

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

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	SDSU
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	Geospatial Science and Engineering (PhD) - Geography Specialization
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	03.0104 – Major CIP 45.0701 - Geography Specialization CIP
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	Grad Study Geography & Geospatial Sciences
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	SGGO
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	Graduate School
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	3G

**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.*

Dennis D. Hedge

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

5/3/2021

Date

**1. This modification addresses a change in:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Additional Admission Requirements |

**2. Effective date of change:** 2021-2022 Academic Year

**3. Program Degree Level:** Associate      Bachelor's      Master's      Doctoral

**4. Category:** Certificate      Specialization      Minor      Major

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:**

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:

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification:**

*Existing Curriculum*

*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*

<b>Pref.</b>	<b>Num.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Cr. Hrs.</b>	<b>Pref.</b>
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competency of the applicant should be sent directly to the GSE graduate coordinator.

Applicants must provide a written describing their research interests and academic goals in pursuing a Ph.D. and identifying one or more faculty members as potential advisors. The letter of intent should be submitted with the other application materials.

*Proposed:*

Admission to the GSE program is competitive and limited by the availability of personnel, facilities, and funding necessary to provide quality graduate education. GSE is an interdisciplinary program with participating faculty members from several departments. The scope of the geospatial sciences is broad, and individual faculty members will only advise students within their particular area of specialization. Financial support for students is provided by individual faculty members through their research grants or other