



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

**Substantive Program Modification Program**

Use this form to request minor changes in existing programs (majors, minors, certificates, or specializations).

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>DSU</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>BS in Biology for Information Systems</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Arts and 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.*

Judy Dittman, Associate Provost  
 Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
 President of the University

7/16/2017  
 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 checked="" 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: 8/1/2017**

**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:** Biology

*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>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
No Change in course offerings							

**7. Explanation of the Change:**

We request changing the program name from Biology for Information Systems to Biology. The current name is unfamiliar to most people and often creates problems for our majors applying to graduate programs, professional schools and other jobs. The biology program includes strong support for the integration of computer technology as befits the mission of Dakota State University as the major has a required 15 credit science and technology component that is unique in the South Dakota Regental system.