



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

Institution

College of Arts and Sciences/Dept of History and Social Sciences

Division/Department

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Institutional Approval Signature

9/5/2025

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
CJUS 444	Criminalizing Mental Illness	3

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 provides an in-depth examination of the intersection of mental illness and the criminal justice system, with a primary focus on the processes and consequences of criminalizing mental health conditions. Students will explore the theories, policies, and practices that contribute to the over-representation of individuals with mental illnesses in the criminal justice system. The course emphasizes a balanced perspective, examining the roles and experiences of law enforcement, mental health professionals, policymakers, and individuals with lived experience.

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?

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
CJUS 402	Social Deviance	3
CJUS 416	Drugs and Society	3

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

This course is distinct from CJUS 402 Social Deviance (USD) and CJUS 416 Drugs and Society (SDSU). CJUS 402 surveys theories of deviance across many behaviors, and CJUS 416 examines substance use, drug policy, and related social impacts. This course focuses on mental illness in the criminal justice context, including crisis response, diversion, competency and civil commitment, mental health courts, solitary confinement, and treatment in custody. Students analyze historical context, stigma, institutional practices, and the mental health effects of incarceration, and propose evidence-based alternatives. The course integrates criminology, psychology, public health, and law, with attention to the roles of law enforcement, clinicians, policymakers, and people with lived experience.

☐ **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)
*Course deletion form is attached

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

☒ **No.** Schedule Management, explain below:
This course will be included in the faculty’s 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.):

BA Criminal Justice, AA Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Minor

- 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.

R- Lecture

- 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
N02 – HyFlex
N03 – HyFlex Synchronous
N15 – Online Asynchronous
N18 – Online Synchronous

- 3.5. Term change will be effective:** Fall 2026

- 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: 30 ☐ 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:

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

4.1. University Department: History and Social Sciences

4.2. Banner Department Code: NHSS

4.3. Proposed [CIP Code](#): 45.0401

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