

## UNIVERSITY SENATE REVIEW AND CONSULTATION SUMMARY SHEET

**Proposal Title:** *Change of Program Name – MS in Family Studies with a Major in Home Economics to MS in Family Studies with a Major in Family Studies*

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**Instruction:** To facilitate the processing of this proposal please identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal, identify a contact person for each entry, provide the consequences of the review (specifically, approval, rejection, no decision and vote outcome, if any) and please attach a copy of any report or memorandum developed with comments on this proposal.

Reviewed by: (Chairs, Directors, Faculty Groups, Faculty Councils, Committees, etc)	Contact person Name (phone/email)	Consequences of Review:	Date of Proposal Review	Review Summary Attached? (yes or no)
Family Studies Dept Approval	Dr. Ray Forgue Curriculum Committee Chair 7-7756 or <a href="mailto:forgue@uky.edu">forgue@uky.edu</a>  Or  Dr. Tricia Dyk, Interim Chair; 7-4363 <a href="mailto:pdyk@uky.edu">pdyk@uky.edu</a>	Approved by department, signed by former Chair, Dr. Gladys Hildreth	Received by College on Feb 22, 2005	Yes, I re-polled the faculty to make sure that they support this. See attached comments
College of Agriculture Graduate Council	Dr. Mike Mullen 7-3468 <a href="mailto:Mike.mullen@uky.edu">Mike.mullen@uky.edu</a>	Approval by CoA Graduate council via email vote	Sent to Committee on March 12, 2005 – Approved March 15	No

Notice to CoA Faculty – sent on March 19	Dr. Mike Mullen 7-3468 <a href="mailto:Mike.mullen@uky.edu">Mike.mullen@uky.edu</a>	No negative comments	March 19 to March 24, 2005	No
Sent to UK Graduate Council on April 1, 2005.	Dr. Jeanine Blackwell	Approved April 22, 2005 and transmitted to Senate Council	April 1, 2005 to April 22, 2005	

**Recent re-polling of the Family Studies Faculty by Email on Sep 13<sup>th</sup>**

Question from Dr. Mike Mullen to FAM Faculty on Sept. 12, 2005:

Family Studies Faculty;

This past spring, we sent forth a proposal to change the MS program in Family Studies. Currently, the degree is in Family Studies with a major in Home Economics. The proposal is to change the Major name from Home Economics to Family Studies. There are students who are campaigning at high levels who do not want Home Economics on their transcript. This was approved by Family Studies in February of 2005 and the College Grad Council in March of 2005. University Senate Council would like documentation to show that departmental faculty are on board with this name change. Please respond to me by end of business on Sept 14<sup>th</sup> if possible.

Thank you,

Dr. Mike Mullen  
Associate Dean for Academic Programs  
College of Agriculture

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The following are responses from all faculty but 2 of the 11 faculty in the department. Dr. Hyungsoo Kim is out of the country. Dr. Kay Bradford has not responded, but he worked with me on the original proposal to make sure it was correct for the Marriage and Family Therapy option in the MS program. Based on that interaction last spring, I expect Dr. Bradford to fully support this major name change.



Responses:

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Mike, I am not sure what type of documentation you need. We voted on the proposal in a faculty meeting and Dr. Hildreth signed the form in response to that vote. --Ray

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Hi,

I'm in Poland for a conference and doing a quick check of email. Yes, I'm on board with the name change.

Thanks, Leigh Ann Simmons

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Mike

Fine with me.

Donna R. Smith

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Hello Dr. Mullen – I am in full support of this degree name change.

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Mike, This message will document my support for the change. Students in our graduate programs rely on correct transcripts for licensure. That is surely the case here since the College itself stopped using the Home Economics language in the 1990s. -Greg

Gregory Brock, Ph.D.  
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Very high support from me!

Thanks,  
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I vote for a MS program in Family Studies with a major in Family Studies

Thanks

Claudia J. Heath, Ph.D.  
Director, Research Center for Families and Children  
Professor, Family Studies  
Director of Graduate Studies, Family Studies  
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Dear Dr. Mullen,

I am in full support of the proposal to change the major name from Home Economics to Family Studies. While I respect and am greatly appreciative of the historical ties of our profession to Home Economics, I believe the title Family Studies more accurately represents the evolution and current nature of the field.

Sincerely,  
Robyn L. Mowery, Ph.D., LMFT  
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As Interim Chair I am fully supportive of this change.

Note: Two faculty are out of country attending professional meetings: Leigh Ann Simmons is in Poland and Hyungsoo Kim is in Korea. I am not sure whether Greg Brock has left for Pakistan as he was waiting on visas – he should have email access shortly after arrival. Hence these 3 Family Studies faculty members may not be able to respond by Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Tricia Dyk

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**College of Agriculture**

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MEMORANDUM

To: College of Agriculture Graduate Curriculum Committee

From: Mike Mullen, Associate Dean for Academic Programs

Re: Change in MS Degree Program – Family Studies

Attached are three proposals from Family Studies to change their MS degree program and add two new courses.

The proposals do the following:

1. Changes the name from Home Economics to Family Studies. This is vitally important to current students who do not want their degree in Home Economics.
2. Increases the number of required hours from 12 to 15 while specifically indicating that “elective” courses are to be approved by the student’s advisory committee.
3. Reduces the total number of hours from 36 to 30.
4. Proposes the addition of FAM 640 and FAM 740 to the course offerings in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Please look these over and comment directly back to me at [Mike.Mullen@uky.edu](mailto:Mike.Mullen@uky.edu).

Thank you.

## REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM

Program: Master of Science in Family Studies  
 Department/Division: Family Studies  
 College: Agriculture Bulletin pp http://www.research.uky.edu/gsbulletin/current/famstud.shtml  
 Degree Title (Old): Home Economics-Family Studies Major (New): Family Studies  
 CIP Code: 19.0701 HEGIS Code: MSFAM  
 Accrediting Agency (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

### I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)	9	9
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)	n/a	n/a
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	n/a	n/a
4. Termination criteria		
5. Plan A requirements*	see attached	see attached
6. Plan B requirements*	see attached	see attached
7. Distribution of course levels required (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)	see attached	see attached
8. Required courses (if applicable)	see attached	see attached
9. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	n/a	n/a
10. Final examination requirements	see attached	see attached

\* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

Family Studies Change in MS Program

Changes in Program Requirements.

	Current	Proposed
5. Plan A Requirements.	12 credits of required courses plus 6 thesis credits. 18 credits of electives. 36 total credits	15 credits of required courses plus 6 thesis credits. 9 credits of electives as approved by the student's Advisory Committee. 30 total credits
6. Plan B Requirements.	12 credits of required courses. 24 credits of electives. 36 total credits.	15 credits of required courses plus 3 credits of independent work on a Plan B Project. 12 credits of electives as approved by the student's Advisory Committee. 30 total credits
7. Distribution of course levels required.	At least one-half must be at 600+ level and two thirds must be in organized courses.	At least one-half must be at 600+ level and two thirds must be in organized courses.
8. Required courses.	FAM 652, FAM 654, FAM 668, FAM 690	FAM 601, FAM 652, FAM 654, FAM 668, FAM 690
10. Final examination requirements.	Completion of a thesis or written integrative scholarly project and an oral final exam.	Same

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11. Any other requirements not covered above  
 n/a

**II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)**

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.

There are three components to this program change.

1. The first is the change of the MS degree name from Home Economics to Family Studies. The Graduate Bulletin (page 87) clearly shows that the degree is an MS in Family Studies. Evidently, this change has never been officially made on the degree name as it shows on student transcripts and diploma. Several current students are very anxious about this issue, and are insistent that they do NOT want a degree in Home Economics. This request formalizes what is already in the Graduate Bulletin. The faculty in Family Studies concur that this change is long overdue.

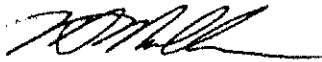
2. The second change in this request focuses on changing the general requirements for the MS in Family Studies. Currently, students in Plan A must take 12 hours in required courses, 6 hours of thesis credit, and 18 hours of electives. We propose to require 15 hours in FAM with 6 thesis hours and 9 credits of electives taken with the approval of the Advisory Committee. This results in a total of 30 credit hours for the MS degree plus a thesis. Students in Plan B currently take 12 credits of required courses plus 24 credits of electives. We propose to require 15 credit hours in FAM plus 3 credit hours of independent work (FAM 785, 786, or 787). The Plan B student will also take 12 credit hours in electives that are selected with the approval of the student's Advisory Committee.

3. Two new course applications are included with this request. Both FAM 640 and 740 are to be included in the course work for those Plan B students pursuing the MS in Family Studies in the Marriage and Family Therapy area. These courses will be part of the 12 hours of elective hours taken by the student. Both of these courses will replace a series of 1 hour seminars offered under FAM 759 and 776. FAM 759 and 776 will be left in the catalog in order to offer timely subtitled courses as the need arises.

**Signatures of Approval:**

  
 Department Chair

2-22-05  
 Date

  
 Dean of the College

**APPROVED**  
 By Michael Mullen at 9:35 am, Apr 15, 2005

April 15, 2005

Date of Notice to the Faculty

\*Undergraduate Council

Date

\*University Studies

Date

Approved by Graduate Council  
 on April 22, 2005

Graduate Council

Date

Academic Council for the Medical Center

Date

Senate Council

Date of Notice to University Senate



\*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

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ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

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