



**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>BS Chemistry-Forensic Science Specialization</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>400501</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Science and Mathematics</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>NSCM</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	<b>5A</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

11/21/2023  
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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:**
- B. If there are current students in the program, what are the implications of placing the program on inactive status?**
- C. What is the last date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate in the program?**
- 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)?**

#### 5. TERMINATION WITH ENROLLED STUDENTS

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

The specialization has been under-enrolled since its inception and has never graduated any meaningful number of majors.

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

There are no implications to inactivating it. Existing students will complete as normal in a timely manner, as the courses will continue to be offered since forensic science is a “off-shoot” of the chemistry degree.

- 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)?**

1 January 2024

- 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*)?**

1 January 2024

- E. What is the last term or date (day/month/year) by which a student can graduate from the program?**

30 May 2027

**F. What are the potential cost savings of terminating the program and what are the planned uses of the savings?**

There are no cost savings to terminate the program, as the program is an “off-shoot” of the chemistry degree.

**G. What are the resulting employee terminations and other possible implications including impact on other programs?**

There are no terminations linked/tied to the loss of the forensic science specialization.

**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?**