



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
 Program Termination or  
 Placement on Inactive Status

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>Biology, M.A.</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>26.0101</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Biology</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.*

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President of the University Date

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

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**2. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):<sup>1</sup>**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**3. The program action proposed is (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

Inactive Status  Termination

**5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS**

**a. Provide a justification for terminating the program:**

USD will add a plan B (non-thesis) option to the M.S. in Biology program. This will be more advantageous for our graduates. The M.A. program is no longer needed.

**b. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?**

There are currently two students enrolled in the M.A. program. One will graduate in May 2017. The other will either complete the M.A. or may have the option to switch to the M.S. plan B pathway.

**c. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?** 5/1/17

**d. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?** 5/1/17

**e. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?** 5/31/2020

**f. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?** None

**g. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?** None