

Dear Alumnus,

As you may be aware, in September of 1995 the Ontario Council on University Affairs approved Ryerson's request to award the Bachelor of Applied Science degree to students in the Nutrition, Consumer and Family Studies program. Students graduating from the current program now receive the Bachelor of Applied Science degree. The first Ryerson BASc degrees were awarded at the June 1996 convocation ceremonies.

Approval to change the degree designation was based on the following factors:

- Physical and applied science courses must comprise 50 percent or more of the course requirements for students graduating from the program.
- The BASc degree is more consistent with degrees offered by comparable programs in Ontario and across Canada.
- The BASc degree serves to eliminate disadvantages experienced by holders of the Bachelor of Applied Arts (BAA) designation with respect to graduate studies and employment.

Throughout the lengthy approval process, it was anticipated that graduates who hold the BAA degree and who have met the same proportion of science and applied science courses during their academic program at Ryerson would be permitted to apply to replace their degree with the more appropriate BASc degree. This recommendation was formally approved by Ryerson's Academic Council at a meeting on November 5, 1996.

If you are a current BAA holder, and if you have completed more than 50 percent of your program courses in the area of physical and applied sciences (see attached information on eligible courses), you may wish to apply to have your degree replaced with the new BASc award. Please note that courses completed following graduation cannot count towards the requirements. To be considered, you must submit:

1. A completed Degree Designation Amendment application form (enclosed).
2. An official Ryerson transcript, with your physical and applied science courses HIGHLIGHTED.
3. A cheque in the amount of \$90 payable to Ryerson University (\$50 of which is refundable if, following assessment, it is determined that you are not eligible to replace your BAA degree. *(Note: The application form indicates the fee for an amendment is \$70. Because of the added time and resources required to assess eligibility for this particular amendment, the fee is \$90).*

You may submit these items in person to the Office of Enrollment Services and Student Records (POD-70) or forward them by mail to:

Curriculum Advising, POD-355
Ryerson University
350 Victoria Street
Toronto, ON M5B 2K3

Please allow 8 to 10 weeks for processing.

SCIENCE AND APPLIED SCIENCE COURSES IN NUTRITION, CONSUMER AND FAMILY STUDIES (NCFS) CURRICULA (1971-97)

Subject Area	Prefix to Course Number
Chemistry	CHE CHM* CHY
Biology	BLG
Physiology	PLN PLS
Food Science	FND FNT
Nutrition	FNN FNT
Statistics/Research Methods	FNR RSM

** with the exception of CHM 120 which was equivalent to Grade 13 Chemistry.*

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Courses were identified by a number with no prefix and a name: e.g., 'Nutrition and Diet 08-02-25'. Therefore, any courses containing the following words will be counted as Science/Applied Science courses:

Biology
Chemistry
Food
Nutrition
Physics
Physiology
Research Methods
Statistics