MAJOR IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Family and Consumer Sciences is an exciting field with many career opportunities. The mission of this interdepartmental major prepares professionals dedicated to enhancing the well-being of individuals and families and the communities and environments in which they function.

Students graduate with an interdisciplinary perspective about the challenges encountered by consumers and families. Family and Consumer Sciences students attain skills to assist families and consumers with quality of life decisions and challenges related to interpersonal/human relationships, consumer and financial resource management, personal development, nutrition and wellness, and balancing family and work. This program emphasizes management and problem solving skills needed to be a responsible and productive individual, family member, and worker. Students take coursework primarily in Family and Consumer Sciences, as well as the Departments of Human Development and Family Studies, Food Science and Human Nutrition, and Design and Merchandising.

Students have the option of the Family and Consumer Sciences concentration or the Family and Consumer Sciences Education concentration. Graduates qualify to sit for the examination to be certified in Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS) with the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Learning Goals

Students will:

• demonstrate an understanding and comprehension of the family and consumer sciences body of knowledge
• demonstrate, at a professional level, oral and written communication and problem solving proficiency within Family and Consumer Sciences
• demonstrate synthesis and integration of the specialized Family and Consumer Sciences body of knowledge through engaged learning experiences
• choose, examine, and assess the impact of civic engagement relevant to Family and Consumer Sciences

Potential Occupations

Graduates' career opportunities include, but are not limited to: cooperative extension/agent, consumer information specialist, program development, consultant, product representative, consumer information specialist, customer service specialist, writer/developer of informational or educational materials, governmental, community, and non-profit agency worker, child/youth family advocacy, family financial officer, wellness director, and Peace Corps volunteer. Teaching opportunities at the middle school, junior high, high school, or post-secondary level are available upon completion of the education concentration.

The major provides a strong foundation for graduate work. Graduate degree opportunities are available in the School of Education or specific departments related to family and consumer sciences (Design and Merchandising, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Human Development and Family Studies, Social Work, Occupational Therapy, etc.).

Concentrations

• Family and Consumer Sciences Concentration
• Family and Consumer Sciences Education Concentration