MASTER OF ARTS IN FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

The Master of Arts program in Family & Consumer Sciences uses a multidisciplinary approach to student inquiry within a chosen field. The program is designed to assist students in navigating through the process utilizing both theory and practice. It aims to inspire students to reach their full potential through identification of the most current and compelling issues within the Family & Consumer Science disciplines noted below and to structure a body of research that seeks to ameliorate the issues while addressing quality of life for individuals, families, and communities.

- Apparel Design & Merchandising
- Interior Design
- Dietetics
- Family and Consumer Sciences

Student understanding of trends and issues in these areas provide the roadmap for the development of a culminating experience which illustrates identification of issues and problem-solving methodologies. Students have the opportunity to structure their degree around their specific interests within the emphasis areas noted above and also with other programs across campus. The M.A. degree also prepares one for further graduate study.

Admission to Program

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree and a 3.0 GPA with a major in family and consumer sciences, or one of its specializations (apparel, child/family, interior design, nutrition/dietetics). Those without this degree must complete thirty units of prerequisites course work in consumer and family studies/dietetics approved by an advisor and the department chair.

Within these 30 units:
- 3 units must be from outside the student’s area of specialization
- 3 units must include CFS 312GW
- a maximum of 6 units may be counted for past professional experience in an area of specialization.

Written English Proficiency Requirement

Level One
The GRE (writing component) must be completed prior to application and scores are required to be submitted as part of the application. Admitted students with scores below 4.0 will be conditionally classified and must pass a writing intensive class within the first two semesters in the program to satisfy the university first level writing proficiency requirement.

Level Two
Level Two is demonstrated by completion of CFS 895 or CFS 898.

For the Culminating Experience (CE) and SF State Continuous Enrollment Policy students should view SF State Graduate Division policies at http://grad.sfsu.edu/. The Proposal for Culminating Experience, Human Subjects Protocol, and Advancement to Candidacy are due the semester prior to enrolling in CFS 895/CFS 898. Students have one semester grace period after enrolling in CFS 895/CFS 898 to complete their CE. If it is not completed during the semester following enrollment, they must then continually enroll in HSS 499 through the College of Extended Learning until CFS 895/CFS 898 is completed.

Seventy percent of a student’s Advancement to Candidacy (ATC) must be at the 700 level or above. Students must make continuous progress toward the completion of the degree. See Graduate Division website for details on policies, procedures and required forms at http://grad.sfsu.edu/.

Family and Consumer Sciences (M.A.) – Minimum 30 units

Program Requirements (9 units)

- COUN 794 Seminar in Research 3
- ISED 797 Seminar in Educational Research 3
- CFS 700 Seminar: Trends and Issues 3
- CFS 710 Family and Consumer Sciences Research Applications 3

Graduate/Upper Division Courses (15 units)

Courses in family and consumer sciences selected upon approval of graduate major advisor

- CFS 728 Children and Families with Violence, Abuse, and Neglect 3
- CFS 743 Sustainability in the Textile, Housing, and Food Industries 3
- CFS 761 Advanced Apparel Design Problems 3
- CFS 769 Visual Merchandising and Promotion 3
- CFS 863 Seminar in Social Entrepreneurship 3
- CFS 881 Internship 3
- CFS 891 Directed Readings in Family and Consumer Sciences/Dietetics 3
- CFS 899 Independent Study 2-4
- DFM 751 Seminar in Nutritional Assessment Across the Lifespan 3
- DFM 755 Seminar in Human Nutrition and Metabolism 3
- DFM 758 Seminar in Foodservice and Nutrition Program Management 3
- DFM 785 Seminar in Medical Nutrition Therapy 3
- DFM 881 Internship in Dietetics (limit 6 units) 6
- CFS 898 Master’s Thesis 3
- or CFS 895 Field Study

Electives (6 units)

Selected upon approval of graduate major advisor.