

**LUMPKIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND APPLIED SCIENCES  
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**

**TO: Council on Academic Affairs**  
**FROM: William Minnis, Interim Dean**  
**SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ACTION**  
**DATE: March 29, 2018**

**Effective:** Fall 2018

**Add Accelerated Graduate Program:**  
MS in Family and Consumer Sciences

**Request from the School of Family and Consumer Sciences on following page.**

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## EXECUTIVE ACTION REQUEST

TO: Amy Annis, Certification Officer

FROM: Linda Simpson

DATE: March 29, 2018

### **Action Requested:**

Addition of the MS in FCS Accelerated Graduate Program

### **Rationale:**

To provide an opportunity for advanced undergraduates to begin graduate studies while still enrolled in undergraduate studies in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

### **Guidelines:**

Shared course credit will apply and count to both the undergraduate and graduate degree requirements.

Students in the MS in FCS Accelerated Graduate Program will remain under early admission into graduate programs until the completion of the undergraduate degree. Upon earning the undergraduate degree, a student will gain full admission status to the graduate program.

Retroactive enrollment in shared course credit is not permitted; students must be explicitly enrolled in the MS in FCS Accelerated Graduate Program in order for shared credit to apply to degree requirements.

Shared credit courses do not apply to the graduate GPA, since the student remained as an undergraduate while completing the shared credit course(s).

Undergraduate students taking courses in the MS in FCS Accelerated Graduate Program must earn a grade of B or higher in these courses to remain in the program.

No more than 9 hours of combined shared credit in the program may be applied toward the MS in FCS Graduate Program.

The undergraduate degree must be earned prior to the completion of the master's degree and cannot be awarded simultaneously.

### **Admission Requirements:**

A minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.25.

Completion of at least 15 credit hours in Family and Consumer Sciences coursework. A minimum of 60 hours of undergraduate course credit is required prior to receiving full admission status to the graduate program.

The application will consist of:

- 1) Letter of Intent that addresses:
  - a. the integrative and holistic nature of the discipline of family and consumer sciences including one or more examples to complement the response, and

- b. how a degree in family and consumer science will assist in achieving career goals.
- 2) Two letters of recommendation. At least one of these recommenders must be able to address academic performance
- 3) Vita or Resume

To apply, students will initiate the admission effort through the Graduate School and must complete the Accelerated Program Course Request Form. Final admission decisions are made by the MS in FCS Graduate Coordinator.

### **Shared Credit Courses:**

For the graduate program in Family and Consumer Sciences, students accepted into the accelerated graduate program may take the following courses as shared credit. Please note that stated prerequisites will need to be completed before enrolling in the courses. Please work with your undergraduate academic advisor in the selection of the following shared courses.

FCS 4770Z Family Budgeting and Debt Management  
FCS 4820Z Death and Dying  
FCS 4838Z Apparel Development and Design  
FCS 4845Z Family Stress and Resilience  
FCS 4846Z Aging and the Family  
FCS 4848Z Cultural Aspects of Fashion  
FCS 4851Z Infant Development Laboratory  
FCS 4854Z Parent-Child Study and Community Involvement  
FCS 4859Z Administration of Child and Family Services Programs  
FCS 4860Z Addictions and the Family  
FCS 4926Z Visual Merchandising  
FCS 4940Z Food Service Systems Management  
FCS 5100Z Societal Aspects of Aging  
FCS 5400Z Aging Policy in Action  
FCS 5450Z Administration and Supervision in Family and Consumer Sciences  
FCS 5460Z Current Issues and Trends  
FCS 5230Z Special Topics in Family and Consumer Sciences  
FCS 5235Z International Special Topics in Family and Consumer Sciences  
FCS 5470Z Evaluation in Family and Consumer Sciences