TURN YOUR PASSION INTO A CAREER
Introduction

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Family and Consumer Sciences

FCS mission: A profession committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families.

Department mission: Provide integrative study of the human environment and systems that impact and strengthen individuals, family units, agencies, businesses, and the community at large.

Majors Offered:
• Family and Consumer Sciences
  • General Sequence
  • Teacher Education
• Fashion Design and Merchandising
• Food, Nutrition and Dietetics
  • Dietetics
  • Food and Nutrition Management
• Human Development and Family Science
• Interior Design
Academic Advising at ISU

Who do I advise?

• Students who are officially declared in a major within Family and Consumer Sciences and have currently earned 24 credit hours or more (sophomores, juniors, and seniors).

Freshmen Advising

• All ISU freshmen are advised through University College or the Honors Program.
• Freshmen status includes all students who have earned 23 credit hours or less.
• You can schedule to meet with your Academic Advisor in University College by calling 309-438-7604.

Prospective FCS Students

• You can contact Michele Ruby (mcruby@ilstu.edu or 309-438-4608) to learn more about the FCS programs.
• For course registration, you should meet with a University College Academic Advisor until you officially get into FCS.
Why would I need an Academic Advisor?

Plan of Study

• A plan of study details when the student intends to take all courses needed to meet graduation requirements by their anticipated graduation date.

• First semester sophomores (declared in FCS) are encouraged to arrange a meeting with the FCS Academic Advisor as soon as possible, to discuss a plan of study.

• Internal and external transfer students are encouraged to meet during their first semester in the department, to draft a plan of study.

Registration

• Students are encouraged to have contact with an Academic Advisor each semester, prior to their registration day and time.
Scheduling an Academic Advising Appointment

Declared FCS students with 24 or more earned hours: Click Here to Schedule an Appointment

Link available on the FCS Academic Advising ReggisNet site

Link available in my email signature

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1:30 – 3:00
All declared FCS majors have access

Post “Announcements”

Good “Resources”

“Appointment Manager Link”
Bi-Weekly Emails

• Sent to all students with a declared major in FCS

• Sent to ISU email address

• Sent on Mondays during academic year

• Full of GOOD and HELPFUL information
Course Override Requests

• If you can't register for any class for any reason, check the prerequisites first. If you feel you have met those prerequisites, please submit a "Course Override Request" online through My IllinoisState.edu.

• The online request form will be under the "Academics" tab in the “Registration" section.

• Each department is responsible for handling "Course Override Requests" for courses in their department. (For example: All English classes are handled by the Department of English.)

• Once a "Course Override Request" is submitted, the appropriate department will review and respond to your request.
• Seniors are strongly encouraged to meet with the FCS Academic Advisor regarding their last semester, prior to the start of registration, to confirm they are on target for their anticipated graduation date.

• Fill out the Graduation Notification Form the semester before you graduate. This prompts me to do one more ‘start from scratch’ degree audit before the start of your final semester.
FCS Major Application

Want to apply to a major within FCS?

• Log into My Illinois State
• Click on the "Apply to My Program" link, and complete the online application
• The application is open August 1st through September 21st (to begin taking major classes the following spring semester) and January 1st through February 21st (to begin taking major classes the following fall semester)
Honors in the Major

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
In order to be admitted to the Honors Program in Family and Consumer Sciences, the candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. be a full-time student at Illinois State University
2. be a declared major in Family and Consumer Sciences
3. have completed at least sixty (60) semester hours of post-secondary courses
4. have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.3 on a four-point scale

Applications should be made to the Department Honors Advisor.

HONORS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
In order to graduate as an Honors Graduate in Family and Consumer Sciences, a student must meet the standard university and department graduation requirements and have:

1. a university grade point average of 3.3
2. a department grade point average of 3.5
3. successfully completed two in-course honors in 200-level or higher courses in the student’s areas
4. successfully completed one in-course honors course in a 200-level or higher course offered outside the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
5. successfully completed a minimum of three (3) credit hours of Family and Consumer Sciences 299 – Honors Independent Study. In meeting this requirement, students must initiate Independent Study or Research under the guidance of faculty members.
Social Media

#lifeinfcs
Fall Kick-Off!

Thursday, September 20th
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Turner Lawn

Free food!
Meet fellow FCS Students
Learn about FCS Student Groups!
Did I mention free food?!?
Questions?

YOU HAVE A QUESTION

I HAVE AN ANSWER.