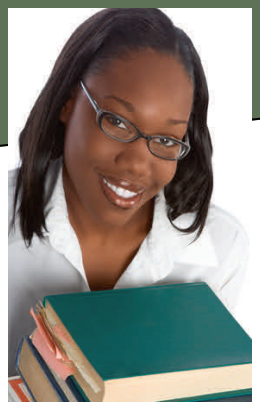
MASTER'S IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The Master's in Family and Consumer Sciences is an applied graduate program that focuses on teaching, experiential learning, research, and theoretical application to improve our diverse, global society. Through an integrative approach, the Master's in FCS program advances critical thinking, reflective practice, knowledge, and communication skills. Graduates work in non-profit organizations, social service agencies, court advocacy, outreach programs, teaching, or go on to doctoral programs at other institutions.



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MS IN FCS GRADUATE PROGRAM

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To apply to the program, submit an online application to the EIU Graduate School here:
https://www.eiu.edu/myeiu/
Then apply to the FCS program and upload additional application materials (resume, letter of intent, letters of recommendation) here:
http://www.eiu.edu/famscigrad/apply.php

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Applying research and theory to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

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THE PROGRAM

Students may develop an individualized graduate program with approved selection of courses in human development and family life, consumer studies, textiles, merchandising, and nutrition.

FLEXIBILITY

The Master's in FCS is a flexible program where students are allowed to develop the schedule that best fits their life. Courses are offered during the day, in the evening, on the weekends, and online. Students are not required to, but can complete the program in one year (three semesters).

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Competitive graduate assistantships are offered each year in the textiles and child development laboratories; student organization management; Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R); and general support for the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Applications for assistantships are separate from applications for the program and are due to the Graduate Coordinator by February 15. Contact the Graduate Coordinator for information.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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. Programs of study, which are completed in consultation with a graduate advisor and program committee, require a presentation component of graduate internship, independent study, or thesis.

COURSEWORK

REQUIRED CORE COURSES:

FCS 5450	**Supervision & Administration in FCS**
FCS 5460	**Issues and Trends in FCS**
FCS 5900	**Research Methods in FCS**
FCS 5901	**Statistics in FCS**

ELECTIVES*

FCS 4752	Focus on Diabetes
FCS 4753	Nutrition and the Addicted Person
FCS 4755	Nutrition for Physical Performance
FCS 4770	Consumer Decisions in the Marketplace
FCS 4820	Death and Dying
FCS 4838	Pattern Design and Development
FCS 4840	The Disadvantaged Family
FCS 4845	The Family in Crisis
FCS 4846	Aging in the Family
FCS 4851	Infant Development
FCS 4854	Parent-Child Study and Community Involvement
FCS 4860	Addictions in the Family
FCS 4926	Public Presentation Techniques
FCS 5045	Textile Simulations
FCS 5151	Nutrition for Older People
FCS 5153	Nutrition in the Life Cycle
FCS 5155	Teaching and Marketing Nutrition
FCS 5230	Special Topics in FCS
FCS 5235	International Special Topics in FCS
FCS 5238	Seminar in FCS
FCS 5300	Critical Issues in Consumer Affairs
FCS 5301	Consumer Management Problems of Older People
FCS 5302	Family Budgeting and Debt Management
FCS 5470	Evaluation in FCS
FCS 5750	Special Problems in Gerontology
FCS 5846	Administration of Human Service Programs
FCS 5850	Readings in Human Development and Family Life
FCS 5852	Adolescence and the Family
FCS 5854	Family and Professional Group Processes
FCS 5950	Thesis
FCS 5980	Internship
FCS 5990	Independent Study

**Graduate students are limited to 10 hours at the 4750-4999 level*

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 to provide leadership through careers that advocate for, support, educate, and advise individuals, families, and communities. The program accomplishes this by advancing critical thinking, reflective practice, knowledge, and communication skills.

At EIU, our emphasis on integrative learning means that we provide our students with coherent learning experiences in the classroom, significant learning and life experiences *outside* the classroom, and ample opportunity for guided reflection. What makes integrative learning so powerful is that it enables students to tie the disparate parts of their academic, personal, and professional lives into a holistic, transformative university experience.

We invite you to join the thousands of students that have made Eastern their first choice.

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