



MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE | 2022-2023

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The primary purpose of the Master of Sciences in Family and Consumer Sciences is to prepare graduates with the knowledge and skills for advanced careers in business, education, hospitals, industry, government, community agencies, or for entering a doctoral program in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) or 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 of FCS professionals.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be granted regular admission to graduate school and to the MS in Family & Consumer Science program requires the student to have:

- 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.
- **One** of the following:
 - Satisfactory scores on the General Test of the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) **OR**
 - Valid standard educator license **OR**
 - Submit an acceptable response to a writing prompt

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, EXSS, & HLTH 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 **OR** ASTL 6382 – Educational Statistics **OR**

EXSS 6316 – Data Analysis *PRE-REQUISITE: FACS 6335, ASTL 6380 OR HLTH 6379*

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: 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:** The 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, but no sooner than two months after the 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 before 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)** *NOTE: Courses in ASTL, EXSS, & HLTH may not be fully online*

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A. **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (27 hours)**

Courses in family and consumer sciences content below

B. **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **Written comprehensive examination:** The written comprehensive examination will be scheduled within the semester in which the student is scheduled to complete all degree requirements, i.e. the student's last semester of enrollment. Contact the department chair for guidelines and directions.
- **Graduate portfolio:** The portfolio is required to be **completed at least three (3) weeks before 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 5V30 - Special Topics	COI
FACS 5310 - Program Development	
FACS 5355 – Methods and Materials in Vocational FCS	
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 6311 - Family Relations	
FACS 6312 - Child Development	
FACS 6315 - Adolescent Development	
FACS 6320 - Directed Study	COI and COC
FACS 6331 - Parent-Child Relations	
FACS 6332 - Adult Development and Aging	
FACS 6341 - Urban Development	
FACS 6342 - Design Methods	
FACS 6355 - Consumer Affairs	
NUTR 6307 - Current Findings in Foods	