

HARDING UNIVERSITY

Family and Consumer Sciences

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
College of Sciences



Degree: B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences

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Description of Major

The Family and Consumer Sciences Degree prepares professionals for generalist careers in a diversity of settings. Graduates are well trained in the holistic approach to empowering individuals, families and communities in the context of the basic human needs of food, clothing, shelter and relationships. Included in the degree are courses in all subject matter specialties: food and nutrition, child development and family life, apparel and textiles, housing and interiors, consumer education and resource management. Electives in the degree allow the student to readily choose a supporting minor or greater depth in one or more areas of family and consumer sciences. The FCS Degree prepares students to provide informed leadership for the world around them to make a difference in the quality of life for all. Students who have a desire to pursue a non-traditional career will find this degree versatile and conducive to charting their own unique professional path.

Outside the Classroom

Students are encouraged to join the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the Arkansas Affiliate. This student organization sponsors trips to state and national conferences where students can interact with professionals in the field. High-achieving students may be selected for membership in Kappa Omicron Nu, an honorary society that recognizes scholarship in the field of family and consumer sciences. Harding's chapter of KON is Nu Delta. The professional associations and honor societies provide excellent opportunities for students to develop leadership skills.

**Bachelor of Sciences Degree
Family and Consumer Sciences Major (FCS)**

REQUIREMENTS	HOURS
Liberal Arts:	53
FCS Program Foundations:	6
FCS 100, 205, 400	
Family and Consumer Sciences Core:	48
FCS 101, 102, 203, 240, 251, 267 (must be taken for 3 credit hours to meet program requirements), 311 or 413, 322, 323, 331,340, 391, 405, 406, 430; IS 101	
Electives:	13
This degree may include leveling work, which decreases the hours of electives.	
Remaining Bible:	8
TOTAL HOURS	128

Employment Opportunities

Family and consumer sciences majors work in generalist positions in a variety of settings serving youth, adults, families, communities, or consumers, in business, government, churches, community agencies or educational institutions.

Examples of job titles include:

- Activities Director
- Adult Education Provider/Teacher
- After School Program Supervisor/Teacher
- Community Relations Representative
- Consumer Educator
- Cooperative Extension
- Domestic Violence Specialist
- Elder Care Director/Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Family Service Worker
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Life Skills Specialist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Youth Service Field Director

JUST TO NAME A FEW!