

Department of Family, Consumer,
and Human Development
College of Education
and Human Services

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Admission Requirements For This Major

Students with less than 24 semester credits may declare a premajor in FCS (PFCS). Completion of at least 24 semester credits (including FCHD 1100, 1500, 2400, and 2450) with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 is required for admission into the FCS major.

The Program

The Family and Consumer Sciences major is an integrative major that links the various fields within the family and consumer sciences profession and prepares students for positions requiring interdisciplinary problem-solving skills.

Background Check. A criminal background check, including fingerprinting, is required for everyone who completes the FCHD 4950 practicum through the Department of Family, Consumer, and Human Development.

Students in the department are required to complete at least one practicum experience, which is arranged with the practicum coordinator.

Career Opportunities

The Family and Consumer Sciences major prepares graduates for positions in business, local/state/federal agencies, child care centers, youth programs, job training centers, and other related agencies.

Degrees and Programs Offered Through This Department

Undergraduate Degrees and Certificate Program

Family, Consumer, and Human Development: BS, BA
Areas of Emphasis: **Family and Community Services**
Human Development
Deaf Education
Family Finance

Gerontology Certificate is administered in FCHD.

Early Childhood Education: BS, BA

Family and Consumer Sciences: BS, BA

Graduate Degrees

Family, Consumer, and Human Development: MS, PhD
Areas of Specialization: **Infancy and Childhood**
Adolescence and Youth
Adult Development and Aging
Consumer Sciences
Marriage and Family Relationships
Marriage and Family Therapy (MS only)

Academic Advisement

All students should contact their academic advisor for assistance with course selection, program planning, and meeting graduation requirements. If they do not know who their advisor is, students should contact their department, college, or University Advising and Transfer Services.

Graduation Requirements: BS and BA* Degrees in Family and Consumer Sciences

Minimum University Requirements**

Total credits	120
Grade point average (most majors require higher GPA)	2.00 GPA
Credits of C- or better	100
Credits of upper-division courses (#3000 or above)	40
USU credits (10 of last 40 must be USU credits)	30
Completion of approved major program of study	See department
Credits in minor (if required by department)	12
Credits in American Institutions (ECON 1500; HIST 1700, 2700, or 2710; POLS 1100; or USU 1300)	3
University Studies requirements	See below

*A BA degree requires foreign language training. For further information, see the *General Catalog*.

**Colleges and departments may require more credits or a higher GPA. See requirements on this sheet.

University Studies Requirements for Family and Consumer Sciences Major

Note: Approved University Studies courses and requirements are listed in the back section of each semester's *Schedule of Classes*.

General Education Requirements (27-30 credits)

Competency Requirements (9-12 credits)

Communications Literacy (CL) (6 credits)

ENGL 1010 (3 credits) or satisfactory AP, CLEP, or ACT score

AND

ENGL 2010 (3 credits)

Quantitative Literacy (QL) (3 credits)

STAT 1040 (3 credits)

Computer and Information Literacy (0-3 credits)

Passing grade on six computer and information literacy related examinations. Although no specific course is required, USU 1000 and BIS 1400 teach the required skills. (Note: Effective Spring Semester 2006, BIS 1400 will become OSS 1400.)

Breadth Requirements (18 credits)

Select at least one approved course from each of the following six categories: **American Institutions (BAI)**, **Creative Arts (BCA)**, **Humanities (BHU)**, **Life Sciences (BLS)**, **Physical Sciences (BPS)**, and **Social Sciences (BSS)**. At least two of the six breadth courses must be University Studies courses with a **USU prefix** (excluding USU 1000, 1010, 1100, and 3330). (CLEP or AP credit may be used.) PHIL 2400 or 2500 will fulfill the Humanities requirement; NFS 1020 will fulfill the Life Sciences requirement; and FCHD 1500, 2400, or 2450 will fulfill the Social Sciences requirement for students in the Family and Consumer Sciences major.

Depth Education Requirements

Communications Intensive (CI) (2 courses)

Two courses having CI designation (such as BIS 1550 or OSS 1550, BIS 2550, FCHD 4900, SPCH 1050, and SPCH 2600) will meet this requirement.

Quantitative Intensive (QI) (1 course)

One course having QI designation (such as FCHD 3130 or 3350) will meet this requirement.

Depth Course Requirements (2 courses)

Select at least one approved 3000-level or above course from each of the following two categories: **Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA)** and **Life and Physical Sciences (DSC)**.

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Undergraduate Curriculum

(3.0 GPA in major coursework required to graduate)

Departmental Program Requirements

The department has several regulations governing students' academic progress:

1. The *P/D+*, *D*, *F* option cannot be used for courses required in the FCS major.

2. An overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for entrance to the major. An overall GPA of 3.0 is required for graduation. A GPA of 3.0 in FCS major courses is also required for graduation.

3. The completion of all major requirements, as described below, is required.

4. **Ten-year Policy.** Courses which are required for the major will be accepted if they have been completed within the last 10 years.

Pre-major Courses (10 credits)

Students must complete at least 24 credits, including the following courses, with at least a 3.0 GPA prior to being admitted to the FCS major.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 1100 Critical Issues in Family, Consumer, and Human Development (F,Sp,Su) | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 1500 (BSS) Human Development Across the Lifespan (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 2400 (BSS) Marriage and Family Relationships (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 2450 (BSS) The Consumer and the Market (F,Sp) | 3 |

Major Courses (51 credits)

Human Development and Family Studies (12 credits)

Select at least 12 credits from the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 2610 Parenting and Child Guidance (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3100 Abuse and Neglect in Family Context
(Prereq: Sophomore standing,
FCHD 1500, 2400) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3110 Human Sexuality (Prereq: FCHD 1500, 2400) (F,Su) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3500 Interdisciplinary Lab: Infancy (F,Sp) | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3500 Interdisciplinary Lab: Children in the Middle Years (F,Sp) | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3510 Infancy and Early Childhood (Prereq: Junior standing,
FCHD 1500, 2610) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3520 Children in the Middle Years (Prereq: Junior standing,
FCHD 1500, 2610) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3530 Adolescence (Prereq: Junior standing, FCHD 1500) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3540 Adult Development and Aging (Prereq: Junior standing and
FCHD 1500, or instructor's permission) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4220 Family Crises and Interventions (Prereq: Junior standing,
FCHD 2400) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4230 Families and Social Policy (Prereq: Junior standing,
FCHD 2400) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4240 Social and Family Gerontology (Prereq: Junior standing,
FCHD 2400) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4550 Preschool Methods and Curriculum
(Prereq: Junior standing, FCHD 1500) (F,Sp) | 3 |

Consumer and Family Finance (12 credits)

Credits

Select at least 12 credits from the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3280 Economic Issues for Individuals and Families (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3310 Consumer Policy (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3340 Housing: Societal and Environmental Issues (F) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3350 (QI) Family Finance (Prereq: MATH 1030
or MATH 1050 or STAT 1040) (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3450 Consumer Credit Problems (Prereq: FCHD 3350) (F) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4330 Family Finance Career Seminar (Prereq: FCHD 3350) (F) | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4350 Advanced Family Finance (Prereq: FCHD 3350) (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 5340 Housing Finance and Regulations
(Prereq: FCHD 3340, 3350) (Sp) (majors only) | 3 |

Foods and Nutrition (9 credits)

Select at least 9 credits from the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 1000 World of Food and Nutrition (F) | 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 1020 (BLS) Science and Application
of Human Nutrition (F,Sp,Su) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 1240 Culinary Basics (F,Su) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 1250 Sanitation and Safety (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 2020 Nutrition Throughout the Life Cycle
(Prereq: NFS 1020) (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 2030 Catering (Prereq: NFS 1240, 1250) (F) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 3020 Nutrition and Physical Performance
(Prereq: NFS 1020) (F) | 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 3110 (DSC) Food, Technology, and Health
(Prereq: University Studies
Breadth Life Sciences Course) (F) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 4070 Experimental Foods
(Prereq: CHEM 1120 or 2300 or 2310) (Sp) | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NFS 4480 Community Nutrition (Prereq: NFS 1020) (F) | 3 |

Research Methods and Professional Courses (12 credits)

The following courses are required:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3130 (QI) Research Methods (Prereq: STAT 1040)
(F,Sp) (majors only) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 3210 Families and Cultural Diversity
(prereq: FCHD 1500, 2400) (F,Sp) (majors only) | 3 |

Choose one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BIS 1550 (CI) Business Correspondence
(if taken Fall Semester 2005) (3 cr) or | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OSS 1550 (CI) Business Correspondence
(if taken Spring Semester 2006 or thereafter) (3 cr) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIS 2550 (CI) Business Communication (F,Sp,Su) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4900 (CI) Pre-Practicum Skills
(Prereq: Junior Standing, FCHD 2610, 3100)
(F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 1050 (CI) Public Speaking (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPCH 2600 (CI) Interpersonal Communication (F,Sp) | 3 |

Choose one of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4900 (CI) Pre-Practicum Skills
(Prereq: Junior Standing, FCHD 2610, 3100)
(F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 2400 (BHU) Ethics (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 2500 (BHU) Social Ethics (F) | 3 |

Practicum (6 credits)

Complete a total of 6 credits from one or both of the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4950¹ Practicum: Consumer Science (F,Sp,Su) | 3-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCHD 4960² Practice Teaching in Child Development Laboratories
(Prereq: Junior Standing, FCHD 4550) (F,Sp,Su) | 3 |

Suggested Support Courses

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FCSE 2040 Clothing Production Principles (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCSE 3030 (DSC) Textile Science (Sp) | 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCSE 3040 Advanced Clothing Production Principles (F,Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCSE 3060 (CI) Human Behavior Related to Dress (F) (3 cr) or | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FCSE 3080 Dress and Humanity (F,Su) (3 cr) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID 1790 (BCA) Interior Design Theory (Sp) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID 3740 (DHA) History of Interior Furnishings and Architecture I (F) | 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ID 3750 (DHA/CI) History of Interior Furnishings
and Architecture II (Sp) | 3 |

¹Enrollment in FCHD 4950 is limited to FCS majors *only*, who have received prior approval from the Practicum Coordinator. Prior to enrollment, students must have achieved junior standing, and must have completed a total of at least 30 FCHD credits, a Communications Intensive (CI) course, and an ethics course. Practicum application deadlines are as follows: February 15 for fall semester, June 15 for spring semester, and October 15 for summer semester.

²Students must sign up one year in advance in Family Life 205.

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Requirement Changes

Graduation requirements shown on this sheet are subject to change. Students should check with their assigned advisor concerning possible changes.

Materials for Persons with Disabilities

This requirement sheet is available in large print, audio, and braille format upon request to the USU Disability Resource Center.

For additional information contact

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