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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

New Site Request

with good academic standing, may enter into a degree program. Some students also choose the associate degree who need or want to return to a family farm or ranch in a faster timeline.

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences offers enough variety of agricultural coursework online in animal science, crop production, and agribusiness that students can complete this program in combination with the general education classes across the state from any of the SDSU degree sites.

Offering the A.S. in Agricultural Science program in these new sites will provide a pathway for working professionals to obtain degree credentials in the agriculture industry. Additionally, graduates of the associate degree will be prepared to continue their education in a main campus bachelor degree program, including the B.S. in Agricultural Science.

The 2019 South Dakota Agriculture Economic Contribution Study continues to show that the agriculture industry in South Dakota

The agriculture sector contributes to 22% of jobs in South Dakota.¹

Workforce demand for careers related to agriculture, food, and natural resources is strong. The USDA Purdue study shows that job openings in agriculture exceed post-secondary graduates.²

Delivery of the Agricultural Science associate degree at these loc Imagine 2023 strategic plan, specifically in providing educational access to a broader audience by offering a diversity of delivery methods, times, and locations.

The University does not request new state resources or new student fees to support delivery at BHSU- RC, CCSF, or online. The program is currently delivered by SDSU on campus in Brookings and at Lake Area Technical Institute - Watertown.

2. Are any other Regental universities authorized to offer a similar program at the proposed site(s) or through distance delivery? If “yes,” identify the institutions and programs and explain why authorization is requested.

No other Regental universities offer a similar program at these sites.

3. Are students enrolling in the program expected to be new to the university or redirected from other existing programs at the university? Complete the table below and explain the methodology used in developing the estimates.

SDSU expects most of the students to be new to the university. Students like the flexibility of programs offered online or through locations which allow them to continue living and working anywhere in the state while completing their degree.

¹ 2019 South Dakota Agriculture Economic Contribution Study, https://sdda.sd.gov/office-of-the-secretary/publications/pdf/2019_FinalSD_AECS.pdf.

All of the courses listed in the curriculum are offered on the SDSU main campus in Brookings and/or online. Based on the flexibility of the program, students will also be able to complete 24 credit hours of System General Education Requirements at CCSF and BHSU-RC.

Requirements for the Agricultural Science Major

Associate of Science in Agriculture

System General Education Requirements: 24 credits

- < Goal #1: Written Communication: ENGL 101 Composition I and SGR #1 Elective (6 credits)
- < Goal #2: Oral Communication: SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech (3 credits)
- < Goal #3: Social Sciences/Diversity (3-6 credits)*
- < Goal #4: Arts and Humanities/Diversity (3-6 credits)*
- < Goal #5: Mathematics (3 credits)
- < Goal #6: Natural Sciences (3-6 credits)*

Services or onsite services.

Other student services such as disability services accommodations will be available to students upon request.

7. Is this program accredited by a specialized accrediting body? If so, address any program accreditation issues and costs related to offering the program at the new site(s).

There is not an accreditation available for this discipline.

8. Does the university request any exceptions to Board policy for delivery at the new site(s)? Explain requests for exceptions to Board policy.

SDSU will waive the requirement that 8 of the last 15 credits for the associate degree must be completed as institutional credits.

9. Cost, Budget, and Resources related to new courses at the site: Explain the amount and source(s) of any one-time and continuing investments in personnel, professional development, release time, time redirected from other assignments, instructional technology & software, other operations and maintenance, facilities, etc., needed to implement the proposed minor. Complete Appendix B Budget using the system form.

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences does not request new state resources or new student fees to support delivery of the A.S. in Agricultural Science in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, or online. Any addition of courses to meet growth will be met by off-campus tuition.