

Family and Consumer Sciences, BS, BA

Department: Family, Consumer, and Human Development Department

College: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

Overview

About This Degree

Family and consumer sciences deals with the relationship between individuals, families, communities, and the environment in which they live. The major includes many topics, such as nutrition, parenting, family economics and resource management, human development, interior design, and textiles. The family and consumer sciences degree can give individuals the practical knowledge, critical, and creative thinking skills to address problems in diverse family, community, and work environments.

Students receive a **BS** by completing all required courses in the major. To receive a **BA**, students must also gain proficiency in one or more foreign languages.

Career Options

With a degree in family and consumer sciences, students may pursue careers in the following areas:

- Child or adult care centers
- Youth programs
- Healthcare centers
- Job training centers
- Social services agencies

[Career Services](#) provides counseling and information on hundreds of job and internship opportunities and even helps students apply and interview.

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

In addition to Utah State University's [admissions requirements](#), the family and consumer sciences program has special requirements:

- **Freshmen:** New freshmen admitted to USU in good standing qualify for admission as pre-majors.
- **Transfer Students:** Transfer students and USU students transferring from other majors qualify for the pre-major if they meet USU's general admissions requirements.
- To be admitted to the major, students must complete at least 24 semester credits with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. These credits include specific FCHD prerequisite courses.

International students have [additional admissions requirements](#).

Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Bachelor of Science**.

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Bachelor of Arts**.

A criminal background check, including fingerprinting, is required for everyone who completes FCHD practicum courses.

Students in the department are required to complete a practicum experience.

Contact

Advising

All new USU students participate in a [New Student Orientation](#) program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences: For more than 100 years, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences has provided leadership and support to professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life.

Family Finance Club: The family finance club gives students the opportunity to learn about various financial topics and to associate with each other. The club usually has one to two activities per semester.

Phi Upsilon Omicron: Phi Upsilon Omicron is a national honor society in family and consumer sciences. Its purposes are to recognize and encourage academic excellence, develop qualities of professional and personal leadership, provide opportunities for service to the profession, and encourage professional and personal commitment to the area of family and consumer sciences.

Labs, Centers, Research

With the second oldest [undergraduate research](#) program in the nation, USU offers students a wide range of opportunities to gain hands-on research experience. The [Undergraduate Research and Creative Opportunities](#) program allows students to apply for grants and receive funding. USU's [Honors Program](#) prepares students for excellent graduate programs by helping them build relationships with professors, participate in research projects, take smaller, more intensive classes, and develop leadership skills.