

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

About the Department

Family and Consumer Sciences Faculty (<http://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/faculty-and-staff/>)

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Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) is an integrated discipline that serves families and individuals by providing holistic, interdisciplinary, integrative, and preventative perspectives in addressing the needs of individuals and families as consumers.

FCS views families as the fundamental social unit and understanding individuals and families is central to each FCS major offered. Specifically, the mission of Family and Consumer Sciences is “to prepare students to engage the culture and offer solutions to problems faced by individuals, families, and communities that involve food, clothing, shelter, and relationships.”

Our graduates become scientists, designers, merchandisers, counselors, leaders, and educators in the apparel, interiors, and food and nutrition fields.

Our Mission

The Seattle Pacific University Department of Family and Consumer Sciences prepares students to address problems faced by individuals, families, and communities globally that involve food, clothing, and shelter through Christ-centered values of love, integrity, and justice.

Majors

- Apparel Design (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/apparel-design-ba/>)
- Apparel Merchandising (BA) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/od-nutritional-sciences-bs/>)
- Food and Nutritional Sciences: Food and Nutrition Emphasis (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/food-nutritional-sciences-food-nutrition-emphasis-bs/>)
- Food and Nutritional Sciences: Sports and Exercise Emphasis (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/food-nutritional-sciences-sports-exercise-emphasis-bs/>)
- Nutrition and Dietetics (BS) (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/nutrition-dietetics-bs/>)

Minors

- Apparel Design and Merchandising Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/apparel-design-merchandising-minor/>)

- Food and Nutritional Sciences Minor (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/food-nutritional-sciences-minor/>)

Certificates

- Nutrition and Dietetics DPD Certificate (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cas-stem-social-sciences/family-consumer-sciences/nutrition-dietetics-dpd-certificate/>)

Program Learning Outcomes

Goal 1: Graduates will be competent within an FCS program area.

- Students will demonstrate effective communication skills to convey ideas and information effectively.
- Students will use critical thinking to solve complex problems.
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in skills related to their program.
- Students will demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively to solve problems.
- Students will practice good digital citizenship through proper technology etiquette.

Goal 2: Graduates will demonstrate strength of character through personal and professional integrity.

- Students will complete course assignments while upholding the university expectations for academic integrity.
- Students will apply ethical decision making to current issues in their program.

Goal 3: Graduates will be faithful stewards in service to diverse communities.

- Students will differentiate characteristics of diverse communities (such as culture, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, ability, and marginalization or at-risk, etc.)
- Students will participate in a service-learning project and reflect on their experience in written form.
- Students will describe activities of responsible citizenship and civic engagement to create a more just society.