APPENDIX A: Recruitment materials for the Master's in FCS graduate program

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

The Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences graduate program prepares students through teaching and experiential learning, research, and theoretical application to improve our diverse, global society. The program's integrative approach is designed to prepare graduates for leadership positions in government, non-profit, and other social service agencies by advancing critical thinking, reflective practice, knowledge, and communication skills.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program requires 30 semester-hours with thesis and 32 semester-hours without a thesis. All students are required to take FCS 5450 (Supervision and Administration in FCS), FCS 5460 (Issues and Trends in FCS), FCS 5900 (Research Methods in FCS), and FCS 5901 (Statistics in FCS). Each student chooses one of the following options to include in the program for a minimum of three and a maximum of six semester hours: internship (FCS 5980), independent study (FCS 5990), or thesis (FCS 5950). Either the comprehensive exam or thesis is required as the Certificate of Comprehensive Knowledge.

FLEXIBILITY

All of the courses are offered in multiple formats; evening courses, weekend courses, and on-line courses. In addition, most of the courses are not required in a sequential order (FCS 5901 must be taken prior to FCS 5900) or with a cohort, so students have a great deal of flexibility when it comes to their schedule.

FAQ

Is the GRE or MAT required?

No

Is a thesis required?

No

What is the GPA requirement?

Students must have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA to be fully admitted. If the GPA is under 2.75, students can apply for provisional admittance.

How long will it take to complete the Master's degree in FCS?

The program can be completed in three semesters or one full calendar year; however, there is a great deal in variation for each student and their timeline. Most students take 1 ½ to 2 years to complete the program but students have up to six years to do so.

Where are graduates from the program employed?

Our graduates are employed in not-for-profit and private organizations, government agencies, businesses and educational institutions in direct services, education, advocacy, policy, research and administration.

How can I obtain secondary teacher certification for family and consumer sciences?

If you have completed a bachelor's degree, contact the College of Education and Professional Studies at 217-581-2524 to arrange a transcript evaluation for Illinois state teacher certification requirements.

Are there scholarships available?

All FCS scholarships are available to currently enrolled FCS majors and are listed at the following web site: www.eiu.edu/~famsci/advisement/fcsscholarships

How do I apply?

Students must first submit an application with the EIU Graduate School (http://www.eiu.edu/graduate/prospective_admissions.php). Next, an application needs to be submitted to the MS in FCS program: http://www.eiu.edu/famscigrad/machform/view.php?id=11399 In addition, a one-page statement of goals, a resume, and two letters of recommendation must be sent to the Graduate Coordinator for the MS in FCS graduate program (2016 Klehm Hall or lmmoyer@eiu.edu). Review of applications begins on February 15th for consideration of admission in the summer or fall semesters and September 15th for the spring semester, but applications are accepted any time.

Contact Dr. Lisa Moyer, Graduate Coordinator for the Master's in FCS graduate program, for more information.
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Top ten reasons to consider pursuing a Master's in FCS with the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at EIU

1. Students may develop an individualized graduate program that fits their life commitments and career aspirations
2. Up to half of the coursework can be completed online*
3. The program does not require GRE scores and students have an option of writing a thesis
4. EIU produces more doctoral students than any other Master's institution in Illinois (among the top 5% nationwide!)
5. Students work closely with accomplished and enthusiastic faculty on cutting edge research
6. Classes are conveniently offered at night, on the weekends, and on-line
7. Students have opportunities to earn graduate credit through study abroad programs in Italy, South Africa, and other countries
8. Program can be completed within a year (three semesters)
9. Opportunities to get involved and network with other students and professionals (e.g., Kappa Omicron Nu; Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences; Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and Illinois Council on Family Relations)
10. The SFCS has formed strong relationships with organizations in the area where students can choose to complete an internship

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