

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER STUDIES, CONSUMER STUDIES TRACK

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The Family Studies and Consumer Studies tracks are designed to provide an in-depth understanding of individuals and families across the life span, and to prepare students to work in agencies serving children, families, and consumers. Students may create a unique program that reflects their career interests or graduate school goals or find employment in a variety of community agencies and businesses related to their areas of study. The Family and Consumer Studies degree prepares the student to obtain Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS) certification.

The Family and Consumer Sciences Instructor track prepares students to teach in educational programs, grade four through adult levels, and meets the course requirements for the Family and Consumer Sciences Career/Technical Teaching License required in Ohio's schools. The track includes 100 hours of supervised field work and one semester of student teaching in a secondary school. Graduates will be required to pass the State examination for teachers in order to receive a teaching license.

For more information, contact Dr. Abel Waithaka or visit the Department of Human Ecology in Cushman Hall 3325.

COURSE	TITLE	S.H.
General Education Requirement		
Core Competencies		14
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	
ENGL 1551	Writing 2	
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	
HAHS 1500	Introduction to the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services	
Arts and Humanities		6
Natural Sciences		6
Social Science		6
Social and Personal Awareness		6
PHLT 1568	Healthy Lifestyles	
FNUT 1551	Normal Nutrition	
Major Requirements		
CHFM 3731	Individual and Family Development	3
MRCH 3764	Family Housing and Technology	3
HMEC 1550	Human Ecology Professions	1
HMEC 3780	Consumer Economics	3
HMEC 4836	Internship	3
HMEC 4890	Communication of Contemporary Issues	3
HMEC 4852	Family Resource Management	3
HMEC 4876	Undergraduate Research	2
PSYC 2617	Research Methods for Psychology	3
or FNUT 4802	Research Methods in Dietetics	
HMEC 4877	Research Capstone	2
Consumer Studies Option		

MRCH 3705	Fashion Textiles	3
MRCH 3730	Social Psychology of Clothing and Appearance	3
FNUT 1553 & 1553L	Food Science and Management Principles and Food Science and Management Principles Laboratory	4
Department Electives - select 5 courses from the following - at least 9 s.h. upper division		15
HMGY 1500	Introduction to Hospitality Industry	
MRCH 1510	Apparel Evaluation	
MRCH 2625	The World of Fashion	
MRCH 3740L	Computer Applications for Textiles & Apparel Lab	
MRCH 3764	Family Housing and Technology	
CHFM 3718	Family Law	
CHFM 3770	Wellness During the Early Childhood Years	
HMGY 4846	Event Management	
FNUT 5862 & 5862L	Food and Culture and Food and Cultures Laboratory	
HMEC 5892	Community Programming in Human Ecology	
Minor		18
Electives to meet program requirement of 120 total hours		13
Total Semester Hours		120

Contact your program director for guidance in choosing a minor. Good matches with FCS are Non-Profit Leadership, General Psychology, Interpersonal Communications, Public Health, and Women and Gender studies, but many other minors are available

Year 1

Fall	S.H.	
CMST 1545	Communication Foundations	3
ENGL 1550	Writing 1	3
HMEC 1550	Human Ecology Professions	1
PSYC 1560	General Psychology	3
HAHS 1500	Introduction to the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services	2
Natural Science Elective		3
Semester Hours		15

Spring

ENGL 1551	Writing 2	3
FNUT 1551	Normal Nutrition	3
SOC 1500	Introduction to Sociology	3
Natural Science + Lab		4
Department Elective		3
Semester Hours		16

Year 2

Fall	S.H.	
FNUT 1553 & 1553L	Food Science and Management Principles and Food Science and Management Principles Laboratory	4
MATH 2623	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Arts and Humanities Elective		3
Social and Personal Awareness Elective		3
Department Elective		3
Semester Hours		16

Spring

ECON 2610	Principles 1: Microeconomics	3
or ECON 1501	or Economics in Action	
MRCH 3705	Fashion Textiles	3
Arts and Humanities Elective		3

Department Elective		3
Course in Minor		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
MRCH 3730	Social Psychology of Clothing and Appearance	3
MRCH 3764	Family Housing and Technology	3
PSYC 3758	Lifespan Development	3
Course in Minor		3
Course in Minor		3
Semester Hours		15
Spring		
HMEC 3780	Consumer Economics	3
PSYC 2617	Research Methods for Psychology	3
CHFM 3731	Individual and Family Development	3
Department Elective		3
Minor Course		3
Semester Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
HMEC 4890	Communication of Contemporary Issues	3
HMEC 4876	Undergraduate Research	2
Course in Minor		3
Department Elective		3
Other Electives		3
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
HMEC 4836	Internship	3
HMEC 4852	Family Resource Management	3
Course in Minor		3
Other Electives		3
HMEC 4877	Research Capstone	2
Semester Hours		14
Total Semester Hours		120

Learning Outcomes

Graduates in the family and consumer studies major will be able to:

- Use family science research and human systems theory to describe the internal dynamics of families and the interrelationships of individuals and families with their environments.
- Identify factors that influence human development across the life span.
- Apply appropriate technologies, critical-thinking, research methods, and communication skills to address significant family and consumer issues.
- Use concepts of resource development, management, and sustainability to evaluate individual, family, and community resource allocation practices.
- Analyze ethical questions that affect families and consumers.
- Relate to others with concern and respect for diversity of family forms, cultural variations among families, and individual differences.
- Follow professional and ethical standards in professional practice settings.
- Evaluate public policies that impact the well-being of individuals, families, consumers, and communities.
- Plan, implement, and evaluate educational programs serving children, families, and consumers.