Family & Consumer Sciences Major - Teaching Option

Family and consumer sciences students learn to work through credit and not-for-credit education systems to empower individuals and families across the lifespan to manage the challenges of living and working in a diverse, global society. The unique focus is on families, work, and their interrelationships. The curriculum at MSU is in synch with the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers and the National Standards for Family and Consumer Sciences Students. Therefore, students choosing this option will be well qualified to seek employment in a variety of educational settings including secondary public and private schools, extension, and public and private agencies. Upon successful completion of the program, candidates will be recommended for a Montana teaching license in Family and Consumer Sciences grades 5-12. Students are encouraged to complete the Certified Family Life Educator (https://www.ncfr.org/sites/default/files/downloads/news/montana_state_univ_bozeman_1.pdf) and Accredited Financial Counselor (http://www.afcpe.org/certification/certification/accredited-financial-counselor) (FCS 337, FCS 338, and FCS 339) designations as well as a teaching minor in a second field while attending MSU to further increase their professional opportunities.

Additionally, the family and consumer sciences major prepares undergraduate students to pursue graduate degrees in a variety of areas including family and consumer sciences, curriculum and instruction, school counseling, and adult education.

Students must receive a grade of "C" or higher in all required courses as outlined in the major.

Note: The family and consumer sciences teaching option requires 122 credits.

Both teaching and non-teaching options take the following core classes:

- **FCS 101S** Indiv and Fam Dev: Lifespan 3
- **FCS 138** Srvy of Fam Fin and Cons Issue 3
- **FCS 239** Contemporary Consumer Issues 3
- **FCS 263** Relationships and Fam Systems 3
- **FCS 337** Personal and Family Finance I 3
- **FCS 338** Personal and Family Finance II 3
- **FCS 371** Research Methods in HHD 3
- **FCS 437** Managing Work and Family 3
- **FCS 457** Family Life Education 3
- **FCS 460** Parenting 3
- **FCS 464** Gndr, Rce, Clss, and Fam Diver 3
  or FCS 465R Family Law & Public Policy 3
- **NUTR 221CS** Basic Human Nutrition 3

**Total Credits: 36**

### Freshman Year

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**Total Program Credits: 122**