



**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 the following:

- **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:** There are two options:  
GRE Test Score (writing component) with a 4.0 score or a minimum grade of “B” on the graduate level position paper in the first semester FCS 700 course
- If neither of the above requirements are met, student is required to:  
Take and pass HSS 700 Graduate Writing in Health and Social Sciences during the spring semester following the FCS 700 course. (CR/NC only and does not get listed on the ATC – see below)
- **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**

Units

3	FCS 700	Trends and Issues (in Family & Consumer Sciences/Design)
3	FCS 710	FCS Research Applications (Prereqs: FCS 700)
3	ISED 797	Seminar in Educational Research

18 Courses appropriate to your specialization selected upon advisor's approval include the following:  
(9 units could be selected from advisor approved 300-600 level courses)

FCS 743	Sust Tex, Hous, & Food Indust (3)	NUTR 751	Sem. in Nutr. Assessment Across the Lifespan (3)
FCS 761	Apparel Design Problems (3)	NUTR 755	Seminar in Human Nutrition and Metabolism (3)
FCS 769	Visual Merch & Promotion (3)	NUTR 758	Sem. in Foodservice and Nutrition Prg Mgmt (3)
FCS 881	Internship (3)	NUTR 785	Sem. in Medical Nutrition Therapy (3)
FCS 891	Directed Readings in FCS/D (3)	NUTR 881	Internship in Dietetics (limit 6)
FCS 899	Special Study (up to 6 units)		
	Other Options selected upon advisor’s approval.		

<u>3</u>	FCS 895	Field Study OR
<b>30</b>	FCS 898	Master’s Thesis

*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 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.

**1. MA in Family & Consumer Sciences Recommended Course Sequence**

<b>Fall I</b>	<b>Spring I</b>
FCS 700	FCS 710
ISED 797	FCS class or elective
FCS class or elective	FCS class or elective

  

<b>Fall II</b>	<b>Spring II</b>
FCS 891 or elective	FCS 895/898*
FCS class or elective	FCS class or elective

**2. MA in Family & Consumer Sciences Recommended Course Sequence (Dietetic Internship completed for 18 units applied to the Masters degree).**

See your advisor for course sequence.

\*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](#).