



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FCS | 2020-2021

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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 MS degree in Family and Consumer Sciences requires the student to have a baccalaureate degree in Family and Consumer Sciences or an allied area. In addition to entrance requirements for the graduate school, **one** of the following must be submitted:

- Satisfactory scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) **OR**
- Valid standard educator license **OR**
- Proof of Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) certification

SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

For the M.S. degree the student must fulfill one of the following options: **THESIS OR NON-THESIS (PAGE 2)**

I. THESIS OPTION - (30 hours to include thesis)

A. CORE REQUIREMENTS (9 hours)

_____ FACS 6300* – Current Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences

_____ FACS 6335* – Evidence Based Research in Nutrition **OR** ASTL 6380* – Research Methods **OR**
HLTH 6379* – Research in Health

_____ FACS 6350* – Statistical Methods in FACS **OR** ASTL 6382* – Educational Statistics **OR**

EXSS 6316* – Data Analysis *PRE-REQUISITE: ASTL 6380 OR FACS 6355 OR HSC 6370*

B. THESIS RESEARCH (6 hours) *The procedures for selecting and writing a thesis will be the same as prescribed in the current Graduate Bulletin. Students must complete six (6) credit hours for graduation.*

_____ FACS 6V44 – Thesis *PRE-REQUISITE: Consent of Instructor*

C. FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (15 hours)

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D. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Thesis:** Must be read and approved before the candidate is scheduled for oral defense.
- **Oral Defense:** Candidate will meet with the Thesis Committee for an oral examination or 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.
- **Recommendation:** If both the written thesis and oral defense are approved by the Thesis Committee, the candidate will be recommended to the Dean of the Graduate School for graduation.
- **Graduate portfolio:** The portfolio is required to be **completed at least three (3) weeks prior to graduation.** Please refer to the department website for guidelines and directions.

Non-thesis option on PAGE 2

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II. NON-THESIS OPTION - (36 hours)

A. CORE REQUIREMENTS (9 hours)

- _____ FACS 6300* – Current Issues in Family and Consumer Sciences
- _____ FACS 6335* – Evidence Based Reach in Nutrition **OR** ASTL 6380* – Research Methods **OR** HLTH 6379* – Research in Health
- _____ FACS 6350* – Statistical Methods in FACS **OR** ASTL 6382* – Educational Statistics **OR** EXSS 6316* – Data Analysis *PRE-REQUISITE: ASTL 6380 **OR** FACS 6355 **OR** HSC 6370*

B. FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (27 hours)

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C. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Written comprehensive examination:** 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. Contact the department chair for guidelines and directions.
- **Graduate portfolio:** The portfolio is required to be **completed at least three (3) weeks prior to graduation.** Please refer to the department website for guidelines and directions.

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (15 HOURS WITH THESIS, 27 HOURS WITHOUT THESIS)

	COURSES	PRE-REQUISITES
	FACS 5310 - Program Development *	
	FACS 5330 - Special Topics*	COI
	FACS 5355 – Methods and Materials in Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences*	
	FACS 6301 – History and Philosophy of the FACS Profession*	
	FACS 6303 - History of Fashion*	
	FACS 6305 - Problems in Consumer Textiles*	
	FACS 6306 - Clothing Trends*	
	FACS 6309 - Consumer Economics*	
	FACS 6310 - Advanced Resource Management*	FACS 3311 Resource Management or COI
	FACS 6311 - Readings in Family Relations*	
	FACS 6312 - Readings in Child Development*	
	FACS 6315 - Readings in Adolescent Development*	
	FACS 6320 - Directed Study*	COI and COC
	FACS 6331 - Readings in Parent Child Relations*	
	FACS 6332 - Readings in Adult Development and Aging*	
	FACS 6341 - Urban Development*	
	FACS 6342 - Design Methods*	

*Indicates Online Course

COI: Consent of Instructor
05.29.2020

COC: Consent of Chair