

Family and Consumer Sciences Building Room 101
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Mission

Inspire, create, and educate to strengthen communities and elevate the human condition.

The School of Family and Consumer Sciences includes three master's degree programs: M.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences, M. S. in Human Nutrition, and M. S. in Merchandising and Consumer Studies.

The **Human Development and Family Sciences program** offers a flexible model of graduate experiences that allows students to develop individualized degree plans based on career goals. Faculty mentors provide students opportunities to engage in research and career-enhancing projects in support students' academic and career development. Students receive advanced education experiences in the content areas of human and family development, program administration and evaluation, research methodology, statistics, theories, and current issues impacting families and children. The Child Life concentration also provides advanced educational experiences relevant to becoming a Certified Child Life Specialist.

The **Human Nutrition program** is student-centered and research focused. The program provides a science-based curriculum that spans molecular nutrition and community and public health nutrition. Nutrition faculty, engaged in cutting-edge research, encourage students to participate in research through a variety of avenues, like volunteering on projects, completing independent studies, and completing thesis work. Students apply advanced knowledge to address complex nutrition issues at the individual, community, and population level. Courses also include training in research methods and techniques, scientific writing and communication, as well as experiential and service-learning opportunities. Students can customize degrees to their interests in nutrition research, practice, and policy. Graduates of this program are ready for challenging and rewarding careers in academic institutions, clinical settings, government agencies, non-profit organizations, schools and childcare settings, and private industries. Eligible students can apply to complete their Dietetic Internship as part of the program, making this option both time and cost efficient.

Master of Science (M.S.)

- Major in Human Nutrition (Non-thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-nutrition-nonthesis-ms/>)
 - Major in Human Nutrition (Thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-nutrition-thesis-ms/>)
 - Major in Merchandising and Consumer Studies (Non-thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/merchandising-consumer-studies-ms/>)
 - Major in Merchandising and Consumer Studies (Thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/merchandising-consumer-studies-thesis-ms/>)
- Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Child Life Specialist Concentration Non-thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-childlifеспециалист-nonthesis-ms/>)
 - Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Child Life Specialist Concentration Thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-childlifеспециалист-thesis-ms/>)
 - Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Non-Thesis Option) (<http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-nonthesis-ms/>)
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