

Frequently Asked Questions for Undergraduate Students

Family Social Sciences merger with Community Health Sciences

As part of the University of Manitoba's Academic Structure Initiative (ASI), the Department of Family Social Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology and the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences recommended the merger of their departments. Their proposal was approved by Senate, in principle, and recommended to the Board of Governors and approved on June 24, 2014.

By bringing together the Departments of Family Social Sciences and Community Health Sciences, the University of Manitoba strengthens its leadership role in teaching, research and outreach in family and population health research and education. The joining of these two departments will strengthen and enhance their respective missions, creating an innovative and unique emphasis on family and population health.

The process to merge the two departments has begun with the goal to have all academic programming fall under the expanded Department of Community Health Sciences effective the Fall 2015 academic term. Below are some frequently asked questions that can help guide students through the transition period.

If you have any questions that are not answered below, please contact us with your question at family_social_sciences@umanitoba.ca. Below are questions and answers relevant to you as either an undergraduate or a graduate student. The list will be updated as needed.

Undergraduate Students

*Bachelor of Human Ecology, Family Social Sciences
Bachelor of Human Ecology, Family Social Sciences, After Degree
Minor in Family Social Sciences*

How does the merger impact my degree?

You will receive the same degree designation (Bachelor of Human Ecology – Family Social Sciences) upon graduation. Beginning in 2015/2016, this degree will be from the College of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences rather than the Faculty of Human Ecology.

Will my degree still be recognized?

Yes. You will still receive a degree from the University of Manitoba which has been granted the authority to confer degrees by the Province of Manitoba.

Will this delay my graduation?

No. The merger will have no effect on the graduation date of current students.

Will my required courses or program requirements change?

No. There will be *no changes* to program requirements or degree structure. **Current students, including students admitted in the 2014-2015 academic year**, will follow the current Family Social Sciences program under the Faculty of Human Ecology. **Future students, admitted in 2015/16 and beyond**, will be admitted to the program under the College of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences. Any proposed/future changes to academic programs will continue to follow the standard institutional processes already in place and will require the appropriate Senate and/or Board approvals.

Will there be a winter 2015 intake of undergraduate students to the Family Social Sciences programs?

Yes. Applications for admission will be considered for a January 2015 intake into the Bachelor of Human Ecology – Family Social Sciences program. Please check admission requirements and procedures: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/application/programs/3942.html>

I am planning on applying for the 2015-2016 year. How do I apply to the Family Social Science undergraduate program?

The Family Social Sciences application can now be found under the College of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences. The 2015-2016 Applicant Information Bulletin for the fall (September) 2015 intake will be posted in early November. Please refer to: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/application/programs/3942.html>

I've been admitted for the fall 2015 term. What orientation/information sessions do I attend?

Newly admitted students will be contacted closer to the start of term and details on orientation and information sessions will be provided then.

Can I still get a minor in Family Social Sciences?

Yes. Students in other faculties, such as Arts, can still obtain a minor in FSS. For more information on whether you are eligible to pursue this minor, please contact your faculty advising office.

Where can I go for advising and registration assistance?

You will continue to be advised by the staff in Room 209, Human Ecology Building. Please contact advising staff at 204-474-9759 or family_social_sciences@umanitoba.ca if you have any advisor related questions.

Where will my classes be held?

Research and teaching laboratories, teaching space, student meeting and support spaces currently occupied or shared by the Department of Family Social Sciences in the Human Ecology building will be maintained for their teaching, research and outreach functions. Any future changes would follow normal University space allocation processes.

Where will my professors or instructors be located?

If your professors or instructors currently hold office space in the Human Ecology Building, they will continue to do so. Offices and administrative spaces currently occupied or shared by the Department of Family Social Sciences in the Human Ecology building will be maintained. Any future changes would follow normal University space allocation processes and students would be notified of the change.

What is the impact on my tuition fees?

Tuition is assessed per credit hour based on the faculty that teaches the course. Unique tuition rates are set for each undergraduate faculty. With the move of Family Social Sciences to the College of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, there is currently no fee structure for undergraduate programs. As such, the fees assessed for students moving from Human Ecology to Medicine or new students entering the program will remain unchanged. Future fees will be assessed following normal university processes.

What is the impact on my award and/or financial aid?

For *government student loan recipients*, there will be no impact. Students will be eligible to apply for loan funding as soon as the 2015/16 applications are available from each provincial agency.

For *scholarship and bursary awards and in-course scholarships and bursaries*, processes will continue as are currently in place and administered through Financial Aid & Awards.

There will be no impact on students accessing the *emergency loan* program.