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. Fashion Merchandising and Clothing  
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.

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

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

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.

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

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**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

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state’s 60x30TX plan and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The MS in Family and Consumer Sciences is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Leadership skills.
- Advanced written and oral communication skills.
- Research analytics.