

## **Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences**

### **Program Revision: Online offering**

Requested Change: To offer an online mode of delivery to the Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Program. The requested effective date is Fall 2018.

Rationale for Change: Offering the program in an online format, in addition to the face-to-face format, will increase opportunities to reach students who require flexibility in their programs and meet the demand for high school teachers to further their education. Opportunities to attract out-of-state students will increase since the additional tuition costs for these students will be eliminated. The online delivery of the program will not change any course content and the integrity of the program will be maintained. All online courses within the program will be taught by faculty who have completed the required training as established by EIU

See Master of Sciences of Family and Consumer Sciences Master Copy for Catalog Changes

Approved by MS in FCS Graduate Faculty: October 9, 2017 via electronic vote

Approved by FCS Curriculum Committee: November 2, 2017

Approved by LCBAS Curriculum Committee: December 4, 2017

# Master of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences

## Master Copy for Catalog Changes

### Current Catalog Copy

#### Family and Consumer Sciences

**Mission Statement:** 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 by advancing critical thinking, reflective practice, knowledge, and communication skills.

**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- Personal Nutrition and FCS 3300- Personal and Family Finance.

**Degree Audit:** The graduate plan of study is the EIU Degree Audit, which is generated automatically in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS) at the time of degree or certificate candidacy. Modifications of the standard EIU Degree Audit are submitted by the graduate coordinator to the certification officer in the Graduate School at the time modifications are approved. The Degree Audit serves as an unofficial summary of requirements for the program. Degree and certificate candidates are advised to review the comprehensive summary of the Degree Audit process specified on the "Requirements for All Degree and Certificate Candidates" section of the Graduate Catalog. Individual programs may require candidates to submit plans of study in addition to the Degree Audit, candidates should consult with the program coordinator.

### Degree Requirements

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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, consumer studies, textiles or foods and nutrition. Thirty semester hours with thesis or 32 semester hours without thesis are required.

### Core Requirements

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#### Total. Credits: 12

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

- [FCS 5900 - Research Methods in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5901 - Statistical Analysis in Family and Consumer Sciences](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5450 - Administration and Supervision in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 3

- [FCS 5460 - Current Issues and Trends in Family & Consumer Sciences](#) Credits: 3

## Suggested Electives

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Electives must be approved by the student's graduate committee (21-23)

- [FCS 4752 - Focus on Diabetes](#). Credits: 1
- [FCS 4753 - Nutrition and the Addicted Person](#). Credits: 1
- [FCS 4755 - Nutrition for Physical Performance](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4770 - Family Budgeting and Debt Management](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4820 - Death and Dying](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4840 - The Disadvantaged Family](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 4845 - Family Stress and Resilience](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4846 - Aging and the Family](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 4851 - Infant Development](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 4854 - Parent-Child Study and Community Involvement](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 4859 - Administration of Child and Family Services Programs](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4860 - Addictions and the Family](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 4926 - Public Presentation Techniques](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5045 - Textile Simulations](#) Credits: 2
- [FCS 5151 - Nutrition and the Older Person](#) Credits: 1
- [FCS 5153 - Nutrition Education Throughout the Life Cycle](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5155 - Principles of Nutrition Education](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5230 - Special Topics in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 1 or 2 or 3
- [FCS 5235 - International Special Topics in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 1
- [FCS 5238 - Seminar in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5300 - Critical Issues in Consumer Affairs](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5301 - Consumer and Management Problems of Older People](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5450 - Administration and Supervision in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5750 - Special Problems in Gerontology](#). Credits: 1
- [FCS 5470 - Evaluation in Family and Consumer Sciences](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5846 - Public Policy and Grant Writing](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5850 - Theories of Human Development and Family Life](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5852 - Adolescence and the Family](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5854 - Family and Professional Group Processes](#). Credits: 3
- [FCS 5950 - Thesis](#) Credits: 3 to 6
- [FCS 5980 - Internship](#). Credits: 3 to 6
- [FCS 5990 - Independent Study](#). Credits: 1 to 6

## Curriculum for Online Cohort

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Total: 36 semester hours

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- [FCS 4838 - Pattern Development and Design](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4854 - Parent-Child Study and Community Involvement](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 4926 - Public Presentation Techniques](#) Credits: 3
- [FCS 5157 - Disordered Eating Behaviors](#) Credits: 1
- [FCS 5158 - Implications of Childhood Obesity](#) Credits: 1
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## Graduate Assistantships

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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/~msfcs>. 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: <http://www.eiu.edu/~msfcs>

## Proposed Catalog Copy

### Online and On-Campus Components

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