

Subject: RE: Minor in Child and Family Studies
From: "Ann Branaman" <branaman@fau.edu>
Sent: 9/29/25, 15:41:11
To: "Miguel Vazquez" <mvazquez@fau.edu>
CC: "Terje Hill" <terjehill@fau.edu>; "Julie Earles" <jearles@fau.edu>

Hi Miguel,

We were planning on adding a very similar concentration in Sociology and/or a new minor in Sociology: Human Development, Life Course, and Family Studies (or something like that).

I presume there would be no conflict if we were to do that in the future?

In any case, I would have no objection to your development of the minor.

Ann

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Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 1:49 PM
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Subject: Minor in Child and Family Studies

Good afternoon, Ann,

The Honors College is submitting paperwork to create a new minor in Child and Family Studies. As you know, based on your experience with the UUPC, we should consult with other departments in related disciplines. Does the Sociology Department object to the creation of this minor?

Thank you,
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From: "Heather Thompson" <hthompson@fau.edu>

Sent: 10/3/25, 13:22:16

To: "Morgan Cooley" <cooleym@fau.edu>; "Miguel Vazquez" <mvazquez@fau.edu>; "Precious Skinner-Osei" <pskinnerosei@fau.edu>

CC: "Terje Hill" <terjehill@fau.edu>; "Marianna Colvin" <mcolvin@fau.edu>

Good afternoon all:

I agree with Morgan – this minor does not create a conflict with our offerings.

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From: Morgan Cooley <cooleym@fau.edu>

Sent: Thursday, October 2, 2025 10:33 PM

To: Miguel Vazquez <mvazquez@fau.edu>; Precious Skinner-Osei <pskinnerosei@fau.edu>

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Hi Miguel,

Thank you for sending this information. This topic is near and dear to our hearts, and I think it's great that you are offering this to students. Both Heather and myself came out of a PhD program that came from a family studies/family sciences department. I can't personally think of any other questions or concerns at this time since there is no conflict with our programming. I will pass this over to my colleagues to weigh in.

Morgan

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Good afternoon,

At the Honors College, in the Jupiter campus, we are creating a new minor in Child and Family studies. All the classes in the minor already exist at the Honors College. As I stated before, this will not create any kind of conflict since this is a program exclusively for Honors College students. Our Social Sciences faculty expect that the minor will incentivize enrollment in our upper division classes.

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From: Precious Skinner-Osei <pskinnerosei@fau.edu>

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Hi Miguel,

Thank you for reaching out. To brief our Child Welfare Institute faculty and gather any initial questions, could you please share more details? I've copied our CWI faculty on this email.

From: Miguel Vazquez <mvazquez@fau.edu>
Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 1:05 PM
To: Sigal Rubin <rubins@fau.edu>
Cc: Terje Hill <terjehill@fau.edu>
Subject: New Minor paperwork

Good afternoon, Sigal,

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To be clear, this will not create any kind of conflict since this is a program exclusively for Honors College students.

Respectfully,
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Great. Thank you so much.

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Hi Miguel,

Thank you for reaching out. I am the undergraduate coordinator for the criminal justice half of the college. I have copied Dr. Skinner-Osei, the interim Director of Social Work. She should be able to help you.

With great appreciation,

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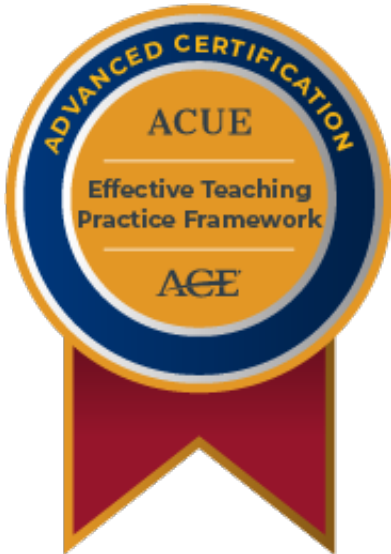
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