



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
**Program Termination or**  
**Placement on Inactive Status**

Use this form to request termination or inactive status for an existing program (graduate program, undergraduate major or minor, certificate, or specialization). The Board of Regents, Executive Director, and/or their designees may request additional information about the proposal. After the university President approves the proposal, submit a signed copy to the Executive Director through the system Chief Academic Officer. Only post the form to the university website for review by other universities after approval by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	NSU
<b>DEGREE(S) AND PROGRAM:</b>	<b>BA in Theatre</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>500501</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Music and Theatre</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>NMUT</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>School of Fine Arts</b>
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	<b>5F</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.*

  
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President (or Designee) of the University

10/17/2023  
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Date

**1. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**2. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):<sup>1</sup>**

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**3. The program action proposed is (place an "X" in the appropriate box):<sup>2</sup>**

Inactive Status  Termination   
*See question 4* *See questions 5 and 6*

<sup>1</sup> Note: Certificates, specializations, and minors may only be terminated and not placed on inactive status due to limitations in the student information system.

<sup>2</sup> Note: An inactive program is a program a university has authority to offer, but the program is not admitting new students and has not formally terminated. A presumption exists that inactive status is a temporary status; universities review inactive programs periodically to determine the feasibility of reactivating or terminating the program. Programs can remain inactive for five (5) consecutive years at which time a university must terminate the program. A terminated program is a program for which a university ceases to have authority to offer. Reinstatement of a terminated program requires university and BOR approval through the prescribed new program approval processes.

#### 4. INACTIVE STATUS

**A. Provide a justification for inactivating the program:**

Despite general improvements in the number of majors and degree completers over the past three years, these have not occurred quickly or vigorously enough to satisfy the SDBOR required threshold for programmatic sustainability. The current Program Productivity Review for the BA in Theatre has revealed that this academic major is no longer financially viable in any form. The plan going forward is that the University will maintain the Theatre minor and continue offering Theatre productions on campus, possibly utilizing support from community partners.

**B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status?**

There are few, if any, significant obstacles to degree completion by students currently pursuing this program. Several are due to graduate in the current academic year, while others have already progressed to upper-division status. There are presently adequate course and staff resources to support these students. Those newer to the program will be presented with curricular options to either maintain their chosen course of study or change to a different, yet compatible degree, possibly involving a Theatre minor.

**C. What is the last date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate in the program?**

May 9, 2026

**D. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) inactive status takes effect (the proposed date for inactive status is also the last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?**

August 1, 2023

#### 5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

**A. Provide a justification for terminating the program:**

**B. What is the plan for completion of the program by current students?**

**C. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) program termination status begins (program status in the database changes to *Phasing Out* and last date a student may enroll in or declare the program)?**

**D. What is the last date (day/month/year) in which a student may enroll in the program (program status in the database changes to *Phase Out*)?**

- E. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**
- F. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**
- G. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

**6. TERMINATION WITHOUT ENROLLED STUDENTS**

- A. Provide a justification for terminating the program:**
- B. What is the proposed date (day/month/year) for the program to terminate (program status in the database changes to *Deleted*)?**
- C. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**
- D. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**