

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES - MASTER OF SCIENCE (ONLINE)

The Master of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences can be obtained with an emphasis in one of the following areas:

- clothing, textiles and fashion merchandising;
- family and child science (marriage and family therapy emphasis or teaching and research emphasis);
- family and consumer sciences education;
- food science and technology;
- general family and consumer sciences'
- hotel, restaurant and tourism management;
- human nutrition and dietetic sciences (dietetic internship emphasis or human nutrition emphasis)

*A minimum of 44 credits with a written comprehensive examination is required for the dietetic internship emphasis under the non-thesis plan; additional 4 credits of the thesis is required under a thesis plan for dietetic internship emphasis for a total of 48 credits.

A minor may be taken in a variety of supporting fields that fit the particular interests of the candidate. A minimum of 30 credits (including 4-6 credits of thesis) is required under the thesis plan and is the recommended program for most students. A non-thesis plan is available that requires a minimum of 32 credits of course work with a written comprehensive examination. Both plans require a final oral examination.

Students will take 3 credits of statistics and 3 credits of research methodology at the graduate level. Students may be required to take a graduate-level technical writing course based on demonstrated writing ability in initial graduate courses. Students who do not have degrees related to their intended areas of specialization may be required to do some leveling work. Prior to the completion of 12 credits, a program advisory committee will be established to determine, with the student, the courses that will be taken for the degree work.