



University System of Ohio
Board of Regents

John R. Kasich, Governor
Jim Petro, Chancellor

REQUEST AND RECOMMENDATION

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY M.S. and Ph.D. in Consumer Sciences

The Ohio State University seeks approval to restructure the existing Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees in Consumer Sciences.

Background:

To align with the new structure of the College of Education and Human Ecology, OSU requests modifications to the existing Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Consumer Sciences. This request is the result of three factors: the merger of the College of Education and the College of Human Ecology to form "CEHE," the present restructuring of the CEHE departmental structure, and the University's semester conversion. The modified M.S. & Ph.D. programs will serve the needs of the students with the same academic and professional interests as the current programs.

The foundation of the Consumer Sciences graduate work is the study of consumers, consumer theory, consumption patterns, and consumer decision-making. The proposed restructured Ph.D. is an integrated program that prepares researchers and scholars to significantly and positively impact consumers within the global economy. The proposed restructured M.S. program provides post-baccalaureate training and a foundation for doctoral study.

Curriculum and Enrollment:

Doctoral students will complete a minimum of 50 semester credit hours in Consumer Sciences graduate core courses, research methods and statistics, etc., with a minimum of 6 credit hours of dissertation research. Master's students will complete a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of Consumer Sciences graduate core courses, research methods and statistics, etc., with a minimum of 5 credit hours of thesis research. It is expected that student demand for the proposed, modified M.S. and Ph.D. in Consumer Sciences degree programs will be similar to what OSU currently experiences.

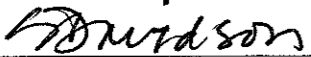
Faculty and Resources:


There are no anticipated additional costs associated with the proposed restructured M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Consumer Sciences. Adequate faculty, facilities, staff and resources are in place to support the programs.

Recommendation:

The proposed modifications to the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Consumer Sciences meet the Chancellor's standards for graduate degrees, and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Chancellor.

End of Comment Period: September 21, 2012
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

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| RECOMMENDATION | |
| The Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs has verified that this institution has met the standards and requirements of the Ohio Board of Regents. | |
|  | 9/21/12 |
| Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs | Date |

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| APPROVED | |
|  | 10-1-12 |
| Jim Petro, Chancellor | Date |

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