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BOARD OF REGENTS, STATE OF IOWA
PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM/DEPARTMENT NAME CHANGE

Institution: _____ Iowa State University _____
 Current Title of Program/Department: _____ Child, Adult, and Family Services (ChFS) _____
 Proposed Title of Program/Department: _____ Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) _____
 Name of College: _____ College of Human Sciences _____
 Approximate date to implement changes: Month _____ June _____ Year _____ 2021 _____
 Contact person: (name, telephone, and e-mail) _____ Jonathan Fox, 515-294-6993, jifox@iastate.edu _____

Please do not use acronyms without defining them.

1. Describe reasons (justification) for the proposed changes.

On March 6, 2020, the faculty of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies voted to change the Child, Adult, and Family Services (ChFS) name to Human Development and Family Studies by a vote of 30 to 3, with one abstention. In a survey administered just before the faculty vote, current students identified Human Development and Family Studies as the best name for the Child, Adult, and Family Services major.

The existing ChFS major prepares students to work with people from the very young to the very old. ChFS majors develop capabilities in education delivery, childcare, youth development, family interaction/intervention, conflict resolution, program evaluation, and addiction/abuse treatment. Overall, graduates prepare for helping individuals and families learn, develop, thrive, and overcome hardships. A few examples of wide-ranging career options include child and family advocate, youth counselor, homeless liaison, health coordinator, residential counselor, child care center teacher/director, youth and family counselor, and case manager/care liaison for children and adults with special needs. The intersection of these capabilities, based on understanding the development process for individuals in complicated family settings, and diverse professional opportunities serving families is the primary justification for the new major name of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS).

Human Development and Family Studies is the current name of the home department for the ChFS major. Department structure is the result of a decades-old merger of smaller departments where former department names came forward through major names. At the start, the unit simply housed a collection of related majors. With the development of the field and evolution of the ChFS major, the two grew together. ChFS is the largest major in the department, and all students in the program engage with individuals and families through a required capstone internship experience. Success in the capstone depends upon the application of human development theory within the context of community and family service.

Peer institutions with related departments have majors with names including some combination of the critical terms of human development and family studies/services. Sharing a major name of human development and family studies will help place Iowa State University within its peer set and better identify our programs as a good fit for students interested in research and graduate studies in the field. For

example, in the 2020 College Factual ranking of 121 colleges with programming in human development and family studies, Iowa State University ranks fifteenth, even without an easily identified major of the name. Based on a survey of HDFS faculty in research-intensive universities, top departments were identified in 2014 and 2017. The top-ranked departments with undergraduate programs consistently use a combination of department and major names based on the intersection of human development and family studies/sciences.

Department names and related undergraduate majors. Top 15 peer institutions based on faculty survey of research productivity.

University	Department Name	Related Major Name
Pennsylvania State University	Human Development and Family Studies	Human Development and Family Studies
Cornell University	Human Development	Human Development
University of Illinois	Human Development and Family Studies	Human Development and Family Studies
University of Maryland	Human Development and Quantitative Methodology	Human Development
Arizona State University	School of Social and Family Dynamics	Family and Human Development
Northwestern University	School of Education and Social Policy	Human Development in Context
Ohio State University	Department of Human Sciences	Human Development and Family Sciences
University of Minnesota	Family Social Science	Family Social Science
University of Connecticut	Human Development and Family Sciences	Human Development and Family Sciences
University of North Carolina	Human Development and Family Studies	Child, Youth, & Family Development
Virginia Tech	Human Development and Family Science	Human Development
Auburn	Human Development and Family Studies	Human Development and Family Studies
Oregon State University	Human Development and Family Sciences	Human Development and Family Sciences
Purdue University	Human Development and Family Studies	Development and Family Science Human Services
University of Texas	Human Development and Family Sciences	Human Development and Family Sciences

2. How will the proposed change affect current students?

The impact on current Child, Adult, and Family Services majors will be minimal. Classes and program requirements will not change significantly, and options within the newly named Human Development and Family Studies major will reflect areas of specialization in i) health, well-being, and prevention, ii) administration, policy, and advocacy, and iii) child development and guidance.

3. If relevant, have accreditation requirements been addressed?

Not relevant for the name of the major.

4. If relevant, describe program configuration changes that will accompany the proposed program or department name change, e.g., change in number of credit hours required, faculty appointments, etc.

Faculty appointments will not change with this name change. All faculty currently reside within the Department of Human Development and Family Studies. The newly named major will require the same total number of credit hours, with some reorganization around an expanded core leading to three areas of specialization.

5. If relevant, identify resources that will be needed in connection with the proposed program or department name change, e.g., facilities, faculty, funds, etc.

The current resources with the Department of Human Development and Family Studies allocated to the Child, Adult, and Family Studies program are adequate to administer a newly named major in Human Development and Family Studies.

6. Is this intended to be a temporary or permanent change? If temporary, for how long?

The major name of Human Development and Family Studies will be permanent.

June 3, 2020

Jonathan Fox, Associate Chair
Department of Human Development and Family Studies
Iowa State University

Dear Professor Fox,

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Northern Iowa, has no conflict with your proposed name change for the major. The UNI Family Services faculty within the School of Applied Human Sciences understand the rationale and the national commonality of the name you are proposing. As my faculty highlighted, the programs offered in your department at Iowa State University remain distinct and unique from those offered here at the University of Northern Iowa. As the change in name for the major does not impinge on the program focus here at the University of Northern Iowa, it does not cause a conflict or duplication of effort. We value the spirit of collaboration that has occurred over the years between the two departments.

Regards,



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May 29, 2020

Professor Jonathan J. Fox,
Associate Chair
Human Development and Family Studies
Iowa State University

Dear Dr. Fox,

I am writing to support your proposal to change the name of the Child, Adult, and Family Services major to *Human Development and Family Studies*. The new name fits with the trend around the country, and it will help students and others identify this major more easily.

I hope your transition to this new name goes well.

Best,



Susan E. Cross, Chair
Department of Psychology



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To: Reviewers of Curriculum Change Proposals

From: Jennifer Glanville, Professor and DEO, Department of Sociology and Criminology,
University of Iowa

RE: Change in name of major, Human Development and Family Studies at ISU

Date: June 3, 2020

We are happy to support the proposed major name change from Child, Adult, and Family Studies to Human Development and Family Studies at Iowa State University. In our Department of Sociology and Criminology, we have two tracks for our Sociology major and one is focused on Family, Health, and Well-being. This option has some similarities to the current Child, Adult, and Family Studies major, but students in our department have more of a focus on health than graduates from the major at Iowa State. Regardless, the proposed new name presents no apparent confusion or overlap and the proposal appears to be well justified.

We support the change in the name of the Child, Adult, and Family Studies major with no reservations.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Glanville
Professor and Chair

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September 30, 2020

Dear Curriculum Reviewer,

The Office of the Dean in the College of Human Sciences is pleased to support the proposed major name change from Child, Adult, and Family Studies to Human Development and Family Studies. We agree that this will better position the major relative to similar majors in peer institutions.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Reason
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Academic Affairs
College of Human Sciences

Academic Program Approval Voting Record

This document is to be appended as the last page of the proposal for any new or revised academic program to record the successive votes of approval as the proposal moves through its required review and approval steps. Consult Faculty Handbook Section 10.8 or the Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee website for information regarding Committee review and voting requirements for each action.

Curricular Action: (check appropriate boxes below)

1. New Program Name Change Discontinuation Concurrent Degree for:
2. Undergraduate Major Graduate Major Undergraduate Minor Graduate Minor
 Undergraduate Certificate Graduate Certificate Other: _____
3. Name of Proposed Change: Child, Adult, and Family Services (ChFS) to Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS)
4. Name of Contact Person: Jonathan Fox e-mail address: jjfox@iastate.edu
5. Primary College: CHS Secondary College: _____
6. Involved Department(s): HDFS

Voting record for this curricular action:

Voting Body	Votes			Date of Vote
	For	Against	Abstain	
Dept. or Program Committee	30	3	1	3/6/2020
College Curriculum Committee	6	0	0	9/8/2020
College Approval Vote	139	0	4	10/2/2020
Graduate Council				
Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee	6	0	0	10/6/2020
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Council	10	0	0	10/23/2020
Faculty Senate				