

College of *Family Life*

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The College of Family Life has the following departments and areas of specialization:

Family and Human Development
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Family/Community Services Emphasis
Human Development Emphasis
Deaf Education Emphasis
Early Childhood Education¹
Gerontology Certificate

**Human Environments: Apparel and Textiles
Interior Design, Consumer Sciences, and
Family and Consumer Sciences Education**
Family and Consumer Sciences Education
Family and Consumer Sciences
Family Finance Emphasis
Apparel and Textiles
Interior Design

Nutrition and Food Sciences²
Nutrition and Food Sciences, with emphases in Food Science,
Food Technology Management, Dietetics, Nutrition
Science, and Culinary Arts/Food Service Management

Vision and Mission

The College of Family Life is recognized as a leader in responding to society-relevant challenges using multidisciplinary approaches that assist individuals and families in interacting effectively with their environments.

The mission of the College of Family Life is to assist individuals and families in optimizing healthy lifestyles, developing meaningful relationships, and increasing productivity while living in diverse and changing environments.

The College of Family Life has the following goals:

1. To provide professional programs of teaching, research, extension, and service with a focus on the interaction of human beings with their near environments, emphasizing in-depth study of reciprocal effects (physical, biological, social, psychological, economic, cultural, and aesthetic).

¹Jointly administered with the Department of Elementary Education in the College of Education.

²Jointly administered with the College of Agriculture.

2. To provide quality professional preparation for students enrolled as majors within the college.

3. To provide courses of general educational value to University students interested in improving their ability to function effectively as individuals, consumers, marital partners, homemakers, parents, and family members in a variety of environments.

4. To provide programs that will enhance lifetime health and quality of life.

5. To undertake research that will increase knowledge, improve technology, and strengthen marriage/family life, and to enhance human dignity and the quality of life for many diverse social groups.

6. To provide research-based educational programs through Utah State University Extension to meet the needs of Utah citizens.

7. To provide lifelong and continuing education opportunities, which extend and apply across the life span, to the citizens of Utah.

8. To add an international dimension to the college's programs and courses; to promote participation of faculty in those areas in which their expertise and knowledge can provide significant input into the solution of world problems affecting individuals, families, and environments.

9. To participate in University and national programs related to diversity, pluralism, and equal opportunity.

Although the college's programs have evolved to meet the ever-changing demands of individuals and families in diverse environments, the goals remain the same: to optimize healthy lifestyles, and to promote meaningful relationships and productive lives. Graduates of the College of Family Life, whether they become interior designers, apparel and textiles professionals, financial and housing counselors, food scientists, dietitians, culinary artists, or family and human development specialists, or are prepared to teach in the public schools and other settings, know how to make a difference in their families and communities. The College of Family Life is accredited by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Degrees

Degrees offered in the College of Family Life include the Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Science (MS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nutrition and Food Sciences; and PhD in Family Life. The Family Life PhD can be earned with a specialization in Family and Human Development or in Human Environments.

Admission Requirements

Students accepted in good standing by the University are eligible for admission to the College of Family Life.

Academic Requirements

The USU University Studies requirements include 6 credits of Communications Literacy. This requirement may be filled by completing Engl 1010 and Engl 2010. The 1000-level requirement is waived if the student scores 29 or higher on the English section of the ACT Exam, receives a 3 or higher on the English Advanced Placement Exam, or scores 500 or higher on the English section of the CLEP test.

Academic requirements vary as a function of each department's standards and policies. It is the responsibility of the student to be informed about departmental requirements and

regulations. For complete information, consult with departmental advisor.

The number of credits required for a major will be specified by area of concentration, subject to minimum University requirements.

Graduate Programs

All departments within the College of Family Life offer a graduate program. For more detailed information, see the *Graduate Programs* sections included in this catalog with the text for each of the Family Life departments.

Family Life Course (FL)

FL 1100. Critical Issues in Family Life. This on-line course offers an introduction to the departments and areas of study in the College of Family Life. Emphasizes how scholars in the individual areas, working together, address critical social issues. (2 cr) (Sp)