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. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: __Lynn Worden____________________phone number_831-1922___________
Department: ___Individual and Family Studies_______email address_worden@udel.edu______

Action: _____________Revise major ___________________________________________
(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__________07F_____________________________________________________________________________
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree________BS__________________________________________________
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

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

Proposed name:_____Honors: Early Childhood Education__________________________
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration:__Honors: Early Childhood Education____
(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, 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”)

IFST 481: Honors Capstone Student Teaching Seminar

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/

Honors students will take IFST 481 instead of IFST 480: Student Teaching Seminar. This new course addresses several of the university’s goals of undergraduate education:

1. Attain effective skills in oral and written communication, quantitative reasoning, and the use of information
6. Develop the intellectual curiosity, confidence, and engagement that will lead to lifelong learning: Students will be required to develop a teacher research project investigating a topic of their choice that will be implemented during their student teaching placements.

7. Develop the ability to integrate academic knowledge with experiences that extend the boundaries of the classroom: The teacher research project will combine knowledge gained in the classroom and through library research with experiences during 18 weeks of student teaching.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:
(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter “None”)
None

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):
(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

All students completing an honors degree must complete a capstone course. Currently, early childhood education (ECE) majors who are completing an honors degree must take a capstone course outside of their major because there are no designated capstone courses in the ECE major. The major has no room for a three-credit free elective, so honors students must take an extra course to fulfill this requirement. The proposed course is designed to fit in with ECE majors’ required courses and would be substituted for IFST 480: Student Teaching Seminar, which is required for non-honors students. IFST 480 is only two credits and is pass/fail. As a result, that course cannot be a capstone course. The proposed course will include additional assignments involving teachers as researchers and a public presentation of findings along with the other requirements of IFST 480, which requires students to complete a mastery portfolio that is publicly defended.

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.)

HONORS BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

The recipient must complete:
1. All requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education
2. All of the University’s generic requirements for the Honors Baccalaureate Degree. (See page 48 of this catalog.)
3. These additional requirements:
   a. Student Teaching Seminar must be taken as an Honors course (IFST 481).
   b. Achieve a 3.4 GPA in major.

ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson ____________________ Date ____________________
Dean of College __________________________ Date ____________________
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee __________________________ Date ____________________
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 ____________________