

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Do you have a passion for home-related functions such as family living, consumer economics, foods and nutrition, clothing and textiles, child development, and parenting? As a Family and Consumer Sciences major, you'll get to choose from one of four concentrations to prepare for careers that improve individual, family, and community well-being, and impact the development, delivery, and evaluation of consumer goods and services. If you pursue the general Family and Consumer Sciences concentration, you'll gain a broad background in the fields of fashion merchandising, foods and nutrition, and interior design. Otherwise, you can choose any of these subjects as your concentration to go deeper and specialize in a particular field.

fast facts

Credit hours: 48

Students must also take 30 credit hours of General Studies courses. A total of 120 credit hours are needed to graduate from WSC. Additional majors or minors can be added to help meet graduation requirements.

Degree options: B.A. or B.S.

Department: Educational Foundations and Leadership

School: Education and Behavioral Sciences

Popular pairings: Family Life Studies, Foods and Nutrition, Spanish

focus on results

Skills Learned

- Clothing construction and textiles
- Food preparation and baking
- Housing development and design
- Family and personal relationship building
- Family resource management
- Consumer economics
- Parenting and family relationships
- Household technology and safety
- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Leadership and organization

Possible Careers

- Parent educator
- Family life educator
- Family services worker
- Clothing specialist
- Events coordinator
- Food service manager
- Nutritional consultant
- Paraprofessionals in education

Types of Employers

- Schools, colleges, and universities
- Day cares / preschools
- Government agencies
- Community centers
- Non-profit organizations
- Human or social services
- Family service agencies
- Retail stores
- Specialty shops and boutiques
- Nutrition services

outside the classroom

Activities / Opportunities

- Peer tutoring and mentoring
- Service-Learning

Clubs / Organizations

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)
- SkillsUSA



Visit www.wsc.edu/clubs to learn more about clubs and organizations on campus.



The following courses are required for the program of study described on this sheet. Every effort is made to ensure this information is current, but please be aware that some content may have changed. To develop a plan for registering and taking these courses, please consult the current academic catalog and your advisor.

Program courses

Take BUS 122 Personal Finance for CAT 3. FCS 207 Nutrition for CAT 9.

Family and Consumer Sciences Core Courses

FCS 108 Introduction to Family and Consumer Sciences.....	1
FCS 115 Human Development and the Family.....	3
FCS 306 Family Resource Management.....	3
FCS 313 Techniques in Professional Presentation	3
FCS 315 Consumer Economics.....	3
FCS 410 Professional Development in Family and Consumer Sciences.....	2

Family and Consumer Sciences Concentration Courses

FCS 103 Clothing Construction and Alterations.....	3
FCS 110 Family and Personal Relationships.....	3
FCS 205 Meal Management	3
FCS 302 Textiles.....	3
FCS 310 Parenting.....	3
FCS 315 Health Safety and Nutrition for the Young Child.....	3
FCS 340 Community Nutrition.....	3
FCS electives by advisement.....	6
ITE 319 Housing Development and Design.....	3
Select one of the following.....	3
FCS 104 Principles of Food Preparation (3)	
FCS 107 Principles of Baking (3)	

Student learning outcomes

1. Demonstrate professional communication skills in family and consumer sciences settings
2. Apply knowledge from their program of study to current and future issues in family and consumer sciences
3. Utilize critical thinking for problem solving in family and consumer sciences settings

family and consumer sciences faculty



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