



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

New Course Request

Use this form to request a new common or unique course. Consult the system course database through for information about existing courses before submitting this form.

NSU College of Arts and Sciences/Department of Science and Mathematics
Institution **Division/Department**
Michael Wenous 3/11/2024
Institutional Approval Signature **Date**

Section 1. Course Title and Description

If the course contains a lecture and laboratory component, identify both the lecture and laboratory numbers (xxx and xxxL) and credit hours associated with each. Provide the complete description as you wish it to appear in the system course database, including pre-requisites, co-requisites, and registration restrictions.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
GEOL 360	Earth & Space Sciences	3
GEOL 360L	Earth & Space Sciences Lab	1

NOTE: The Enrollment Services Center assigns the short, abbreviated course title that appears on transcripts. The short title is limited to 30 characters (including spaces); meaningful but concise titles are encouraged due to space limitations in the student information system.

Course Description
This course examines the Earth and its place in the Universe. Selected topics include the solar system, rocks and minerals, Earth's history, Earth's structure, geochemistry, and geophysics.

NOTE: Course descriptions are short, concise summaries that typically do not exceed 75 words. DO: Address the content of the course and write descriptions using active verbs (e.g., explore, learn, develop, etc.). DO NOT: Repeat the title of the course, layout the syllabus, use pronouns such as "we" and "you," or rely on specialized jargon, vague phrases, or clichés.

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites (add lines as needed)

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?
CHEM 112/112L	General Chemistry I + Lab	Pre-Req
GEOG 132/132L	Physical Geography: Natural Landscapes + Lab	Pre-Req

Registration Restrictions

None

Section 2. Review of Course

2.1. Will this be a unique or common course (place an "X" in the appropriate box)?

Unique Course

If the request is for a unique course, institutions must review the common course catalog in the system course database to determine if a comparable common course already exists. List the two closest course matches in the common course catalog and provide a brief narrative explaining why the proposed course differs from those listed. If a search of the common course catalog determines an existing common course exists, complete the Authority to Offer an Existing Course Form. Courses requested without an attempt to find comparable courses will not be reviewed.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
GEOL 201/201L	Physical Geology + Lab	4
GEOL 322/322L	Structural Geology + Lab	4

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:

These courses are focused on one specialized area of the field, while our proposed course provides a more general overview that is appropriate to train a secondary science teacher as they will be providing general knowledge of these areas. The proposed class will include those topics from GEOL 201 that were not already covered in the pre-requisite GEOG 132 (Physical Geography) as well as topics from several other geology courses (e.g., GEOL 322, GEOL 203, and GEOL 350). The proposed course will integrate these topics at a general level, rather than the specialized courses that they are in these established courses.

Common Course *Indicate universities that are proposing this common course:*

BHSU DSU NSU SDSMT SDSU USD

Section 3. Other Course Information

3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

No. Replacement of _____

(course prefix, course number, name of course, credits)

*Attach course deletion form

Effective date of deletion: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

No. Schedule Management, explain below: **Course can be taught by existing faculty as part of their regular course load.**

Yes. Specify below:

3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered (i.e., any current or pending majors, minors, certificates, etc.):

BSEd – Secondary Science (proposed)

3.3. Proposed instructional method by university (as defined by [AAC Guideline 2.4.3.A](#)):
Please provide a brief description of how the course is appropriate for the instructional method, as defined in AAC Guidelines.

GEOL 360 – R (Lecture); GEOL 360L – L (Laboratory)

The lecture-laboratory combination is the standard instructional method for science courses.

3.4. Proposed delivery method by university (as defined by [AAC Guideline 2.4.3.B](#) and [2.4.3.B\(A-1\)](#)):

N01 Face-to-Face (F2F); N02 HyFlex; N03 HyFlex Synchronous; N15 Online Asynchronous

3.5. Term change will be effective: Fall 2024

3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit?

Yes, total credit limit: _____ No

3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)?

Yes No

3.8. Will section enrollment be capped?

Yes, max per section: 25 No

3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database?

Yes No

If yes, indicate the course(s) to which the course will equate (add lines as needed):

Prefix & No.	Course Title

3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university?

Yes No

If no, provide a brief justification below:

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

4.1. University Department: NSCM

4.2. Banner Department Code: NSCM

4.3. Proposed [CIP Code](#): 400601

Is this a new CIP code for the university? Yes No