



# SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS

## Substantive Program Modification Form

UNIVERSITY:	NSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	BGS [NBGS.GST]
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	General Studies
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION:	
CIP CODE:	24.0102
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	English, Communication & Global Languages
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	NECL
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	College of Arts & Sciences
BANNER COLLEGE CODE:	5A

### 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.

*Michael Wanous*

11/7/2024

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

Date

### 1. This modification addresses a change in (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline     | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work            | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification requiring Board of Regents approval |  |
- Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee*

### 2. Effective date of change: Fall 2025

### 3. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

### 4. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

### 5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (place an "X" in the appropriate box):

- 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:

*Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.*

- 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. Is the program being modified associated with a current articulation agreement?**

Yes  No

**a. If yes, will the articulation agreement need to be updated with the partner institution following the approve of the program change? Please explain:**

**7. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):**

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
<b>48 Major Hours, 120 Degree Hours</b>				<b>48 Major Hours, 120 Degree Hours</b>			
The Bachelor of General Studies is a flexible degree program designed to serve the needs of individuals who have earned numerous credits but have not completed their degrees. Students work with an advisor to determine course equivalencies and to develop an appropriate degree completion plan. Students earning a B.G.S. complete all general education requirements (30 hours), as well as 15 credit hours of coursework in each of three emphasis areas and a capstone course specific to the B.G.S. degree program. Majors and minors are not available within the B.G.S., and eligibility is limited to students who have completed at least 60 credit hours. A separate application process is required; contact the Center for Academic and Career Planning for more information.				The Bachelor of General Studies ( <b>B.G.S.</b> ) is a flexible degree program designed to serve the needs of individuals <b>with varied interests when pursuing a major.</b> Students work with an advisor to determine interest areas and develop an appropriate degree plan. Students earning a <b>B.G.S.</b> complete all general education requirements (30 hours), 15 credit hours of <b>coursework in three emphasis areas, and a capstone course specific to the B.G.S. degree program.</b> A <b>minor is not required for students completing the B.G.S.</b> A separate application process is required; contact the Center for Academic and Career Planning for more information.			
<b>System General Education Requirements</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>System General Education Requirements</b>			<b>30</b>
<b>General Studies, B.G.S. Program Requirements:</b>				<b>General Studies, B.G.S. Program Requirements:</b>			
<b>Freshman Seminar:</b>				<b>Freshman Seminar</b>			
FYS	101	Freshman Seminar	2	FYS	101	Freshman Seminar	2
<b>Capstone Course:</b>				<b>Capstone Course:</b>			
GS	491	Independent Study	3	GS	491	Independent Study	3
Select 15 credit hours from each of three emphasis areas from the list below:				Select 15 credit hours from each of three emphasis areas from the list below:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allied Health</b> = BIOL, CHEM HLTH , MICR,PHYGY</li> <li>• <b>Business</b> = ACCT, BADM, ECON, MIS</li> <li>• <b>Education</b> = ARTE, ECE, EDER, EDFN, ELED, ELRN, EPSY, INED, LIBM, SEED, SPED</li> <li>• <b>Fine Arts</b> = ART, ARTD, ARTH, MUAP, MUEN, MUS, THEA</li> <li>• <b>Humanities</b> = ARAB, ART, ARTH, CHIN, CMST, ENGL, FREN, GLAN, GREE, HUM, LAKL, LATI, LING, MCOM, MFL, MUS, PHIL, REL, RUSS, SPAN, THEA</li> <li>• <b>Social Science</b> = ANTH, CJUS, ECON, GEOG, GLST, HDFS, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC, SS, WMST</li> <li>• <b>Science, Engineering, &amp; Math</b> = A&amp;S, BIOL, CHEM, ESCI, GEOG, GEOL, MATH, PHGY, PHYS, PS, STAT</li> <li>• <b>Technology</b> = CSC, ELRN, MIS</li> <li>• <b>Wellness</b> = AT, HLTH, HPE, PE</li> </ul>			45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Allied Health</b> = BIOL, CHEM HLTH , MICR,PHYGY</li> <li>• <b>Business</b> = ACCT, BADM, ECON, MIS</li> <li>• <b>Education</b> = ARTE, ECE, EDER, EDFN, ELED, ELRN, EPSY, INED, LIBM, SEED, SPED</li> <li>• <b>Fine Arts</b> = ART, ARTD, ARTH, MUAP, MUEN, MUS, THEA</li> <li>• <b>Humanities</b> = ARAB, ART, ARTH, CHIN, CMST, ENGL, FREN, GLAN, GREE, HUM, LAKL, LATI, LING, MCOM, MFL, MUS, PHIL, REL, RUSS, SPAN, THEA</li> <li>• <b>Social Science</b> = ANTH, CJUS, ECON, GEOG, GLST, HDFS, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC, SS, WMST</li> <li>• <b>Science, Engineering, &amp; Math</b> = A&amp;S, BIOL, CHEM, ESCI, GEOG, GEOL, MATH, PHGY, PHYS, PS, STAT</li> <li>• <b>Technology</b> = CSC, ELRN, MIS</li> <li>• <b>Wellness</b> = AT, HLTH, HPE, PE</li> </ul>			45
ENGL 101, 201, and 205; MATH 101; and CMST 101 may not be included in emphasis areas. Credit for PE 100 (activity courses) is limited to six hours. Coursework in emphasis areas may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements.				ENGL 101, 201, and 205; MATH 101; and CMST 101 may not be included in emphasis areas. Credit for PE 100 (activity courses) is limited to six hours. Coursework in emphasis areas may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements.			
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>50</b>
Free electives			40	Free electives			40

*Existing Curriculum*

*Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)*

Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pref	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 30 credit hours must be taken from NSU.</li> <li>Minimum of 30 credit hours towards the degree must be at the upper-division level (300/400-level).</li> <li>Maximum of 90 transfer credit hours may be applied to the degree.</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of 30 credit hours must be taken from NSU.</li> <li>Minimum of 30 credit hours towards the degree must be at the upper-division level (300/400-level).</li> <li>Maximum of 90 transfer credit hours may be applied to the degree.</li> </ul>	
		The following cross-curricular skill areas, identified in SDBOR policy 2.11, will be addressed in the program of study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inquiry and analysis</li> <li>critical and creative thinking</li> <li>information literacy</li> <li>problem solving</li> <li>diversity, inclusion, and equity</li> </ul>				The following cross-curricular skill areas, identified in <a href="#">SDBOR policy 2.3.9</a> , will be addressed in the program of study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>inquiry and analysis</li> <li>critical and creative thinking</li> <li>information literacy</li> <li>problem solving</li> <li>diversity, inclusion, and equity</li> </ul>	
<b>General Education courses required</b>			30	<b>General Education courses required</b>			30
<b>Total number of hours required for major</b>			50	<b>Total number of hours required for major</b>			50
<b>Free Electives</b>			40	<b>Free Electives</b>			40
<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			120	<b>Total number of hours required for degree</b>			120
Total number of hours required for major			50	Total number of hours required for major			50
Total number of hours required for degree			120	Total number of hours required for degree			120

**8. Explanation of the Change:**

We request to remove the restriction that limits the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) to a degree completion program. Instead, we advocate for making this major accessible to both students who are returning to complete their degree and those who are initially pursuing their undergraduate studies. Expansion of the B.G.S. provides an opportunity for students with interests that do not fit neatly into a single major to customize their degree completion plan, it embraces flexibility for those students who have a large number of transfer credits from a different institution(s), and it provides a path toward a bachelor degree that may be more accessible for students who have completed an associate degree in general studies.