MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences leads to the Master of Science degree. The program is designed to serve the needs of qualified students preparing for Family and Consumer Sciences careers in business, education, hospitals, industry, government, community agencies, and for entering a doctoral program in Family and Consumer Sciences or in a related discipline.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the M.S. degree in Family and Consumer Sciences requires the student to have a baccalaureate degree in Family and Consumer Sciences or an allied area and meet entrance requirements for graduate school. In addition to entrance requirements for the graduate school, satisfactory scores on the General Section of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) must be submitted.

SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For the M.S. degree the student must fulfill one of the following options:

I. THESIS OPTION - (30 hours to include thesis)
   A. Core Requirements (9 hours)
      FACS 6300 - Current Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences
      ASTL 6380 - Research Methods OR HSC 6379 Research in Health (Online)
      ASTL 6382 - Educational Statistics OR KPED 6316 Data Analysis
      (or substitute research & statistics courses approved by Department Chair)
   B. Thesis Research (6 hours)
      FACS 6344 - Thesis Research I
      FACS 6345 - Thesis Research II (The procedures for selecting and writing a thesis will be the same as prescribed in the current Graduate Bulletin.)
   C. Specialization Track (12 hours)
      Student will select one of the specialization tracks listed on page 2.
   D. Elective (3 hours)
      Electives in an allied area approved by major advisor.

II. NON-THESIS OPTION (36 hours)
   A. Core Requirements (9 hours) - Same as for thesis option
   B. Specialization Track (15 - 18 hours)
      Student will select one of the specialization tracks listed on page 2.
   C. Electives (9 - 12 hours)
      Electives in an allied area approved by major advisor.

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III. SPECIALIZATION TRACKS

A. Clothing, Textiles and Fashion (12 hours with thesis, 15 - 18 hours without thesis)
   - FACS 5330 - Special Topics
   - FACS 6303 - History of Fashion
   - FACS 6305 - Problems in Consumer Textiles (online)
   - FACS 6306 - Clothing Trends
   - FACS 6309 - Consumer Economics (online)
   - FACS 6320 - Directed Study

B. Nutrition and Foods (12 hours with thesis, 15 - 18 hours without thesis)
   - * FACS 5315 - Nutrition Services Practicum I
   - * FACS 5316 - Nutrition Services Practicum II
   - * FACS 5317 - Community Nutrition Practicum
   - * FACS 5318 - Clinical Nutrition Practicum
   - * FACS 5321 - Nutritional Services Administration
   - * FACS 5324 - Nutritional Assessment
   - * FACS 5330 - Special Topics (Diabetes Education)
   - FACS 5375 - Nutrition in Exercise & Sports (online)
   - FACS 6307 - Current Findings in Foods (online)
   - FACS 6308 - Trends in Nutrition (online)
   - FACS 6309 - Consumer Economics (online)
   - * FACS 6313 - Diet Therapy
   - FACS 6320 - Directed Study
   - FACS 6335 - Evidence Based Research in Nutrition (online)
   - NUTR 5325 - Medical Nutrition Therapy I
   - NUTR 5340 - Geriatric Nutrition (online)
   - NUTR 5374 - Medical Nutrition Therapy II

*(These courses are included in the dietetic internship program)

C. General Family and Consumer Sciences (12 hours with thesis, 15 - 18 hours without thesis)

All Family and Consumer Sciences courses listed in the specialized tracks can be used for the general degree. In addition to the courses in the two specialized areas, the following courses may be used as electives in the general track.

   - FACS 5310 - Program Development in Family and Consumer Sciences (online)
   - FACS 5330 - Special Topics
   - FACS 6310 - Advanced Resource Management
   - FACS 6311 - Readings in Family Relations (online)
   - FACS 6312 - Readings in Child Development (online)
   - FACS 6330 - Transdisciplinary Assessment of Young Children
   - FACS 6331 - Readings in Parent Child Relations (online)
   - FACS 6332 - Readings in Adult Development and Aging (online)
   - FACS 6341 - Housing
   - FACS 6342 - Home Furnishings
   - FACS 6354 - Transdisciplinary Intervention with Young Children

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

1. M.S. Thesis Option
   After the thesis has been read and approved, and before the candidate is recommended to the Dean of the Graduate School for graduation, the candidate will meet with the Thesis Committee for an oral examination, which will consist principally of a defense of the thesis. A majority of the student's committee must approve the thesis and its defense. If approval is denied, the candidate will not be recommended for graduation. In this event, the student may be reexamined at a later period, no sooner than two months after initial examination.

2. M.S. Non-Thesis Option
   The student will have the option of a written comprehensive examination OR a graduate portfolio.
   - The examination will be administered each spring semester and during the first summer session each year. To be eligible to take the examination, the student must be within six (6) hours or less, of completing degree requirements of the semester in which the comprehensive examination is scheduled.
   - If the student selects the graduate portfolio, please contact the department chair for guidelines and directions. The portfolio is required to be completed at least three (3) weeks prior to graduation.