



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

Substantive Program Modification Form

Use this form to request minor changes in existing programs (majors, minors, certificates, or specializations).

UNIVERSITY:	NSU
CURRENT PROGRAM DEGREE:	Associate of Arts (AA)
CURRENT PROGRAM MAJOR/MINOR:	Criminal Justice
CURRENT SPECIALIZATION (If applicable):	
CIP CODE:	43.0104
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	History and Social Sciences
BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:	NHSS
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:	College of Arts and 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

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

9/5/2025

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program name | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)
Course additions that do not alter total required credits, total credits of elective course work, total credits of supportive course work or total credits for the program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification requiring Board of Regents approval
<i>Must have prior approval from Executive Director or designee</i> | |

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

4. Category (place an “X” in the appropriate box):

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

☒ On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

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

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

Program Forms, Substantive Program Modification Form (last revised 10/2022)

				CJUS	403	Counterterrorism and Cybersecurity Policy	3
				CJUS	431	Criminal Law	3
				CJUS	433	Criminal Procedure	3
				CJUS	443	American Extremism and Domestic Terrorism	3
				CJUS	444	Criminalizing Mental Illness	3
				CJUS	452	Prisons and Penology	3
				CJUS	468	Criminology for Human Services/Counseling Practice	3
				CJUS	485	Social Science Capstone	3
GEOG	372	Introduction to GIS	2	GEOG	372	Introduction to GIS	2
HIST	485	History of Modern Genocide	3	HIST	485	History of Modern Genocide	3
				POLS	100	American Government	3
POLS	210	Public Administration	3				
POLS	430	Constitutional Law	3	POLS	430	Constitutional Law	3
SOC	270	Introduction to Social Work	3	SOC	270	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOC	315	Social Work Practice I	3	SOC	315	Social Work Practice I	3
SOC	320	Social Work Practice II	3	SOC	320	Social Work Practice II	3
SOC	330	Self and Society	3	SOC	330	Self and Society	3
SOC	350	Race and Ethnic Relations	3	SOC	350	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC	354	Victimology	3	SOC	354	Victimology	3
SOC	400	Social Policy	3	SOC	400	Social Policy	3
SOC	402	Social Deviance	3	SOC	402	Social Deviance	3
SOC	423	Social Stratification	3	SOC	423	Social Stratification	3
SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency	3	SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOC	456	Community Corrections	3	SOC	456	Community Corrections	3
SOC	459	Sociology of Death and Dying	3	SOC	459	Sociology of Death and Dying	3
GENERAL ELECTIVES			7	GENERAL ELECTIVES			7
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - ASSOCIATE			24	GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS - ASSOCIATE			24
Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			36	Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			36
Total number of hours required for degree			60	Total number of hours required for degree			60

8. Explanation of the Change:

We request a name change for the program from Criminal Justice to Criminology and Criminology Justice to better reflect the scope and focus of the degree. Renaming the AA to Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ) reflects current academic and professional standards. Across higher education, CCJ has become the widely recognized acronym/program name, signaling the study not only of the justice system but also the social, psychological, and cultural causes of crime focusing more on understanding criminal behavior, societal responses, and prevention strategies. This broader scope strengthens the degree's appeal to students, enhances clarity for graduate schools and employers, and reflects the language most commonly adopted in the field today.

CCJ is an established acronym in the discipline—appearing in major associations, research journals, and degree programs. Using CCJ ensures our program is both recognizable and competitive in today's academic and professional landscape, while also aligning with the intent of our program offerings and the areas of faculty expertise.

Rather than indicating that students may select “any CJUS prefix course numbered 300–492,” we have explicitly listed each CJUS course in this range. This approach highlights the breadth of our course offerings

when students access our program webpage, providing students with clearer guidance rather than requiring them to investigate the prefix range on their own by searching our course catalog.

We have removed POLS 210 Public Administration because it is no longer regularly offered at NSU. In its place, we have added POLS 100 American Government as an elective option. This course is well-suited to the program and also fulfills the SGR #3 Civics Requirement, allowing students to meet both the general education requirement and a program elective with a single course.

Additionally, we are submitting two New Course Requests (CJUS 443 and CJUS 444) along with this Substantive Program Modification. These requests outline the rationale for the new courses and explain how they will enhance the overall curriculum.

For substantial modifications requiring Board approval, complete the items below. References to external sources should be documented with a footnote (including web addresses where applicable).

N/A

9. Date of approval from the Executive Director or designee.
10. Identify the program modification requested.
11. Provide justification for the desired modification.
12. Would the requested modification require a change to the catalog description and/or the program learning outcomes? If so, describe.
13. Indicate the number of students currently enrolled in the program.
14. Describe the real impact to students.
15. Describe the real impact to the university.
16. Describe any cost associated with the program modification.
17. Describe any risks and unintended consequences associated with the program modification.
18. Would this modification be effective for current and future students, or only students who enroll following the change?