

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, CONCENTRATION—DESIGN ACADEMIC MAP:  
DEGREE BS (121 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Design](#). The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep a student on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The purpose of the undergraduate program in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is to provide both a liberal and specialized education in which the interests and well-being of individuals, family members, and consumers are significant. The program includes study of nutrition, food, health, clothing, textiles, management of resources, design, care and guidance of children, human growth and development throughout the life span, interpersonal relationships, and family relationships, with emphasis on breadth of knowledge and its application to the solution of contemporary human problems.

The unifying focus is on an integrative approach to relationships among individuals, families, and communities and the environments in which they function. The program seeks to (a) empower individuals, (b) strengthen families, and (c) enable communities.

The goal of the undergraduate programs in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences are to prepare individuals for (1) graduate and professional programs, (2) communication family and consumer sciences concepts in formal and non-formal settings, (3) professional careers as entrepreneurs in business, the international arena, the public and government sectors and other agencies serving children and families, and (4) improve personal development including family life. In addition, the goal is to prepare empowered individuals who (5) can think critically, (6) empower others to live a more satisfying life and (7) are committed to serve. All Family and Consumer Sciences majors must have a “C” or better in all courses in the area of concentration in order to graduate.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. The University provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 1</b>
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
FASH 1110	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before enrolling in Upper Division Fashion Merchandising and Design Courses
DIGN 2010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before enrolling in Upper Division Fashion Merchandising and Design Courses
CHEM 1030/1031 or BIOL 1010/1011	4	
FACS 1010	1	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*An Orientation course taken at another University does **NOT** meet this requirement. Students with less than 60 credit hours must take UNIV 1000 at TSU

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>
ART 1010	3	
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
MATH 1110	3	
CHEM 1040/1041 or BIOL 1120/1121	4	
THTR 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before THTR 4000 or 4020
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 3</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 3</b>
ENGL LIT*	3	
HIST 2010**	3	
FASH 2030 or AREN 2310	3	
DIGN 3000	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before DIGN 3010; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
NUFS 2110 or NUFS 2010	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*Courses within the range of ENGL 2012-2322 will meet this requirement

\*\*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 4</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 4</b>
FASH 2110 or AREN 2300	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before FASH 4130 and 3220
SOCIAL BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE*	3	
HIST 2020**	3	
COMM 2200	3	
ECON 2010	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

\*The following courses can meet the Social Science elective AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, GEOG 1010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010

\*\*The Department recommends HIST 2010; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 5</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 5</b>
FACS 3730	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
DIGN 3100	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
FASH 4130 or 3220 or AREN 4420 or THTR 4000 or 4020	3	
DIGN 3500 Studio or DIGN 3400	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
DIGN 3230	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before DIGN 4210 and DIGN 4110; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 6</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 6</b>
		<b>Students must take DIGN 4350 During the Summer Only-6 Credit Hours</b>
DIGN 3010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
DIGN 4110	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 4630	3	
DIGN 2200	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 7</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 7</b>
DIGN 4120	3	
FERM 4330	3	
FACS 4500	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must have Senior Standing
ELECTIVE (3000 or 4000)	3	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12</b>	

\*Students may select an Upper Division course from any discipline.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
<b>Semester 8</b>	<b>Hrs.</b>	<b>Semester 8</b>
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
DIGN 4000	3	
DIGN 4200	3	
DIGN 4210	3	
ELECTIVE (3000 or 4000 level)	3	
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	

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**Employment Information:**

Designers are involved in numerous fields in both the public and private sectors. A background in design allows students to seek careers in a variety of settings and areas. Depending on the career path, a student may wish to work for a small design firm, a larger corporation, or become an entrepreneur. The student's academic advisor can assist him or her in preparing for the career they choose.

**Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:**

Interior Designer, Textile Designer, Costumer Designer, Fashion Designer, Stylist, Furniture Designer, Space Planner, Facility Planner, Event Planner, Design Consultant

**Representative Employers:**

Graduates have worked with a variety of employers, many of which were their internship placements while in school. Recent graduates have accepted jobs at Decorating Den, Home Depot Design Center, community theaters, and with event planners

**International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors.**

International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.