

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER STUDIES, FAMILY 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 CFCS (Certified in Family and Consumer Sciences) certification.

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

This program will no longer accept new majors beginning in spring 2020.

| COURSE  | TITLE                             | S.H. |
|---|-----------------------------------|------|
| <b>General Education Requirement</b>                |                                   |      |
| Core Competencies                                   |                                   |      |
| ENGL 1550   | Writing 1                         | 3-4  |
| or ENGL 1549  | Writing 1 with Support            |      |
| ENGL 1551   | Writing 2                         | 3    |
| CMST 1545   | Communication Foundations         | 3    |
| MATH 2623   | Quantitative Reasoning            | 3    |
| Knowledge Domains                                   |                                   |      |
| Arts and Humanities (6 s.h.)                        |                                   | 6    |
| Natural Sciences (2 courses; 1 with lab) (6-7 s.h.) |                                   | 7    |
| Social Science (6 s.h.)                             |                                   |      |
| PSYC 1560   | General Psychology                | 3    |
| SOC 1500  | Introduction to Sociology         | 3    |
| Social and Personal Awareness (6 s.h.)              |                                   |      |
| FNUT 1551   | Normal Nutrition                  | 3    |
| PHLT 1568   | Healthy Lifestyles                | 3    |
| HAHS 1500   | (First Year Experience course)    | 2    |
| <b>Major Requirements</b>                           |                                   |      |
| ECON 2610   | Principles 1: Microeconomics      | 3    |
| or ECON 1501  | Economics in Action               |      |
| CHFM 3731   | Individual and Family Development | 3    |
| MRCH 3764   | Family Housing and Technology     | 3    |
| HMEC 1550   |                                   | 1    |
| HMEC 3780   |                                   | 3    |
| HMEC 4836   | Internship                        | 3    |
| HMEC 4890   |                                   | 3    |
| HMEC 4852   |                                   | 3    |
| PSYC 2617   | Research Methods for Psychology   | 3    |
| HMEC 4876   | Undergraduate Research            | 2    |
| HMEC 4877   |                                   | 2    |
| <b>Family Studies Option</b>                        |                                   |      |
| HMEC 5893   |                                   | 3    |

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|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| CHFM 3750   | Families, Communities and Schools | 3              |
| PHLT 2692   | Human Sexuality                   | 3              |
| PSYC 3755   | Child Development                 | 3              |
| Department Electives  |                                   | 16             |
| May include course with CHFM, FNUT, HMEC, MRCH or HMGT prefix if pre-requisites are met |                                   |                |
| Minor   |                                   | 18             |
| Electives to meet 120 total hours (6 s.h.)  |                                   | 6              |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b>   |                                   | <b>120-121</b> |

## Year 1

|                       |   |              |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Fall</b>           |   | <b>S.H.</b>  |
| ENGL 1550             | Writing 1   | 3-4          |
| or ENGL 1549          | or Writing 1 with Support                         |              |
| HMEC 1550             |   | 1            |
| PSYC 1560             | General Psychology                                | 3            |
| PHLT 1568             | Healthy Lifestyles (Permit required, see advisor) | 3            |
| CMST 1545             | Communication Foundations                         | 3            |
| HAHS 1500             |   | 2            |
| <b>Semester Hours</b> |   | <b>15-16</b> |

## Spring

|                       |                           |           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| ENGL 1551             | Writing 2                 | 3         |
| FNUT 1551             | Normal Nutrition          | 3         |
| SOC 1500              | Introduction to Sociology | 3         |
| Natural Science + Lab |                           | 4         |
| Department Elective   |                           | 3         |
| <b>Semester Hours</b> |                           | <b>16</b> |

## Year 2

|                              |                        |           |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Fall</b>                  |                        |           |
| PHLT 2692                    | Human Sexuality        | 3         |
| MATH 2623                    | Quantitative Reasoning | 3         |
| Arts and Humanities Elective |                        | 3         |
| Department Elective          |                        | 3         |
| Natural Science Elective     |                        | 3         |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>        |                        | <b>15</b> |

## Spring

|                              |                              |           |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| ECON 2610                    | Principles 1: Microeconomics | 3         |
| or ECON 1501                 | or Economics in Action       |           |
| Arts and Humanities Elective |                              | 3         |
| PSYC 3755                    | Child Development            | 3         |
| Department Elective          |                              | 3         |
| Minor Course                 |                              | 3         |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>        |                              | <b>15</b> |

## Year 3

|                       |                                   |           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Fall</b>           |                                   |           |
| CHFM 3750             | Families, Communities and Schools | 3         |
| MRCH 3764             | Family Housing and Technology     | 3         |
| PSYC 3758             | Lifespan Development              | 3         |
| HMEC 4875             | Directed Individual Study         | 2         |
| Minor Course          |                                   | 3         |
| Minor Course          |                                   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Hours</b> |                                   | <b>17</b> |

## Spring

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| HMEC 3780 |                                   | 3 |
| CHFM 3731 | Individual and Family Development | 3 |
| PSYC 2617 | Research Methods for Psychology   | 3 |

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Minor Course                     | 3              |
| Department Elective              | 2              |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>            | <b>14</b>      |
| <b>Year 4</b>                    |                |
| <b>Fall</b>                      |                |
| HMEC 5893                        | 3              |
| HMEC 4890                        | 3              |
| HMEC 4876 Undergraduate Research | 2              |
| Minor Course                     | 3              |
| Elective                         | 3              |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>            | <b>14</b>      |
| <b>Spring</b>                    |                |
| HMEC 4836 Internship             | 3              |
| HMEC 4852                        | 3              |
| Minor Course                     | 3              |
| University Elective              | 3              |
| HMEC 4877                        | 2              |
| <b>Semester Hours</b>            | <b>14</b>      |
| <b>Total Semester Hours</b>      | <b>120-121</b> |

## 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.