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Subject: B.A.><B.S.

The Gen Ed Review committee is discussing what the distinction between the B.A.><B.S. will be. Some people questioned whether employers prefer one over the other and if that's something students highlight in their cover letters/resumes. I said that employers in the arts may distinguish between the B.A.><B.F.A./B.M., but that in general, no one really cares; it's the fact the one has a bachelor's degree, regardless of arts or science designation.

Is that accurate? Anything you wish to add?

Julie

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From: Pagel, Mike

Generally, employers DO NOT CARE.

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From: Zach, John

I think most employers look to see if the student has a degree, if necessary, and the skills needed for the position, as well as their ability to articulate and apply them. Unfortunately, most students cannot!

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From: Walters, Lorry

Your take on this is true for 99% of my interactions with employers...only one or two over the 29+ years of my experience in Career Services have indicated a preference for a BS versus a BA degree.

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From: Martin Keefe, Lauri

You've said it just fine, Julie! Nothing more to add from me.