

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences is designed to provide advanced specialized leadership in various professions, and to further professional competencies for students in dietetics, extension, business, industry and education.

The graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences is designed to accomplish the following basic purposes:

1. To develop leadership for family and consumer sciences professions;
2. To extend competencies for family and consumer sciences specialists in dietetics, extension, business, industry and education; and
3. To prepare promising students for doctoral study.

The curriculum is organized to permit advanced study and research in the following areas:

1. Clothing, Textiles, and Merchandising
2. Family and Consumer Sciences Education
3. Family Economics and Resource Management
4. Interior Design/Housing
5. Nutrition and Dietetics

Students seeking admission to the graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences must meet the following requirements and submit the documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

1. Graduate Application (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>)
2. Application fee (<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/graduate-studies/application-fee.html>)
3. Official transcripts of all college-level work, including the transcript that shows the date the undergraduate degree was conferred
4. Official GRE scores
5. Two letters of recommendation that discuss the applicant's suitability for graduate study
6. A personal statement of career interests and goals
7. A minimum of 18 undergraduate credit hours in Family and Consumer Sciences or related coursework

A holistic review of each student's application file will be completed on a competitive basis.

Master of Science, Plan I

Code	Title	Hours
Thesis Option		
Requirements		
	Family and Consumer Sciences coursework	15
	Statistics	3
	Approved Area of Specialization	12
	Thesis	6
	Total Hours	36

Notes

The comprehensive examination must be taken in the major field. Students must be enrolled in the University the semester or summer session in which the comprehensive exam is administered.

All courses require Graduate Standing and admittance in the MS in Family and Consumer Sciences program.

Master of Science, Plan II

Code	Title	Hours
Non-thesis Option		
Requirements		
	Family and Consumer Sciences coursework	21
	Statistics	3
	Approved Area of Specialization	12
	Total Hours	36

The comprehensive examination must be taken in the major field. Students must be enrolled in the University the semester or summer session in which the comprehensive exam is administered.

Degree Plans

Plan 1 - MS in Family and Consumer Sciences (Thesis Option)

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Science in Family and Consumer Science (Thesis Option)		
Specified Courses		
FACS 5330	Seminr Fam & Consumer Sci Rsch	3
SOCI 5314	Social Statistics	3
FACS Electives		
Select four graduate FACS courses		12
Approved Area of Specialization		
Select four graduate courses from an approved field		12
Thesis		
FACS 6098	Thesis	3
FACS 6099	Thesis	3
Total Hours		36

Notes

All courses require Graduate Standing and admittance in the MS in Family and Consumer Sciences program.

Plan 2 - MS in Family and Consumer Sciences (Non-thesis Option)

Code	Title	Hours
Master of Science in Family and Consumer Science (Non-thesis option)		
Specified Courses		
FACS 5330	Seminr Fam & Consumer Sci Rsch	3
SOCI 5314	Social Statistics	3
FACS Electives		
Select six graduate FACS courses except thesis courses		18
Approved Area of Specialization		
Select four graduate courses from an approved field		12
Total Hours		36

Notes

All courses require Graduate Standing and admittance in the MS in Family and Consumer Sciences program.