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Family and Consumer Sciences

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Admission Requirements: To be eligible for degree candidacy, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to the Graduate School (see "[Admission to Graduate Degree and Certificate Programs](#)"). Applicants who have not completed a baccalaureate family and consumer sciences program will be expected to satisfy undergraduate deficiency course requirements in addition to their graduate course requirements. The graduate coordinator will identify any undergraduate deficits at the time the admission decision is made. Potential undergraduate deficiencies could be [FCS 1800- Life Span Human Development](#), [FCS 2100- Nutrition in a Global Society](#) and [FCS 3300- Consumer Education](#).

Program of Study: The study plan shall be approved by the School and filed with the School's graduate coordinator prior to the completion of 12 semester hours of graduate credit which count toward the graduate degree.

Degree Requirements

Degree requirements include those outlined for the master's degree by the Graduate School (see "[Requirements for the Master's Degree](#)"). Each program is designed to meet individual student needs. Students may select an area of interest and develop a study plan in consultation with and approval of the assigned academic advisor and committee. Courses may be selected from such topics as human development and family life, merchandising, consumer affairs, and nutrition. Thirty semester hours with thesis or 32 semester hours without thesis are required.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Assistantships are offered each year in foods courses; the child development laboratories; Nutrition Education Resource and Referral; as the Financial Health Coordinator; in student organization management; overseeing the textile laboratory; through Child Care Resource and Referral; and in general support for the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Brief position descriptions can be found at the following web site:
<http://www.eiu.edu/~famsci/academics/gapositiondesc.pdf>

The weekly work obligation is 18-19 hours. Applications for graduate assistantships for the following academic year are due to the graduate coordinator in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences by February 15 or the following business day. Information on graduate assistantships may be obtained by contacting the Coordinator of Graduate Studies or Chair, Family and Consumer Sciences, 1030 Klehm Hall, EIU. The following link provides an assistantship application checklist:
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Core Requirements

Total. Credits: 9

The following graduate level Family and Consumer Sciences courses are required:

- FCS 5460 - Current Issues and Trends. Credits: 3
- FCS 5900 - Research Methods in Family and Consumer Sciences. Credits: 3

And one of the following:

- FCS 5450 - Administration and Supervision in Family and Consumer Sciences. Credits: 3
 - FCS 5470 - Evaluation in Family and Consumer Sciences. Credits: 3

Other Requirements

In addition to Family and Consumer Sciences core courses, 21-23 semester hours of electives are to be selected by the student **with prior approval of the advisor**. Selection of electives will be determined by undergraduate preparation, inclusion of foundational program's content area at the 5000 level, professional goals, interests, and needs of the student. **Effective for program admissions for Fall 2008:** Students are required to choose one or more of the following options to include in their program for a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 semester hours: internship (FCS 5980), thesis (FCS 5950) or complete an approved independent study (FCS 5990). Either the comprehensive exam or thesis is required as the Certificate of Comprehensive Knowledge. Programs of study are completed in consultation with a graduate adviser and program committee and require a presentation component as determined by the program committee in graduate internship, independent study or thesis.

Dietetics Option

Degree Requirements: Upon completion of this option, graduates will be eligible to write for the dietetic registration examination. The Dietetic Internship is granted accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education of the American Dietetic Association, 120 Riverside Plaza, Suite 2000, Chicago, IL 60606-6995, 312-899-5400. The program includes a minimum of 1080 clock hours of supervised practice, including clinical, food service/management, and community dietetics. Thirty-six semester hours with thesis or 38 semester hours without thesis are required.

Graduate Assistantship application information can be found at:

<http://www.eiu.edu/~famsci/academics/msfcs.htm>

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Other Requirements

Twelve semester hours of a dietetic core are required:

- FCS 5153 - Nutrition in the Life Cycle. Credits: 3
- FCS 5154 - Medical Nutrition Therapy. Credits: 3
- FCS 5155 - Teaching and Marketing Nutrition. Credits: 3
- Twelve semester hours must be earned in the Dietetics Option to provide “supervised practice” as defined by the American Dietetic Association. Students must provide verification of completion of a Didactic Program in Dietetics before starting the dietetic internship component. An additional three to five semester hours of electives are to be selected by the student with prior approval of the advisor.

Additional Requirements for Dietetics Option


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Admission Requirements Candidates applying for admission to the MS in FCS Graduate Program must have earned a bachelor’s degree at an accredited institution at the time of admission and earned an overall GPA of 2.75* or higher (or a 3.0 in the last 60 hours of graded coursework). To apply, candidates must

submit an application for admission to the University through the EIU Graduate School's online application website (<https://www.applyweb.com/apply/eiu/menu.html>), and supply additional application materials (see below) directly to the School of Family and Consumer Sciences MS in FCS Graduate Program (email to the Graduate Coordinator, Dr. Lisa Taylor, lmTaylor@eiu.edu), for consideration by February 15 for summer or fall admission or September 15 for spring admission.

Additional application materials include:

- A one-page letter of intent, including the candidate's goals and how the EIU MS in FCS graduate program would help them achieve those goals
- A one-page current resume or vita
- Two letters of recommendation (prepared within the past year) from persons acquainted with the candidate's academic ability and/or professional competency

In addition, candidates may be required to participate in an interview and/or complete undergraduate preparatory courses in family and consumer sciences.

***Admission as a Provisional Candidate and Limitations:** Refer to the Eastern Illinois Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.eiu.edu/content.php?catoid=18&navoid=478>)

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