

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

New Certificate

UNIVERSITY:	SDSU
TITLE OF PROPOSED CERTIFICATE:	Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability
INTENDED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION:	2020-2021 Academic Year
PROPOSED CIP CODE:	05.0202
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Please check this box to confirm that:

- ◁ The individual preparing this request has read [AAC Guideline 2.7](#), which pertains to new certificate requests, and that this request meets the requirements outlined in the guidelines.
- ◁ This request will not be posted to the university website for review of the Academic Affairs Committee until it is approved by the Executive Director and Chief Academic Officer.

University Approval

To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that

Black Hills as a container for everything that is good ó spiritually, physically, and culturally ó making the Black Hills the perfect location for this program. The Wizipan program is grounded in the Lakota philosophy, Mitakuye Oyasin ó we are all related ó a theoretical and experiential framework for acknowledging the interrelated nature of everything. The program encourages students to evaluate and understand the interconnectedness of care of self (trauma, mental, physical, spiritual health), care of community (kinship and family), care of environment (relationship to land, food, and sustenance), and care of culture (language, narrative, ceremony). The coursework is tied to these established frameworks which understand human interactions with the environment as a large kinship system. By studying American Indian culture, natural resource management, and leadership in an experiential setting, students will come to demonstrate a holistic understanding of their relationship to self, community, environment, and culture. Wachante Hecha Wizipan is based in the Indigenous experience of flourishing with all of our relations in these lands and provides the leadership to combine Indigenous knowledge and environmental science to rebuild a better world.

The Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability program is designed to have students study on site at the Indian University of North America® at the Crazy Horse Memorial®. Students will have the opportunity to earn 15 credits and think critically about what sustainability and leadership in action looks like in their communities. Students will identify critical sustainability issues and resolution strategies for their communities.

SDSU does not request new state resources for the proposed certificate.

3. If you do not have a major in this field, explain how the proposed certificate relates to your university mission and strategic plan, and to the current Board of Regents Strategic Plan 2014-2020.

The Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability Certificate supports the mission of SDSU as provided in SDCL 13-58-1:

Dakota State University, formerly the state college of agriculture and mechanical arts, shall be under the control of the Board of Regents and shall provide undergraduate and graduate programs of instruction in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education in agriculture, education, engineering, home economics, nursing and pharmacy, and other courses or programs as the Board of Regents may determine.

The proposed program also supports the goals stated in the South Dakota Board of Regents Strategic Plan 2014-2020:

Goal 1 Student Success

- ◁ Increase total undergraduate degrees awarded.
- ◁ Increase the number of degrees awarded to Native American students.

Goal 2 Academic Quality and Performance

- ◁ Grow the number of students participating in experiential learning.

In addition, the certificate supports the Wokini Initiative at SDSU and the goals and strategies of Imagine 2023¹. Vj g'Y qnk'fkk'v'g'ku'UFUWu'eqmcdqtc'v'g'cpf'j qnk'le'ltco gy qtm'q'" support American Indian student success and Indigenous Nation-building. Ongoing

¹ <https://www.sdstate.edu/imagine-2023-aspire-discover-achieve>

The certificate in Wizipan Leadership and Sustainability will compliment a broad cadre of majors and career paths in health care, engineering, natural resource management, and food systems. By studying American Indian culture, natural resource management, and leadership in an experiential setting, students will come to demonstrate a holistic understanding of their relationship to self, community, environment, and culture.

C. Is the certificate a stackable credential with credits that apply to a higher level

program(s) to which the certificate stacks and the number of credits from the certificate that can be applied to the program.

No

7. List the courses required for completion of the certificate in the table below (if any new courses are proposed for the certificate, please attach the new course requests to this form).

Prefix	Number	Course Title	Prerequisites for Course	Credit Hours	New (yes, no)
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