

**FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, CONCENTRATION—CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS
ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)**

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development and Family Relations](#). 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, a student 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.

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 DANTE'S 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
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
UNIV 1000*	1	
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 HIST 2060 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
ECFS 1010	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
FACS 1010	1	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
BIOL 1010/1011**	4	
MUSC 1010***	3	
Total Hours	15	

*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.

**The recommended course is BIOL 1010/1011; however, the following courses will meet the general education requirement: CHEM 1030/1031, PHYS 2010/2011 or ASTR 1010.

***The Department recommends Music 1010, however, students may take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ART 1010*	3	
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
MATH 1110**	3	
BIOL 1020/1021***	4	
GEOG 1010****	3	
Total Hours	16	

*The Department recommends ART 1010; however, students may take a 3 credit hour course from the following list of approved general education Humanities courses: AREN 2310, HIST 1000, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, or RELS 2010. Remember, not to duplicate courses from a previous semester.

**The Department recommends MATH 1110; however, students may take a 3 credit course from the following list of approved general education Mathematics courses: MATH 1013, MATH 1120, MATH 1410 MATH 1710, MATH 1720, MATH 1730, MATH 1830, MATH 1910 or MATH 1915.

***BIOL 1020/1021 is the recommended course; however, the following courses will meet this requirement: CHEM 1040/1041, PHYS 2020/2021 or ASTR 1020.

****The Department requires students take this course to meet their general education Social Science requirement.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
ENGL LIT*	3	
HIST 2010**	3	
ECFS 2010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ECFS 3020, ECFS 3320, ECFS 3530, ECFS 3610, ECFS 4650, ECFS 4000; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
DIGN 2010 or FASH 1120	3	
SOCI 2010***	3	
Total hours	15	

*The range of ENGL 2012 through ENGL 2322 will meet this requirement.

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

***The Department recommends SOCI 2010; however; Students may select a course from the following list of approved courses that meet the Social Science requirement: AFAS 2010, ANTH 2300, ECON, 2010, HPSS 1510, POLI 1010 PSYC 2010, WMST 2000, and URBS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
ECFS 3020	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
COMM 2200	3	
HIST 2020*	3	
EDCI 2010	3	
ECFS 3320	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ECFS 4600; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	15	

*The Department recommends HIST 2020; however, HIST 2030, HIST 2050, HIST 2060 or HIST 2700 satisfy this requirement.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
ENGL 3730	3	
ECFS 4520	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 3610	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ECFS 4600; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
EDSE 3330	3	
FERM 3210 or FERM 4330	3	
Total Hours	15	

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
ECFS 4630	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 3520	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 4600	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 3530	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
PSYC 3120 or PSYC 2180	3	
Total Hours	15	

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
		Meet with Concentration Advisory during this semester to assess graduation progress.
ECFS 4650	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ELECTIVE*	2	
FACS 4500	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 4620	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 4000	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
ECFS 4520	3	Minimum Grade of "C" Required
Total Hours	17	

*Students may select a lower or upper division elective to satisfy this requirement.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
ECFS 4660	9	Pre-Requisite: Students must have permission from the academic advisor to enroll in this course; Minimum Grade of "C" Required
SOWK 4700	3	
Total Hours	12	

Employment Information:

This undergraduate program combines knowledge regarding human development, relationships and family well-being. Students are trained to work competently with individuals and families across the lifespan, within the early educational system, and in the community. Since the education provided students concentrating in Child Development and Family Relations covers many areas, graduates may engage in a wide variety of professions. Many new professionals enter the childcare field. They have received training to be appropriate teachers, administrators or eventual owners of childcare institutions. Others may choose to work more directly with families. Nonprofit Agencies and Family Service Agencies benefit greatly from our graduates' knowledge of development and family well-being. New professionals can run workshops, develop programs or work individually with families to improve their quality of life. The training that students concentrating in Child Development and Family Relations receive also gives them a firm foundation to pursue further expertise in Marriage and Family Therapy or as Certified Family Life Educators. While both of these areas require either further education or additional experience, they build upon the education that students have received.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Preschool teacher, Administrator, Child Care Center Owner/Manager, Non-Profit Worker, Family Service Coordinator, Workshop Facilitator, Cooperative Extension Agent, Certified Family Life Educator, Program Developer, Marriage and Family Therapist, Case Manager

Representative Employers:

Non-Profits, Child Care Centers, Head Start, DHS, Cooperative Extension

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.

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