

DEPARTMENT of FAMILY INTERIORS NUTRITION & APPAREL

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MASTER OF ARTS IN FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES (FCS)
30 Unit Program

This MA degree is designed to prepare students for advanced studies of individual, family, and community issues using an interdisciplinary approach. There is not a separate departmental application for the MA in Family & Consumer Sciences. Students apply through [CSU Mentor only](#). Students may also refer to the [SFSU University Bulletin Graduate Division](#) for policies related to graduate programs. Please contact the FINA Department chair before applying with any questions.

Prerequisites: All students whose baccalaureate degrees are not in one of the specialized areas of Family & Consumer Sciences - Child & Family Studies, Interior Design, Dietetics and Food Management, or Apparel Design & Merchandising, must complete:

- **24 units of prerequisite coursework** in one or more of the specialized areas. You will work with an advisor for planning and approval of this course work.
- **Up to 6 units** may be counted for past professional experience in area of specialization, with written advisor approval.
- **The GRE (writing component only)** is the first level writing proficiency, and must be completed prior to application as 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, approved by the department and your advisor, within the first two semesters in the program to satisfy the university first level writing proficiency requirement.
- **Classified standing:** Prerequisite coursework and the first level writing proficiency must be completed to attain classified standing

MASTER OF ARTS IN FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES Degree Requirements

<u>Units</u>				
3	CFS 700	Trends and Issues (Prereq: 1 st level writing proficiency)	3	
	CFS 710	FCS Research Applications (Prereqs: CFS 700, research class choice)		
3	COUN 794	Seminar in Research OR		
	ISED 797	Seminar in Educational Research		
12-15	Courses appropriate to your specialization <u>selected upon advisor's approval</u> (9 units could be selected from 300-600 level courses)			
	CFS 728	Child & Fam Violence/Abuse (3)	CFS 899	Special Study (2-4)
	CFS 743	Sust Tex, Hous, & Food Indust (3)	DFM 751	Sem. in Nutr. Assessment Across the Lifespan (3)
	CFS 761	Apparel Design Problems (3)	DFM 755	Seminar in Human Nutrition and Metabolism (3)
	CFS 769	Visual Merch & Promotion (3)	DFM 758	Sem. in Foodservice and Nutrition Prg Mgmt (3)
	CFS 863	Social Entrepreneurship (3)	DFM 785	Sem. in Medical Nutrition Therapy (3)
	CFS 881	Internship (3)	DFM 881	Internship in Dietetics (limit 6)
	CFS 891	Directed Readings in CFS/D (3)		
3-6	Electives: Selected upon advisor's approval (inside or outside FINA Dept). Normally these units support CE. See next page for examples			
<u>3</u>	CFS 895	Field Study OR		
	CFS 898	Master's Thesis		

30-unit total

Note: At least 70% of the program (21 units) must be at 700 or 800 level; 30% (9 units) could be selected from 300-600 level. **Culminating Experience (CE) and SFSU Continuous Enrollment Policy:** Students should view SFSU Graduate Division policies (<http://www.sfsu.edu/~gradstdy/>). Proposal for culminating experience, IRB, and ATC are due the semester prior to enrolling in CFS 895/898. Students have one semester grace period after enrolling in CFS 895/898 to complete their CE. If it is not completed during the semester following enrollment, they must then continually enroll in HSS 499 through CEL until CFS 895/898 is completed.

Electives: These should be selected with and approved by your advisor and support your culminating experience topic. Some examples of statistics and other courses used by students in the past include:

BIOL 862	Current Topics in Evolution
DAI 310	Product Design 1
ENVS 570	Campus Sustainability
GEOG 600	Environmental Problems and Solutions
HED 815	Theories of Social Behavioral Change in Community Health
HED 830	Health Education Planning, Management, and Administration
HED 655	Environmental Health
LABR 553	Labor Standards and Corporate Social Responsibility
MKTG 888	Product Development and Management
MKTG 436	Retail Management
PSY 371	Psychological Statistics
PSY 571	Intermediate Psychological Statistics
PSY 772	Applications of Multiple Regression to Psychological Research
SOC 469	Gender and Society
SOC 394	Sociological Field Methods

MA in FCS Recommended Course Sequence

Fall I	Spring I
CFS 700	CFS 710
COUN 794/ISED 797	CFS class or elective
CFS class or elective	CFS class or elective
9 units	9 units
Fall II	Spring II
CFS 891 or elective	CFS 895/898*
CFS class or elective	CFS class or elective
6 units	6 units

**MA in FCS Recommended Course Sequence (Dietetic Internship completed)
(using DFM 751,755,758,785, 881-6 units=18 units)**

Fall I	Spring I
CFS 700	CFS 710
COUN 794/ISED 797	
6 units	3 units
Fall II	
CFS 895/898*	
3 units	

*Note: ATC, Culminating Experience proposal, and Human Subjects Protocol (IRB) must be submitted to Graduate Division by deadline in previous semester; consult [Graduate Division's website](#).