



**DEPARTMENT of FAMILY, INTERIORS, NUTRITION & APPAREL (FINA)**

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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 Apply](#). 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, Dietetics/Nutrition, Interior Design, 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.
- **Writing Proficiency – Level 1:** Students may either sit for the GRE (writing component) exam prior to application or take a writing intensive course upon acceptance into the program. Students who take the GRE, prior to application, and do not receive a score of at least 4.0 will be required to take a writing intensive course (Graduate Writing in Health and Social Sciences - HSS 700 or Preparation for Graduate Writing, through the College of Extended Learning - CA 514). Students who elect to take the writing course (HSS 700, CA 514), rather than the GRE exam, will still need to complete the additional 30 units required for the degree.
- **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	FCS 700	Trends and Issues (Prereq: 1 <sup>st</sup> level writing proficiency)		
3	FCS 710	FCS Research Applications (Prereqs: FCS 700)		
3	COUN 794	Seminar in Research <u>OR</u>		
	ISED 797	Seminar in Educational Research		
12-15	Courses appropriate to your specialization <u>selected upon advisor's approval</u> (9 units may be selected from 300-600 level courses)			
	FCS 728	Child & Fam Violence/Abuse (3)	FCS 899	Special Study (2-4)
	FCS 743	Sust Tex, Hous, & Food Indust (3)	NUT 751	Sem. in Nutr. Assessment Across the Lifespan (3)
	FCS 761	Apparel Design Problems (3)	NUT 755	Seminar in Human Nutrition and Metabolism (3)
	FCS 769	Visual Merch & Promotion (3)	NUT 758	Sem. in Foodservice and Nutrition Prg Mgmt (3)
	FCS 863	Social Entrepreneurship (3)	NUT 785	Sem. in Medical Nutrition Therapy (3)
	FCS 881	Internship (3)	NUT 881	Internship in Dietetics (limit 6)
	FCS 891	Directed Readings in FCS/D (3)		
3-6	Electives: Selected upon advisor's approval (inside or outside FINA Dept). Normally these units support Culminating Experience. (See next page for examples)			
<u>3</u>	FCS 895	Field Study	<u>OR</u>	
	FCS 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 FCS 895/898. Students have one semester grace period after enrolling in FCS 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 FCS 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
DES 310	Product Design 1
ENVS 570	Campus Sustainability
GEOG 600	Environmental Problems and Solutions
PH 815	Theories of Social Behavioral Change in Community Health
PH 830	Health Education Planning, Management, and Administration
PH 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

<b>Fall I</b>	<b>Spring I</b>
FCS 700	FCS 710
COUN 794/ISED 797	FCS class or elective
FCS class or elective	FCS class or elective
<i>(Total 9 units)</i>	<i>(Total 9 units)</i>
<b>Fall II</b>	<b>Spring II</b>
FCS 891 or elective	FCS 895/898*
FCS class or elective	FCS class or elective
<i>(Total 6 units)</i>	<i>(Total 6 units)</i>

**MA in FCS Recommended Course Sequence for students who have completed the Dietetic Internship** (*These units make up the completed portion: NUT 751,755,758,785, 881 (6 units) =18 total units*). **Additional Courses to be completed:**

<b>Fall I</b>	<b>Spring I</b>
FCS 700	FCS 710
COUN 794/ISED 797	
<i>(Total 6 units)</i>	<i>(Total 3 units)</i>
<b>Fall II</b>	
FCS 895/898*	
<i>(Total 3 units)</i>	

\**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](#).