



## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FCS | 2021-2022

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### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The primary purpose of the Master of Sciences in Family & Consumer Sciences is to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills for advanced 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. Graduates of the program will be able to synthesize and evaluate research and disseminate findings, demonstrate professional communication skills, and demonstrate advanced practice skills required for FCS professionals.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be granted regular admission to the graduate school & the MS in FCS, students must have accomplished the following:

- Obtained a baccalaureate degree in Family & Consumer Sciences or an allied area from an accredited institution.
- Achieved a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.70 on a scale of 4.00 or at least a 3.00 in the last 60 hours of undergraduate study.
- 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
- Achieved a minimum 3.00 GPA on any graduate course work previously taken at another accredited institution.

### 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) NOTE:** Courses in ASTL, HLTH, & EXSS may not be fully online

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 (PRE-REQ: FACS 6335) **OR** ASTL 6382 – Educational Statistics

(PRE-REQ: FACS 6335 OR HSC 6370) **OR** EXSS 6316 – Data Analysis

##### 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ NUTR 6V44 – Thesis (PRE-REQ: COI)

##### C. **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (15 hours)**

Courses in Family and Consumer Sciences content on page 2

##### 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)

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#### B. **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (27 hours)**

Courses in FCS content listed below.

#### 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 at <https://uca.edu/nfs/master-of-science-in-family-and-consumer-sciences/> 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	
	FACS 6331 - Readings in Parent Child Relations	COI and COC
	FACS 6332 - Readings in Adult Development and Aging	
	FACS 6341 - Urban Development	
	FACS 6342 - Design Methods	
	FACS 6355 – Consumer Affairs	