

**DEGREE/PROGRAM CHANGE
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Semester Fall Year 2017

Course Information

Select Appropriate Program Undergraduate Degree Program
Name of New or Existing Program BA Family and Child Studies
Select Category Major Degree Type BA
Select Action Deletion

Exact Title and Requirements as they should appear in the catalog. If there is a change, upload current and proposed requirements.

See current catalog for format within the respective college (upload a doc/pdf file)

Does this change affect other departmental program/branch campuses? If yes, indicate below.

Reason(s) for Request (enter text below or upload a doc/pdf file)
Please see attached

[Deleting BA in FCS.docx](#)

Upload a document that includes justification for the program, impact on long-range planning, detailed budget analysis and faculty workload implications.(upload a doc/pdf file)

Are you proposing a new undergraduate degree or new undergraduate certificate? If yes, upload the following documents.

Upload a two-page Executive Summary authorized by Associate Provost. (upload a doc/pdf file)

Upload memo from Associate Provost authorizing go-ahead to full proposal. (upload a doc/pdf file)

The Bachelor of Arts in FCS is an unusual degree. Administratively it is housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, but all of the faculty and coursework belong to the College of Education. After discussion with the College of Education, we seek to discontinue this degree because its original role is no longer relevant and because the College of Arts and Sciences cannot effectively administer a program taught entirely by faculty in another college

The main reason that students selected this program was because it was difficult to combine the BS degree with other subject areas within A&S. Thus, in previous configurations of the degree, it was difficult for student to complete desired A&S minors. The BA, in contrast, allowed students to combine the FCS coursework with a second major or minor within A&S (psychology or sociology for example). However, over the years changes to the curricula have resulted in a more efficient BS degree. Now, desired combinations of majors and minors are more easily incorporated into a BS.

A&S has found it difficult to manage this degree. We do not have an assessment plan, program and data for the degree because the faculty who could create and manage an assessment program do not report to A&S. We have also found it challenging to serve students well when the purview of the courses they need lies outside our control. That is, the department that makes the financial and curricular decisions about course availability is outside the college. A&S has no control over the availability of seats or of changes in the curriculum. The most extreme example of this occurred last year when the degree requirements for the BA, technically and A&S degree, were modified with no input or approval from A&S.

In order to serve student needs and administer the degree appropriately, the college that owns the department and makes the financial and curricular decisions for FCS should also be the college that awards the degree and houses the students.

Students who are currently completing the BA degree will be allowed to complete their program. Students in Arts and Sciences may continue to select a minor in FCS. We will advise new students that the BA in FCS is no longer available in Arts and Sciences.