>			18+	<b>Minor or second major</b>			18+
<b>Two semesters of a single language other than English</b> (options include Arabic, French, German, Greek, Lakota, Latin, Russian, and Spanish (excludes SPAN 120/121)-SGR Goal #4)			6-8	<b>Two semesters of a single language other than English</b> (options include Arabic, French, German, Greek, Lakota, Latin, Russian, and Spanish (excludes SPAN 120/121)-SGR Goal #4)			6-8
<b>Humanities and Social Sciences Distribution Requirement</b> (B.A. students must take two humanities or social science courses (minimum six credit hours) in addition to the BOR general education requirements from among the following prefixes: ANTH, CJUS, CLHU, DCOM, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GER, GREE, HIST, INTS, LAKL, LATI, LDR, LING, MCOM, MFL, MSL, NATV, PHIL, POLS, selected PSYC (per Psychology section of the catalog), REL, RUSS, SOC, SPAN, SPCM, SUST, and WMST.) The courses must be taken outside the student's major and minor unless the student is a double major or completes more than two programs (for example, a major and two minors).			6	<b>Humanities and Social Sciences Distribution Requirement</b> (B.A. students must take two humanities or social science courses (minimum six credit hours) in addition to the BOR general education requirements from among the following prefixes: ANTH, CJUS, CLHU, DCOM, ENGL, FREN, GEOG, GER, GREE, HIST, INTS, LAKL, LATI, LDR, LING, MCOM, MFL, MSL, NATV, PHIL, POLS, selected PSYC (per Psychology section of the catalog), REL, RUSS, SOC, SPAN, SPCM, SUST, and WMST.) The courses must be taken outside the student's major and minor unless the student is a double major or completes more than two programs (for example, a major and two minors).			6
<b>Bachelor of Arts Requirements Subtotal:</b>			<b>33-35</b>	<b>Bachelor of Arts Requirements Subtotal:</b>			<b>33-35</b>
<b>Psychology, B.A. (No Specialization) Program Requirements:</b>				<b>Psychology, B.A. (No Specialization) Program Requirements:</b>			
<b>Departmental Requirements</b>				<b>Departmental Requirements</b>			

PSYC	101	General Psychology [SGR #3]	3	PSYC	101	General Psychology [SGR #3]	3			
PSYC	371	Statistics in Psychological Research	3	PSYC	371	Statistics in Psychological Research	3			
<b>Choose one (3 cr.):</b>				<b>Choose one (3 cr.):</b>						
PSYC	275	Intro. to Research Methods	3	PSYC	275	Intro. to Research Methods	3			
PSYC	373	Research Methods in Experimental Psychology *		PSYC	373	Research Methods in Experimental Psychology				
<b>Choose one (4 cr.):</b>				<b>Foundations: Choose four from the following, one course must be with lab:</b>						
PSYC	301/L	Sensation and Perception	3+1	PSYC	301/L	Sensation and Perception*	3+1			
PSYC	302/L	Principles of Learning and Memory		PSYC	302/L	Principles of Learning and Memory*	3+1			
				PSYC	241	Social Psychology	3			
				PSYC	321	Developmental Psychology‡	3			
				PSYC	411	Physiological Psychology	3			
				PSYC	406	Cognitive Psychology	3			
				PSYC	461	Theories of Personality	3			
				Must select at least one course including a lab as designated with an *						
			<b>Subtotal:</b>	13				<b>Subtotal:</b>	13	
				<b>Diversity: Choose one (3 cr.):</b>						
				PSYC	321	Developmental Psychology‡	3			
				PSYC	366	Understanding the sexes				
				PSYC	423	Research in Aging				
				PSYC	443	Social Psychology of Prejudice				
				PSYC	446	Psychology of Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity				
				PSYC	456	Intro to Disaster Psychology				
				PSYC	460	Psych Perspective on Diversity				
				‡ PSYC 321 may count as either a foundation or diversity but not both.						
PSYC	xxx	electives in PSYC	18	PSYC	xxx	electives in PSYC	8-9			
Note: Any non-required USD psychology course (with a PSYC prefix) will count as a PSYC elective, except for the following. A student may count either PSYC 267 or PSYC 167, but not both. PSYC 359 does not count toward the Psychology major.				Note: Any non-required USD psychology course (with a PSYC prefix) will count as a PSYC elective, except for the following. A student may count either PSYC 267 or PSYC 167, but not both. PSYC 359 does not count toward the Psychology major.						
<b>Subtotal, Psychology BA</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>Subtotal, Psychology BA</b>			<b>34</b>			
<b>Free Electives</b>			<b>27-29</b>	<b>Free Electives</b>			<b>24-26</b>			
<b>Psychology, B.A. (Disaster Response Specialization)</b>				<b>Psychology, B.A. (Disaster Response Specialization)</b>						
<b>Program Requirements:</b>				<b>Program Requirements:</b>						
PSYC	101	General Psychology [SGR #3]	3	PSYC	101	General Psychology [SGR #3]	3			
PSYC	371	Statistics in Psychological Research	3	PSYC	371	Statistics in Psychological Research	3			
<b>Choose one (3 cr.):</b>				<b>Choose one (3 cr.):</b>						
PSYC	275	Intro. to Research Methods	3	PSYC	275	Intro. to Research Methods	3			
PSYC	373	Research Methods in Experimental Psychology*		PSYC	373	Research Methods in Experimental Psychology*				
<b>Choose one (4 cr.):</b>				<b>Foundations: Choose four from the following, one course must be with lab:</b>						
PSYC	301/L	Sensation and Perception	3+1	PSYC	301/L	Sensation and Perception*	3+1			
PSYC	302/L	Principles of Learning and Memory		PSYC	302/L	Principles of Learning and Memory*	3+1			
				PSYC	241	Social Psychology	3			
				PSYC	321	Developmental Psychology‡	3			
				PSYC	411	Physiological Psychology	3			
				PSYC	406	Cognitive Psychology	3			
				PSYC	461	Theories of Personality	3			
				Must select at least one course including a lab as designated with an *						
			<b>Subtotal:</b>	13				<b>Subtotal:</b>	13	

Disaster Response Specialization (15 cr.)				Disaster Response Specialization (12 cr.)			
PSYC	255	Introduction to Disaster Response	3	PSYC	255	Introduction to Disaster Response	3
PSYC	256	Psychological First Aid	3	PSYC	256	Psychological First Aid	3
PSYC	258	Children and Trauma	3	PSYC	258	Children and Trauma	3
PSYC	359	Practicum in Disaster Response	3	Delete			
PSYC	456	Introduction to Disaster Psychology	3	PSYC	456	Introduction to Disaster Psychology [meets departmental diversity requirement]	3
<b>Electives (9 cr.)</b> Select from the following list:				<b>Electives (3 cr.)</b> Select from the following list:			
PSYC	241	Introduction to Social Psychology	3	PSYC	241	Introduction to Social Psychology	3
PSYC	439	Psychology of Safety	3	PSYC	439	Psychology of Safety	
PSYC	457	Directed Readings in Disaster	3	PSYC	457	Directed Readings in Disaster	
PSYC	458	Directed Research in Disaster	3	PSYC	458	Directed Research in Disaster	
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology [SGR #3]	3	SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology [SGR #3]	
<b>Subtotal, Psychology (Disaster Response) BS</b>			<b>37</b>	<b>Subtotal, Psychology (Disaster Response) BS</b>			<b>37</b>
<b>Free Electives</b>			<b>21-23</b>	<b>Free Electives</b>			<b>21-23</b>
Cross-curricular skills:				Cross-curricular skills:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inquiry and analysis</li> <li>critical and creative thinking</li> <li>problem solving</li> <li>intercultural knowledge</li> <li>diversity, inclusion and equity</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inquiry and analysis</li> <li>critical and creative thinking</li> <li>problem solving</li> <li>intercultural knowledge</li> <li>diversity, inclusion and equity</li> </ul>			
<b>General Education courses required [30 (-3)]</b>			<b>27</b>	<b>General Education courses required [30 (-3)]</b>			<b>27</b>
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences-College Degree Requirements B.A.</b>			<b>33-35</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Sciences-College Degree Requirements B.A.</b>			<b>33-35</b>
<b>Total number of hours required for major</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>Total number of hours required for major</b>			<b>34</b>
<b>Free Electives beyond major hours to reach 120</b>			<b>27-29</b>	<b>Free Electives beyond major hours to reach 120</b>			<b>24-26</b>
<b>Total number of hours required with Disaster Response Specialization</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>Total number of hours required for Disaster Response Specialization</b>			<b>12</b>
<b>Total number of hours required for major with Disaster Response Specialization</b>			<b>37</b>	<b>Total number of hours required for major with Disaster Response Specialization</b>			<b>37</b>
<b>Free Elective hours beyond major and specialization to reach 120</b>			<b>21-23</b>	<b>Free Elective hours beyond major and specialization to reach 120</b>			<b>21-23</b>
<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			<b>120</b>	<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			<b>120</b>

\*Course may count towards Natural Science BS requirements for A&S if selected here in place of PSYC 275. Free Electives will increase by 3 hours if PSYC 373 is selected.

## 6. Explanation of the Change:

Changes to the major reflect an alignment with APA guidelines for an undergraduate degree in psychology, specifically in the inclusion of core foundation courses and a required diversity component. The selection of foundation courses also align with core areas in psychology for post-graduate education.