



SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS
Substantive Program Modification Program

UNIVERSITY:	University of South Dakota
CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:	Social Work, B.S. (no specialization, Child Welfare specialization)
CIP CODE:	51.1503
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Social Work Division
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	School of Health Sciences

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.

<i>Elizabeth M. Freeburg</i>	08/15/2016
_____ 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 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: Exception to SDBOR policy 2.5.13 |

2. Effective date of change: Fall 2016

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 impact require updating any related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.

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

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum

Social Work, B.S. (no specialization, Child Welfare specialization)

N/A

Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Prof.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
System General Education Requirements				System General Education Requirements			
		SGR 1: Written Communication	6			SGR 1: Written Communication	6
		SGR 2: Oral Communication	3			SGR 2: Oral Communication	3
		SGR 3: Social Science (6 credit hours in 2 disciplines)	6 (-6)			SGR 3: Social Science (6 credit hours in 2 disciplines)	6 (-6)
		POLS 100 and PSYC 101				POLS 100 and PSYC 101	
		SGR 4: Humanities and Fine Arts (6 credit hours in 2 disciplines or a sequence of foreign languages courses)	6			SGR 4: Humanities and Fine Arts (6 credit hours in 2 disciplines or a sequence of foreign languages courses)	6
		SGR 5: Mathematics	3			SGR 5: Mathematics	3
		SGR 6: Natural Sciences	6			SGR 6: Natural Sciences	6
		SGR 7: Information Literacy	0			SGR 7: Information Literacy	0
		Subtotal:	30 (-6)			Subtotal:	30 (-6)
Additional Graduation Requirements				Additional Graduation Requirements			
		Additional First-Year Composition (ENGL 210)	3 (-3)			Additional First-Year Composition (ENGL 210)	3 (-3)
		Aesthetic Experience This course cannot fulfill both SGR 4 (Humanities and Fine Arts) and IGR 2 (Aesthetic Experience)	3			Aesthetic Experience This course cannot fulfill both SGR 4 (Humanities and Fine Arts) and IGR 2 (Aesthetic Experience)	3
		Regental:				Regental:	
		Critical Writing (Writing Intensive requirement) SOCW 400	3 (-3)			Critical Writing (Writing Intensive requirement) SOCW 400	3 (-3)
		Globalization/Global Issues ANTH 210 or HSC 380	3 (-3)			Globalization/Global Issues ANTH 210 or HSC 380	3 (-3)
		Subtotal	12 (-9)			Subtotal	12 (-9)
		System General Education Requirements Subtotal:	27			System General Education Requirements Subtotal:	27
Social Work, B.S. (no specialization, Child Welfare specialization)				Social Work, B.S. (no specialization, Child Welfare specialization)			
Departmental Requirements (45 hours) Completion with C or better grade				Departmental Requirements (45 hours) Completion with C or better grade			
SOCW	200	Field of Social Work	3	SOCW	200	Field of Social Work	3
SOCW	210	Interactional Skills	3	SOCW	210	Interactional Skills	3
SOCW	310	Social Work Practice I	3	SOCW	310	Social Work Practice I	3
SOCW	320	Research Methods	3	SOCW	320	Research Methods	3
SOCW	321	Statistical Application	3	SOCW	321	Statistical Application	3
SOCW	330	Social Work Practice II	3	SOCW	330	Social Work Practice II	3
SOCW	340	Human Behavior and the Social Environment Across the Lifespan	3	SOCW	340	Human Behavior and the Social Environment Across the Lifespan	3
SOCW	350	Social Work with Families & Groups	3	SOCW	350	Social Work with Families & Groups	3
SOCW	400	Social Policy	3	SOCW	400	Social Policy	3
SOCW	496	Field Experience	12	SOCW	496	Field Experience	12
		Subtotal:	39			Subtotal:	39
Select 2 elective courses from the following (6 credit hours):				Select 2 elective courses from the following (6 credit hours):			
SOCW	480	Social Work with Aging Populations & People with Disabilities	3	SOCW	480	Social Work with Aging Populations & People with Disabilities	3
SOCW	482	Social Work & Child Welfare	3	SOCW	482	Social Work & Child Welfare	3
SOCW	484	Social Work & Mental Health	3	SOCW	484	Social Work & Mental Health	3

SOCW	486	Social Work w/Native Children & Families	3	SOCW	486	Social Work w/Native Children & Families	3
SOCW	492	Special Topics	3	SOCW	492	Special Topics	3
			Subtotal:				Subtotal:
			6				6
Nondepartmental Requirements (16 hours) Completion with C or better grade				Nondepartmental Requirements (16 hours) Completion with C or better grade			
ANTH	210	Cultural Anthropology	3	ANTH	210	Cultural Anthropology	3
HSC	380	Health Literacy and Culture Care					
BIOL	103/L	Biology Survey II	4	BIOL	103/L	Biology Survey II	4
BIOL	105/L	Human Biology					
MICR	230	Basic Microbiology (3 hrs) AND					
MICR	232	Basic Microbiology Lab (1 hr)					
POLS	100	American Government	3	POLS	100	American Government	3
PSYC	101	Intro to Psychology	3	PSYC	101	Intro to Psychology	3
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC	150	Social Problems					
			Subtotal:				Subtotal:
			16				16
			Social Work Major Hours Subtotal:				Social Work Major Hours Subtotal:
			61				61
Optional Specialization- Child Welfare				Optional Specialization- Child Welfare			
SOCW	482	Social Work & Child Welfare	3	SOCW	482	Social Work & Child Welfare	3
SOCW	484	Social Work & Mental Health	3	SOCW	484	Social Work & Mental Health	3
SOCW	486	Social Work with Native Children & Families	3	SOCW	486	Social Work with Native Children & Families	3
			Optional Specialization, Child Welfare Subtotal:				Optional Specialization, Child Welfare Subtotal:
			9				9
Free Electives			23 or 32	Free Electives			23 or 32
				*Minimum of 30 credit hours must be taken from USD. * Maximum of 90 transfer credit hours may be applied to the degree Students may double count up to 9 hours of course work shared by the major and minor or double major			
Total number of hours required for major			61	Total number of hours required for major			61
Total number of hours for optional specialization-Child Welfare			9	Total number of hours for optional specialization-Child Welfare			9
Total number of hours required for degree			120	Total number of hours required for degree			120

7. Explanation of the Change:

The total credits required for the Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) degree is 120 credits. Per BOR 2.5.13 policy this limits transferability of credits for community colleges and other institutions to USD to 60 credits. Transfer students must still earn a minimum of 33 credit hours from USD to graduate with the BSSW. This 30 credit requirement is easily met within the institutional and departmental requirements. Students additionally must complete non-departmental required courses which insures a robust liberal arts foundation.

However, the 60 credit transfer limit puts transfer students at a severe disadvantage to attend USD. The BOR 2.5.13 policy limit forces transfer students to take or repeat up to 20 credits of coursework (the difference between the 60 credit limit policy and the minimum 33 credits for the BSSW degree requirements). This is a

huge barrier for USD admission, because it impedes a seamless transition to the BSSW degree and hinders marketability and growth of the BSSW as a degree completion program.

Because of this problem I request consideration of waiving BOR Policy 2.5.13 for BSSW students seeking degree completion for the BSSW at USD and allowing junior, community college students transferring into USD's BSSW program to bring in up to 90 credit hours toward their BSSW completion.

Rationale for Request

The rationale for waiver of BOR 2.5.13 is:

1. Currently, USD's BSSW program is not able to provide the seamless transition because of BOR Policy 2.5.13; therefore impeding the marketability of the program and the social work department's advanced standing MSW program. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, at <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/community-and-social-service/social-workers.htm> "Employment of social workers is projected to grow 12 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Employment growth will be driven by increased demand for healthcare and social services, but will vary by specialty."

Graduates must meet regental, university, and departmental requirements regardless of the number of credits involved. The changes will also make the BSSW completion as equitable and seamless for a transfer student with an Associate Degree from a community college, or transfer student from another institution as it is for students who have completed one of the USD's associate program.