



**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 TITLE:	Political Science
CIP CODE:	451001
UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:	History & Social Sciences
UNIVERSITY DIVISION:	College of Arts & Sciences

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 Werow

Vice President of Academic Affairs or
President of the University

12/18/2019

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) |

2. Effective date of change: 8/24/2020

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: Government

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

6. 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.
Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization				Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			
Total number of hours required for degree				Total number of hours required for degree			

7. Explanation of the Change:

The program faculty believe that the name change to Government will make the degree more relevant and understandable to students. It is a more accurate reflection of the field as well as the academic, intellectual, and methodological interests of our students and faculty. Ideally, it will help recruit students to classes and the major.

The program has generated increased prominence both on and off campus as it has concentrated its efforts on more experiential learning opportunities for students and worked to bring elected officials to campus for lectures and talks. The program’s great success in placing students in internships at, especially, the state level also buttresses the program’s strengths in applied governmental work.