

Proposal for a Name Change in a Major
February 11, 2002

Department: Human Development and Family Studies (HD FS)

Current name of major: Child and Family Services

Proposed name of major: Child, Adult, and Family Services

Rationale for proposed name change:

In the 1999-2001 catalog, the major titled Child and Family Services included two options, Child Services Family Services, both subsumed under the title Child and Family Services. During catalog preparations for the 2001-2003 catalog, the faculty in this major began to work on designing a more specified set of options under this major, resulted in five options: Child Programs, Youth Programs, Adult Programs, Family Programs, and Policy and Advocacy. Although faculty recognized that the title of the major was not inclusive enough to cover the options, the timeline for title changes had come and gone. Then about three weeks ago, somebody mentioned that we had planned to propose a title change for the 2003-2005 catalog and proposed the new title. The HD FS curriculum committee voted unanimously in favor of the change, as did the departmental faculty last Monday. Today (2-11-02) the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Curriculum Committee unanimously approved it as well.

Actual student enrollments in the Child and Family Services major in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies for the last five years:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Students Enrolled</u>
September, 1997	259
September, 1998	257
September 1999	249
September 2000	258
September 2001	260

Projected student enrollments in the Child, Adult, and Family Services major in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies for the next five years:

With enrollments counted in September of each year, 2002-2006, no change in enrollments is project from the ranged of 249 to 260 cited above.

Changes in requirements for the major under the "old" vs. the "new" name:

No changes of any substantive nature are anticipated. This name change is an effort to correctly name what was already changed in the last catalog. We are now bringing the name into line with the previous changes.

Results of survey of names of majors in units similar to our department at other universities:

Having been asked to secure information concerning names of majors in units similar to our own at other universities, we surveyed several such units and found the following:

<u>University</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Name of Major</u>
Purdue	Child Development and Family Studies	Youth, Adult, and Family Services
Ohio State	Human Development and Family Science	Human Development and Family Studies with Family Studies option
U. Illinois	Human and Community Development	Human Development and Family Studies
BYU	Marriage, Family, and Human Develop.	Marriage, Family, and Human Dev.
U. Kentucky	Family Studies	Family Studies
U. Georgia	Child and Family Development	Child and Family Development
Utah State	Family and Human Development	Family and Human Development
S. Dakota St.	Human Development Consumer and Family Sciences	Human Development and Family Studies
U. Iowa	Nothing equivalent	Nothing equivalent
U. N. Iowa	Design, Family, and Consumer Sciences	Family Services

It is clear from our survey of departments somewhat similar to ours that only Purdue has used the word “Adult” in naming their major. Child Development and Family Studies at Purdue, like Human Development and Family Studies at Iowa State, is a large and more complex department. In both, the study of adult development is an area of growing emphasis and concern as adults live longer; both Indiana and Iowa target an aging population, as well. Thus our goal is to represent our areas of study so that the student looking at our majors can see the variety and complexity of our department.

The last two entries, the other Iowa Regents Institutions, show that we are not overlapping in our name change. The University of Iowa has no such department or major and the University of Northern Iowa has a very general program in family services.