FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

Department Description

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences offers three distinct programs, two minors and one certificate. The focus of these programs is to enhance the skills and knowledge that will promote the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. Our programs and professions focus on individuals and families in order to achieve an optimum balance between people and their environments. The mission of Family and Consumer Sciences is to empower individuals and families to function interdependently in a global society.

Family and Consumer Science (Pre-Credential Single Subject Matter Program)

The major meets the California Career Technical Education (CTE) Curriculum Standards and Home Economics Teacher Preparation Standards of Quality and Effectiveness for Subject Matter Programs.

Graduates are prepared to enter a Single Subject Teaching Credential Program with a waiver of the California Subject Examinations for Teachers required to teach Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics in middle and high schools. Coursework includes Nutrition and Food, Fashion Merchandising & Management, Family Studies & Human Development, and others, combined with an internship in a middle or high school in the Sacramento area.

The Minor in Family and Consumer Sciences offers flexibility and breadth of courses across the disciplines of Family and Consumer Sciences including Food, Fashion, and Family. It is designed to complement any major for a broad understanding of human ecology. It also supplements any major in preparation for the California Subject Examinations for Teachers required for a teaching credential in Home Economics/Family and Consumer Sciences.

Family Studies and Human Development

The major prepares students for careers in various human service fields. The program emphasizes an asset-based approach to understanding lifespan human development, family systems and family diversity. The major is approved by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) for academic programs in Family Life Education. The major offers multiple courses required to meet the specifications set forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) for certification as a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS), including the child life course.

Certificate in Family Life Education

The goal of the certificate is to prepare students to provide family life education in a variety of settings such as schools, churches, youth programs, health care, and family service agencies. The certificate program is designed to cover the ten family life education content areas delineated by the National Council on Family Relations NCFR. The certificate is not a teaching credential. In conjunction with a Bachelor or Master degree or a state teaching credential, it may be helpful in obtaining employment as a Family Life Educator.

Fashion Merchandising and Management

The major prepares students for careers in the global fashion industry, including management, marketing, buying, advertisement, promotion, manufacturing, sourcing, distribution, retailing, and many more. The program also emphasizes the contemporary and historical ways of meeting the economic, physiological, aesthetic, psychological, sociological, and cultural needs of consumers relative to fashion products.

The program offers a vast array of courses that cover different areas of the fashion industry. Students learn the basics of fashion by taking foundation courses. Upper-division marketing classes allow students to become more familiar with the business side of fashion. Courses focusing on the basic design skills introduce students to the creative side of the industry. This program provides a well-rounded education that prepares students for jobs in any area of the fashion industry.

The Minor in Fashion Merchandising and Management provides students an understanding of the role fashion plays in social/cultural environment, business/economic environment, and natural environment. The minor is complementary to students pursuing careers in communication studies, psychology, journalism, marketing, entrepreneurship, management, business, art, and design.

Degree Programs

BS in Family Studies and Human Development (http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/family-consumer-sciences/bs-family-studies-and-human-development/)

BS in Fashion Merchandising and Management (http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/family-consumer-sciences/bs-in-fashion-merchandising-management/)

Minor in Family and Consumer Sciences (http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/family-consumer-sciences/minor-family-and-consumer-sciences/)

Minor in Fashion Merchandising and Management (http://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/social-sciences-interdisciplinary-studies/family-consumer-sciences/minor-fashion-merchandising-and-management/)


Special Features

- Faculty in Family and Consumer Sciences come from diverse educational backgrounds and expertise. Faculty members promote and integrate a holistic approach to understanding individuals and families while preparing students for professional careers or graduate study.
- All programs in the department are committed to reflecting in our study and in our practices the diverse populations with which our students will work, including diversity in ability, age, educational level, ethnicity, gender identity, immigration status, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.
- Students have access to laboratories and equipment to support hands-on application of concepts in textiles, design, apparel construction, and food Support facilities include a Costume Collection gallery. Visit the virtual gallery at http://www.csus.edu/facs/.
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Career Possibilities

Family and Consumer Sciences (Pre-Credential Single Subject Program): High school and middle school teacher · Extension specialist · Consultant in Home Economics Careers and Technology · Life Coach. Resources Specialist · Entrepreneur · Consumer Educator · Credit Counselor · California State Department of Education · FCCLA State Adviser.

Family Studies and Human Development: Consumer and Family Resources · Community-Based Social Services · Community Education · Family Life Educator · Family Planning · Family Support Services Provider · Health Care and Family Wellness · Marriage and Family Enrichment · Parenting Educator · Prenatal and Maternity Services · Sexuality Educator · Youth Adviser · Child Life Specialist

Fashion Merchandising and Management: Buyer · Merchandiser · Fashion Marketing · Retail Management · Distribution · Sales Representative · Product Development · Sourcing Agent · Quality Control Analyst · Inventory Specialist · Fashion Coordinator · Stylist · Visual Merchandiser · Fashion Designer · Fashion Forecaster

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FAC 100. Research: Methods and Application in Family and Consumer Sciences. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 6 FACS units completed. FACS majors only
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

Study of methods and application of research in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. Focus on scientific inquiry, methodology, evidenced-based practice, interpretation of research results, program and project evaluation, and professional communication. Includes the examination of ethical practices, professional presentation skills, and technical writing skills.

FAC 140. Family Resource Management. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Management of resources in family systems. Interaction of families with other societal and environmental systems in acquiring and using resources to meet goals and other demands.

FAC 141. Family Finance. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Economic problems of and financial management by the individual and family. Topics include: income patterns, inflation, credit, contracts, housing, financial services, insurance, taxes, investments, retirement income planning.

FAC 168. Senior Seminar. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): 21 FACS units.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Designed to synthesize knowledge in Family and Consumer Sciences. Examination of the concentration in the major and career exploration. Analysis of public policy and ethical issues, professionalism and leadership strategies. Includes personal and professional competency assessment and development of an academic and professional portfolio.

FAC 195A. Field Study: Selected Areas in Family and Consumer Sciences. 1 - 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Guided study and experience in some area within Family and Consumer Sciences in which the student needs orientation or greater depth of study in a specialized field. Credit/No Credit

FAC 195C. Internship. 1 - 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Upper division status; instructor permission obtained in the preceding semester; 2.5 GPA or above.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Directed observation and supervised work experience in an approved business, government, or service agency. Internships are offered for the purpose of increasing student understanding of the nature and scope of agency operations and giving students orientation in occupational specialties. Supervision is provided by authorized persons in the cooperating agencies and collaborative supervision is provided by the Family and Consumer Sciences faculty. Each student is required to maintain a record of activities and assignments and to prepare periodic reports.

Note: Student must make arrangements with a faculty member for a work program one semester prior to admittance to the course. A minimum of three hours per week per unit of credit is required.

Credit/No Credit
Overview of dress and fashion in western civilization from antiquity to the present. An interdisciplinary approach is used to examine how western fashion has evolved over time and functions as a reflection to the present. Emphasis of textile as a unique medium for studying physical science of textile composition and its impact on textile product performance. Discussion of environmental impact of the textile industry as well as scientific innovations in sustainable textile production.

**FASH 131. Quality Analysis: Apparel.** 3 Units
**Prerequisite(s):** FACS 31, FACS 32.
**Term Typically Offered:** Spring only
Analysis of apparel construction and production; current industrial and technological developments. Discussion of sizing and quality standards with emphasis on identification of fabrics, garment styles, finding and trims. Lecture, discussion, demonstration, field trips. Field trip(s) may be required.

**FASH 133. Creative Principles of Apparel Design.** 3 Units
**Prerequisite(s):** FACS 30 and FACS 31
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall only
Study of the functional and aesthetic elements of apparel design. The creative process and development of illustrative techniques. Development of creative approaches through projects of experimental, contemporary and traditional techniques with emphasis on elements of design, and selection and organization of colors, forms, materials and accessories for apparel production. Studio-activity six hours.

**FASH 134. Introduction to Fashion Industry.** 3 Units
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring
Designed to develop an awareness and understanding of the total fashion industry including past, present and future directions of costume design, manufacturing, textiles, retailers’ publications, buying offices, advertising and the consumer.

**FASH 135. Merchandise Buying.** 3 Units
**Prerequisite(s):** FASH 134.
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall only
Detailed study of merchandising mix, purchasing plan, inventory plan, assortment plan, pricing, markdown, markup, and reports. Review of planning and control processes and the buyer’s role in merchandise management and decision-making. Lecture, discussion.

**FASH 136. Fashion Retailing.** 3 Units
**Prerequisite(s):** FASH 134.
**Term Typically Offered:** Spring only
A in-depth exploration of fashion retailing from different perspectives, including organizational structure, store location and image with a focus on visual merchandising techniques, and fashion advertising and promotion strategies.

**FASH 137. Clothing, Society, and Culture.** 3 Units
**General Education Area/Graduation Requirement:** GE AREA D
**Term Typically Offered:** Fall, Spring
Study of the relationship of humans and clothing within their cultural and social environment. Introduction to the fundamentals of social psychology in the examination of clothing and appearance. Clothing and appearance are studied as forms of nonverbal communication and as devices for expressing cultural and social values.

**FASH 139. Textiles and Apparel in the Global Economy.** 3 Units
**Prerequisite(s):** FASH 134 or MKTG 101.
**Term Typically Offered:** Spring only
Overview of global factors affecting the textiles and apparel industries and trade, the impact of textiles and apparel industries on the economy and consumers, the US textiles and apparel in the global economy, and strategies for balancing conflicting interest.
FASH 146. Fashion Entrepreneurship. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FASH 134.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
This is a Service Learning course addressing the essentials of entrepreneurship in the fashion industry, enabling students to learn effective entrepreneurial and general management practice through service learning. Emphasis is placed on the essentials of planning that are vital to entrepreneurial success, step by step guide for starting a fashion business and effective business models, which focus on problems, solutions, key metrics and competitive advantages that will assist in pitching the business. Students complete 45 hours of fieldwork.

FASH 148. Fashion Law. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall only
This course provides an overview of legal issues affecting the fashion industry and its professionals with an emphasis on fashion entrepreneurship, design, advertising and promotion, production, sourcing, marketing and retailing. Students will also learn about fashion regulatory and policy issues, intellectual property (copyright, trademarks, patents), contractual agreements, licensing, commercial operations and expansion, and the international development of a fashion business.

FSHD 50. The Family and Social Issues. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Race & Ethnicity Graduation Requirement (RE), GE AREA D
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Family structure, systems and functioning in marriage and other partnerships, parenting, work issues, domestic violence, divorce, and remarriage. Focus on social issues including gender, race, ethnicity, and class. Historical and theoretical perspectives on families in America. Introduction to research in family sciences and public policy implications. Lecture, discussion.
Note: Not open for credit to students who have taken SOC 5.

FSHD 52. The Child In The Family. 3 Units
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Understanding Personal Development (E)
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of the child, conception through adolescence, in relation to the family. Strong theoretical emphasis. Introduction to methods of study, including observation and interview. Lecture, discussion, fieldwork.
Note: Not open for credit to students who have taken CHDV 137, CHDV 138, or PSYC 148.

FSHD 55. Family Communication. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): COMS 8, FACS 50, SOC 166, or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Study of the family as a small group with emphasis on understanding and interpreting the dynamics of family communication using various communication and social-psychological theories. Opportunity to develop an analytical framework.
Cross Listed: COMS 108; only one may be counted for credit.

FSHD 150. Family Stress and Coping: Multicultural Focus. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Junior standing; a WPJ Portfolio score OR ENGL 109M or ENGL 109W
General Education Area/Graduation Requirement: Writing Intensive Graduation Requirement (WI), Race & Ethnicity Graduation Requirement (RE), GE AREA D
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Study of multicultural families and diverse family forms, with a focus on how families function under stress. Family theory and research are applied to the interpretation and analysis of selected literary work, both in print and film formats.

FSHD 152. Adolescent Development. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): CHDV 30, or CHDV 35, or FACS 52, or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
In-depth study of the achievements and challenges associated with the adolescent stage of development. Focus on understanding the needs and motivations of adolescents and the challenges they face within their socio-cultural environment. Lecture, discussion.
Note: Not open to students who have taken PSYC 149. Previous or concurrent enrollment in CHDV 133 strongly recommended.

FSHD 154. Issues in Parenting. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): CHDV 30, or CHDV 35, or FACS 52, or instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Survey of historical and contemporary attitudes toward parenting. Review of research on child-rearing and parent-child relationships. Use of case studies to explore the influence of personality, developmental stage, family structure, ethnic and cultural factors on parenting. Lecture, Case Study.
Note: Previous or concurrent enrollment in CHDV 133 strongly recommended. Cross-listed: CHDV 154; only one may be counted for credit.

FSHD 155. Family Life Education. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FACS 50; and FACS 100 or CHDV 133; and senior standing.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Historical and philosophical perspective on family life education across the lifespan. Practice in curriculum development including content, objectives, and teaching strategies.

FSHD 156. Child Life and Family-Centered Care. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): FACS 52 or CHDV 30 or CHDV 35 or a course in child development/human development, covering at least birth through adolescence with instructor permission.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring
Overview of the Child Life profession and child life practices. Focus on family-centered care for children in the healthcare environment and their families. Major course topics include: scope of practice in child life; ethical and professional practice; impact of illness, injury and health on patients and family; techniques and outcomes of preparation; therapeutic play; grief and bereavement.
Note: This course is designed to meet the specifications set forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) for the child life course required for certification as a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS).
FSHD 159. Adulthood and Aging in Human Development. 3 Units
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Analyzes the interrelation between physical, psychological, and social development in the middle and later years of adulthood with attention to personal, family and community challenges and opportunities in their cultural context.

FSHD 162. Family Support Services. 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): A minimum of 12 units in FACS and/or FSHD upper division family area courses.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Application of family science to the development, implementation, and evaluation of family support services. Implications of research for practice with diverse families. Focus on developing skills in family-centered services, family-professional collaboration, and resource-based and asset-based intervention. Lecture two hours; fieldwork in the community three hours.

FSHD 195F. Practicum in Family Life Education. 1 - 3 Units
Prerequisite(s): Senior status; GPA of 2.75 or above; NURS 160 or PSYC 134 or HLSC 134; and FACS 155.
Corequisite(s): If not taken as a prerequisite, FACS 155 may be taken concurrently with instructor's approval.
Term Typically Offered: Fall, Spring

Directed observation and supervised work experience in an approved educational setting, service agency, business or government agency that provides family life education. Students will move from observing and assisting to developing, delivering and assessing lessons and programs in family life education. Students will gain experience applying educational and developmental theories, curriculum development, and teaching methods to delivering evidence-based and culturally sensitive lessons in the content areas of family life education: parent education, strengthening relationships, and/or sexuality education.
Note: Students must make arrangements with the supervising faculty member one semester prior to admittance to the course.
Credit/No Credit