

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. Detailed instructions for the proposal should be followed. A checklist is available to assist in the preparation of a proposal. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: _____ Bahira Trask _____ phone -
number _____

Department: _____ HDFS _____ email
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Date: _____ Nov. 6, 2016 _____

Action: _____ Change of Name of Academic
Department _____

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise
major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective
term _____ 17F _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ **B.S. / M.S. /**
Ph.D. _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of:
_____ **same** _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____ **Department of Human Development and Family**
Sciences _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, either describing the new program or highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

N/A

Supply support letter from the Library, Dean, and/or Department Chair if needed
(all new majors/minors will need a support letter from the appropriate administrator.)

Supply a resolution for all new majors/programs; name changes of colleges, departments, degrees; transfer of departments from one college to another; creation of new departments; requests for permanent status. See example of resolutions.

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Development and Family Studies in the College of Education and Human Development is responding to a national initiative to change the name of all of these types of departments to the Department to Human Development and Family Sciences

WHEREAS, a name change will provide branding consistency with the name of the department and is consistent with the national trends as evidenced by competitor and peer departments that have already changed their names

WHEREAS, the name change has the full support of the HDFS faculty, be it therefore

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves a name change for the Department of Human Development and Family Studies to the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, effective July 1, 2017

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 5 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www2.udel.edu/gened/>

N/A

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(This would include other departments/units whose courses are a required part of the proposed curriculum. Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

N/A

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

On May 31, 2016 the faculty of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) agreed unanimously to change the name of the department to **Human Development and Family Sciences**. The proposed change will help increase departmental visibility with a variety of stakeholders and will more closely align the professional identities of faculty members with the department name. The name change will not change the mission or structure of the department and will not be expensive.

HDFS is a strong multidisciplinary program that offers degrees at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Although undergraduate education is a particular strength, HDFS also has a strong graduate program. The faculty think a departmental name change to **Human Development and Family Science** will enhance our visibility with prospective students, the public, and colleagues within the University. Faculty and students think that **Human Development and Family Science** better reflects our research-oriented mission and activities, and is therefore a more accurate and understandable label for prospective employers' of students than Human Development and Family *Studies*, which can have multiple, often vague, meanings. This name change will enhance the visibility and status of the human development and family scholarship and scholars in the department.

The first part of our department name, Human Development, is well-recognized as it is used by many similar departments where basic and applied research on every stage of the lifespan (e.g., infancy, adolescence, old age) takes place. Family science has been a professional identity for the HDFS faculty members and graduates who have focused their careers on teaching about and studying family relationships, couple dynamics, and family systems. The National Council on Family Relations, the primary professional organization for family scholarship, formally adopted family science as the preferred term to identify the field. Consequently, renaming our department would be consistent with this identity. In addition, this proposed change is consistent with a national initiative among similar departments to change the word "studies" to "science" and "sciences" (e.g., Ohio State, University of Georgia, Oregon State, Oklahoma State, the University of Texas, and the University of Arkansas have made this change recently).

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.) See example of side by side.

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION:

(Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Bark Tule Date 12-14-16Dean of College Carol Vukobratovic Date 12.15.16

(By signing above, the Dean confirms that their college policies and bylaws have been followed correctly during consideration of the request described in this form.)

The approval actions that were taken at the college level were (check all that apply) :

☐ college faculty vote; ☐ college curriculum approval ☐ college senate approvalChairperson, College Curriculum Committee [Signature] Date 12/16/16

Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____

Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____

Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____

Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____

Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____

Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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