Major in Family and Consumer Sciences

Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) is an exciting field with many career opportunities. The mission of this interdepartmental major is to prepare 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 families and consumers. FCS 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 the management and problem-solving skills needed to be a responsible and productive individual, family member, and worker. Students take coursework in FCS, Human Development and Family Studies, Food Science and Human Nutrition, Design and Merchandising, and Health and Exercise Sciences.

Students have the option of the Family and Consumer Sciences concentration or the Family and Consumer Sciences Education concentration. Graduates are eligible to take the exam to be certified in FCS 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 FCS
- demonstrate synthesis and integration of the specialized FCS body of knowledge through engaged learning experiences
- choose, examine, and assess the impact of civic engagement relevant to FCS

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
- 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