



College of Family and Consumer Sciences

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Undergraduate Degree Programs

I. Undergraduate Majors

Consumer Economics (Athens & Griffin)

Emphasis Areas: Applied Consumer Analytics; Financial Planning Emphasis (Griffin Only)

The Consumer Economics major presents students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make wise decisions as consumers. Through course work students learn about the roles of consumers and producers, the role government in our economics system, and the decision-making process. In addition, Consumer Economics addresses financial, housing, and consumer questions that directly impact family economic well-being. Students will learn the economics theory of a household's consumptions; contributing factors and influences of an individual consumer's purchasing habits; and personal finance and how effective personal budgeting can help to improve a household's economic standing.

Consumer Journalism (Athens)

The Consumer Journalism major provides students with the opportunity to combine interests in Family and Consumer Sciences with advertising, public relations, journalism and telecommunications. Students will combine an area of emphasis from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences with an emphasis area from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Consumer Journalism is a high-demand major.

Culinary Science and Nutrition (Athens)

Culinary Science and Nutrition majors examine the functions of ingredients in foods and food products. Students also learn how to conduct analytical evaluations of foods, including color, pH, viscosity, and moisture content. Sensory characteristics (appearance, aroma, and flavor) which

impact consumer acceptance of food products when ingredients are modified or removed are also examined. Students learn to apply this knowledge to the selection, preparation, and processing of food in commercial and industrial environments.

Dietetics (Athens)

Dietetics majors take nutritional science courses that cover the functions, sources and requirements of nutrients across the lifespan. Students learn about how food and nutrition intake impacts disease development and treatment. Coursework also includes nutrition education, public health nutrition, food principles and foodservice systems management. A strong background in sciences including chemistry, biochemistry, physiology and microbiology is needed.

Family and Consumer Sciences Education (Athens)

Emphasis Areas: Community Outreach; Culinary; Early Childhood; Foods & Nutrition; Financial Planning; Interiors, Fashion and Textiles

Family and Consumer Sciences Education majors help others improve the quality of their lives and the health of communities. Emphasis areas are available in community outreach, culinary, early childhood, financial planning, foods and nutrition, and interiors, fashion and textiles. Students also complete coursework in educational foundations, curriculum planning and instructional strategies and technology.

Fashion Merchandising (Athens)

Emphasis Areas: Fashion Brand Management; Product Development & Design

Fashion Merchandising combines business, art, science, social science and the humanities. Students learn about merchandising, product development, and design skills to prepare for positions in management, merchandising, inventory control, sales promotion, and product development and design. Coursework engages students in business strategy, marketing and management. The connection of business to fashion is what makes this major unique.

Financial Planning (Athens)

The Financial Planning major prepares students to become client-focused professional financial planners who help individuals and families create, manage and transfer wealth efficiently. The program is registered with Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. and the Association of Financial Counseling and Planning Education. Coursework gives students the knowledge, skills and

technical expertise to enter the marketplace as financial planners or financial counselors. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the Certified Financial Planner and Accredited Financial Counselor examinations.

Furnishings and Interiors (Athens)

The Furnishings and Interiors major is an interior design program distinctly focused on residential design. This offers students a unique opportunity to learn and practice the skills necessary to work in a professional design firm. The program offers specialized instruction in kitchen and bath design and is accredited by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). The major also offers design studios in hospitality, adaptive re-use and visual merchandising and retail. Furnishing and Interiors students receive an interdisciplinary and experiential learning experience that develops creative and technical skills in order to create innovative design solutions to promote health, safety and well-being within the interior built environment.

Housing Management and Policy (Athens)

The Housing Management and Policy major is a flexible degree program that blends social and behavioral sciences, public policy, planning, management and economics. Students can tailor their coursework to several different pathways for jobs in fields including residential real estate, private and public sector housing data analytics, community development and local and federal housing-related public policy positions.

Human Development and Family Science (Athens)

Human Development and Family Science majors learn about individual, family and community development in diverse settings. Students study lifespan and family development; the reciprocal influence of social, cultural, and historical contexts; and diverse family structures and functions. Human Development and Family Science majors will learn to think critically and apply research and ethical practices; general and effectively communicate knowledge; and provide educational counseling, and advocacy services needed for children and families to function more effectively.

Nutritional Sciences (Athens)

Nutritional Sciences students learn how diet and specific nutrients influence human psychology and disease. This knowledge builds a solid foundation for careers in medicine or a related health science.

Students receive specialized instruction in the roles of nutrients in supporting functions of the body and all its parts, from the whole person to the organ systems and their constituent cells.

II. Entrance Requirements

Three majors in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences have additional entrance requirements. The requirements for entrance to the Consumer Journalism, Dietetics, and Furnishing and Interiors degrees are listed below.

Consumer Journalism

- Application
- Written statement of career goals
- Completion of appropriate coursework in Areas I-V of the Core Curriculum
- A minimum GPA of 2.8 in Areas I, II, III and V

Dietetics

- Completion of Areas I-V of the Core Curriculum
- Completion of Area VI with a minimum grade of 2.0
- Completion of CHEM 1211-1211L or CHEM 1311H-1311L; BIOL 1107-1107L or BIOL 2107H-2107L with a grade of “C” or higher

Furnishings and Interiors

- Completion of 45 hours from Areas I-VI of the Core Curriculum
- Advisor Approval

III. Critical Courses & College Requirements

Students must complete the following college specific requirements in addition to the university requirements to receive a bachelor’s degree from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

- FACS 2000: *Intro to Family and Consumer Sciences* is a college graduation requirement for all FACS majors
- All FACS students must complete either FHCE 2100: *Family Economic Issues through the Life Course* or HDFS 2100: *Development with the Family*

IV. Course Options Prior to Transfer

Students transferring to UGA from another University System of Georgia institution are encouraged to complete the core curriculum prior to transferring. Transferring to UGA with the core curriculum for a comparable major complete will increase the transferring student's likelihood of completing a FACS degree within a four-year timeline as a full-time student. The [Transfer Equivalency Search](#) can be used to determine if a course will transfer to UGA.

Students transferring to UGA from a private or out-of-state institution should refer to the [Transfer Equivalency Search](#) to determine if and how courses will transfer.

Students who complete chemistry courses at a non-USG institution will be required to satisfactorily pass the American Chemical Society test before equivalent CHEM transfer credit is awarded. If the student's prior institution utilized the ACS test, the student may request the ACS test score be forwarded to UGA for evaluation.

When possible, science sequences should be completed at the institution where the first course in the sequence was taken in order to ensure consistency of course content (e.g. institution's equivalent of UGA's CHEM 1211-1211L; CHEM 1212-1212L; and CHEM 2211-2211L).

For Fashion Merchandising and Furnishings and Interiors majors, please refer to the following degree specific course lists when considering courses prior to transferring to UGA.

Note: Major courses may require specific prerequisites.

Fashion Merchandising

- BIOL 1103-BIOL 1103L or PHYS 1010 or CHEM 1110-1110L (to satisfy the prerequisite for TXMI 3500: *Textiles*)
- STAT 2000 (To satisfy the prerequisite for TXMI 3520: *Textile Testing*)
- ACCT 2101
- ECON 2105 or ECON 2106
- PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 (To satisfy the prerequisite for TXMI 4230: *Dress, Society, & Culture*)

Furnishings and Interiors

- BIOL 1103-BIOL 1103L or PHYS 1010 or CHEM 1110-1110L (to satisfy the prerequisite for TXMI 3500: *Textiles*)
- STAT 2000 (To satisfy the prerequisite for TXMI 3520: *Textile Testing*)
- ARST 1050

V. Student Organizations

All FACS Majors

- Alumni and Associates of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- FACS Student Ambassadors
- Phi Upsilon Omicron (Phi U)
- Student Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SAFCS)

Financial Planning, Housing & Consumer Economics

- Housing Organization for Undergraduate Student Enhancement (H.O.U.S.E.)
- Student Financial Planning Association (SFPA)

Foods & Nutrition

- Student Dietetic Association (SDA)

Human Development & Family Science

- Child Life Organization
- Human Development and Family Science Association

Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors

- The Agency
- Fashion Design Student Association (FDSA)
- Rouge Magazine
- National Kitchen and Bath Association Student Chapter
- Student Merchandising Association (SMA)

More information about FACS Student Organizations can be found [here](#).

VI. Contact Information

Prospective students are encouraged to [Schedule a Visit](#) to learn more about the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Please contact success@uga.edu with additional questions.

