

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

New Site Request

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:	Agricultural Business (B.S.)
NEW SITE(S):	Online
INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	2022-2023 Academic Year
CIP CODE:	01.0102
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	Ness School of Management & Economics
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	SSME
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences
BANNER DIVISION CODE:	3F


Please check this box to confirm that:

The individual preparing this request has read [AAC Guideline 2:11](#), which pertains to new site requests, and that this request meets the requirements outlined in the guidelines.

This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs Committee until it is approved by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.

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.



President of the University

3/4/2022

Date

1. What is the need for offering the program at the new physical site or through distance delivery?

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests authorization to deliver the B.S. in Agricultural Business online. A thriving rural economy in South Dakota is dependent upon having an educated workforce throughout the state. There is a high need for workers in business fields throughout the state of SD. The SDBOR Employment Projections Dashboard projects an increase employment in agribusiness related positions of up to 21% by 2028.¹ Allowing the Agricultural Business major to be delivered online will help to address this workforce preparedness need. Offering the Agricultural Business program via online delivery will increase access to a business major that is relevant to agricultural producers and agribusinesses throughout the state. It will allow access to a four-year business degree by students throughout the state who are place-bound, either because of family needs, or because of farm and

6. How will the university provide student services comparable to those available for students on the main campus?

An academic advisor will be assigned to those distance students in the major. They will connect with the students using e-mail, phone, Zoom, and other technologies as they communicate. A student services facilitator is housed in Continuing and Distance Education and is available to assist students in connecting to necessary resources online and on campus.

Finally, online tutoring support is available through Smarthinking (Pearson Education) and student services such as disability services accommodations will be available to students upon request.

Tuition revenue retention rate