Is Family and Consumer Science Education for You?

Texas State’s College of Applied Arts Academic Advising Center is a helpful resource if you are considering a major in family and consumer sciences. Visit the center online at www.advising.appliedarts.txstate.edu.

Admission to Texas State

For more information on Texas State and how to apply for admission, visit www.txstate.edu/prospective.html or contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at admissions@txstate.edu or 512.245.2364.

Scholarships

Scholarships and awards are presented each spring to qualified students in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Recipients are selected for their accomplishments in the areas of leadership, academic performance and professional potential. The scholarships are made available through the department as a result of individual, student group and employer contributions.

Texas State offers many scholarships that are open to all majors. For more information on other Texas State scholarships, visit www.finaid.txstate.edu, or contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships office at finaid@txstate.edu or 512.245.2315.
Consumer Science
A major in consumer science at Texas State University-San Marcos provides a comprehensive study of family financial decisions and the role of the consumer in the economy. Required courses emphasize the rights and responsibilities of the consumer in decision-making, personal financial management and legislation that protects consumers against fraud and deception in the marketplace.

Degree Program
As a family and consumer science major, you will take a minimum of 120 semester hours of coursework, including 18 hours towards a minor. You may choose to minor in business or journalism. If you are interested in working in the business sector or in government, the business minor strengthens your qualifications to do so. If you want to focus on the role of the media and the consumer, choose a minor in journalism. You are also required to complete courses in economics and accounting.

Required Courses

- **Freshman year: 31 hours**
  - Consumers in the Marketplace
  - Family and Personal Resource Management
  - Textiles or Culture and Consumer Behavior
  - Fundamentals of Human Communication
  - College Writing I and II
  - University Seminar
  - History of the United States to 1877
  - History of the United States, 1877 to date
  - College Algebra or Mathematics for Business and Economics I
  - Philosophy and Critical Thinking

- **Sophomore year: 30-31 hours**
  - Housing, Interiors and Furnishings
  - Department elective (3)*
  - Accounting in Organizations and Society

- **Junior year: 30 hours**
  - English literature (3)*
  - Natural science component (7-8)*
  - Principles of American Government
  - Functions of American Government
  - Social science component (3)*
  - Health, physical education and recreation (2)*

- **Senior year: 28-29 hours**
  - Family Finance
  - Consumer Law
  - Research Procedures in Family and Consumer Science
  - Nutrition and Health
  - Minor in business or journalism (12)*
  - Principles of Microeconomics
  - Principles of Macroeconomics

  * Hours required

Career Opportunities
As a consumer science graduate, you will have a wide variety of job opportunities.

- **government:** attorney general’s office, cooperative extension service, department of insurance, victims compensation programs
- **nonprofit:** Better Business Bureau, Consumers Union, family social services
- **corporate:** human resources department, financial counselor, insurance, customer relations department, claims representative