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| South Dakota Board of Regents logo | SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTSACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS |
| Substantive Program Modification Form |
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| **UNIVERSITY:** | **DSU** |
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| **CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:** | **Bachelors in General Studies** |
| **CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:** | **General Studies** |
| **CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:** |  |
| **CIP CODE:** | **24.0101** |
| **UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:** | **General Studies** |
| **BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:** | **DGENS** |
| **UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:** | **General Studies** |
| **BANNER COLLEGE CODE:** | **8G** |

**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.*

| *Rebecca Hoey* |  | 9/16/2024 |
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| Vice President of Academic Affairs or President of the University |  | Date |

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# This modification addresses a change in (*place an “X” in the appropriate box*):

|[ ]  Total credits required within the discipline |[ ]  Total credits of supportive course work |
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|[ ]  Total credits of elective course work |[ ]  Total credits required for program |
|[ ]  Program name |[ ]  Existing specialization |
|[ ]  CIP Code |[x]  Other (explain below) |
|[ ]  Modification requiring Board of Regents approval *Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee* |

# Effective date of change: Fall 2025

# Program Degree Level (*place an “X” in the appropriate box*):

| Associate |[ ]  Bachelor’s |[x]  Master’s |[ ]  Doctoral |[ ]
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# Category (*place an “X” in the appropriate box*):

| Certificate |[ ]  Specialization |[ ]  Minor |[ ]  Major |[x]
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# If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (*place an “X” in the appropriate box*):

|[ ]  On the effective date for all students |
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|[ ]  On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program) |
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| **Proposed new name:**  |  |
|  | *Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.* |

1. **Is the program being modified associated with a current articulation agreement?**

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| Yes |[ ]  No |[x]

* 1. **If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain:**

# Primary Aspects of the Modification (*add lines or adjust cell size as needed*):

| *Existing Curriculum* | *Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)* |
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| **Pref** | **Num** | **Title** | **Cr Hrs** | **Pref** | **Num** | **Title** | **Cr Hrs** |
| **48 Major Hours, 120 Degree Hours** | **48 Major Hours, 120 Degree Hours** |
| The Bachelor of General Studies is a flexible degree program designed to serve the needs of individuals who have earned numerous credits but have not completed their degrees. Students work with an advisor to determine course equivalencies and to develop an appropriate degree completion plan.  Students earning a B.G.S. complete all general education requirements (30 hours), as well as 15 credit hours of coursework in each of three emphasis areas and a capstone course specific to the B.G.S. degree program. Majors and minors are not available within the B.G.S., and eligibility is limited to students who have completed at least 60 credit hours.  | The Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) is a flexible degree program designed to serve the needs of individuals with varied interests when pursuing a major. Students work with an advisor to determine interest areas and develop an appropriate degree plan.  Students earning a B.G.S. complete all general education requirements (30 hours), 15 credit hours of coursework in three emphasis areas, and a capstone course specific to the B.G.S. degree program. A minor is not required for students completing the B.G.S. |
| **System General Education Requirements** | **30** | **System General Education Requirements** | **30** |
| **General Studies, B.G.S. Program Requirements:** | **General Studies, B.G.S. Program Requirements:** |
| **Capstone Course:** |  | **Capstone Course:** |  |
| GS | 491 | Independent Study | 3 | GS | 491 | Independent Study | 3 |
| Select 15 credit hours from each of three emphasis areas from the list below: | 45 | Select 15 credit hours from each of three emphasis areas from the list below: | 45 |
| * **Allied Health** = ACP, selected CLHU, selected CMST, COUN, DCOM, DHGY, HSC, MLS, NURS, SOCW
* **Business** = ACCT, BADM, BLAW, selected CMST, DSCI, ECON, ENTR, FIN, HRM, HSAD, selected MCOM, MGMT, MKTG
* **Education** = selected ARTE, selected CMST, selected COUN, EDER, EDFN, ELED, selected ENGL, EPSY, selected HLTH, INED, LIBM, selected MATH, selected MFL, MLED, selected MUS, selected PE, SEED, SPED, TET
* **Fine Arts** = ART, ARTD, ARTE, ARTH, selected MCOM, MUAP, MUEN, MUS, THEA, selected WMST
* **Humanities** = ARTH, CLHU, selected CMST, ENGL, HIST, HUM, LING, selected MCOM, MFL, NATV, PHIL, REL, selected WMST, any non-English language course(s)
* **Military Studies**-This program allows for the application of 15 credits of Military Studies, accepted through a block transfer for military service, applied to all students with an honorable discharge from the U.S. Military, based on prior learning acquired in training and coursework in the armed services.
* **Science, Engineering, & Math** = ANAT, selected BADM, BIOC, BIOL, BME, CHEM, ESCI, selected GEOG, ISCI, MATH, MICR, MTRO, NSCI, PHGY, PHYS, selected PSYC, selected SOC, STAT, selected SUST
* **Social Science** = ANTH, CJUS, selected CMST, DCOM, ECON, selected GEOG, HIST, INTS, LDR, LEGL, selected LING, MCOM, MSL, NATV, POLS, PSYC, SOC, selected SUST, selected WMST
* **Technology** = CSC, TET, selected MCOM
* **Wellness** = ACP, HLTH, KSM, PE (PE100 limited to 6c)
 |  | * **Allied Health** = ACP, selected CLHU, selected CMST, COUN, DCOM, DHGY, HSC, MLS, NURS, SOCW
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| **Free electives** | **36** | **Free electives** | **36** |
| Total number of hours required for major | 48 |  Total number of hours required for major  | 48 |
| Total number of hours required for degree | 120 | Total number of hours required for degree | 120 |

# Explanation of the Change:

We request to remove the restriction that limits the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) to a degree completion program. Instead, we advocate for making this major accessible to both students who are returning to complete their degree and those who are initially pursuing their undergraduate studies. Expansion of the B.G.S. provides an opportunity for students with interests that do not fit neatly into a single major to customize their degree completion plan, it embraces flexibility for those students who have a large number of transfer credits from a different institution(s), and it provides a path toward a bachelor degree that may be more accessible for students who have completed an associate degree in general studies.