



**Apparel, Housing, and
Resource Management**

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September 9, 2020

RE: Discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Major

Per university policy, please accept this letter in support of the discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences Major in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences' Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management.

Justification for Discontinuation:

The Family and Consumer Sciences Major prepares graduates to teach students, families, and communities about their well-being, relationships, and use of resources. The major offers courses in areas including financial security, housing, nutrition, health and wellness, personal and family relationships, and sustainable quality of life. Unfortunately, enrollment has remained low for many years and efforts to growth the major have proven unsuccessful. This, coupled with a curriculum that no longer aligns well with the teaching and research interests of existing faculty, have prompted the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management to discontinue the major.

Teach-Out Plan:

All of the courses in the Family and Consumer Sciences Major are required courses or controlled electives in other majors on campus. As such, there is no plan to stop offering them once efforts to discontinue the Family and Consumer Sciences Major commence. In the event of course termination unexpectedly, the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management will work with students to identify appropriate substitutions.

Previously Approved Program Requirements:

The Family and Consumer Sciences Major Checksheet for Students Graduating in the Calendar Year 2021 accompanies this letter as a summary of program requirements.

Best,

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January 13, 2021

RE: Addendum to Discontinuation of Family and Consumer Sciences Major

Teach-Out Plan:

Family and Consumer Sciences major currently has 7 students enrolled. The last term/year for students to enroll in the Family and Consumer Sciences major will be Summer 2021 and the last term/year for students to graduate will be Spring 2024.

Students will have the option to change their major within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences or to other majors within the university should they be eligible. Additionally, a student that cannot complete the Family and Consumer Sciences major by Spring 2024, may transition to another major within the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences or another viable major on campus. The Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management academic advisor will assist all students through the transition process.

The discontinuation of the Family and Consumer Sciences major will be communicated to students through academic advising and will be communicated to faculty and staff through faculty and staff meetings.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chelsey Hancock'.

Chelsey Hancock
Academic Advisor

Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

Family and Consumer Sciences Major

Bachelor of Science in Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences

For students graduating in calendar year 2022 and for student date of entry under UG Catalog 2020-2021

Family and Consumer Sciences Major

♦ RED 2604 Residential Design	3__
♦ RED 2614 Introduction to Residential Technologies	2__
♦ RED 2634 Residential Technologies Lab (Co: RED 2614)	1__
♦ RED 2644 Housing and the Consumer	3__
♦ RED 2234 Housing Textiles	3__
♦ COMM 2004 Public Speaking	3__
♦ HD 2304 Family Relationships	3__
♦ HNFE 1004 Foods, Nutrition and Exercise	3__
♦ FST or HNFE 2544 Functional Foods for Health	3__
♦ HTM 3414 Food Preparation, Purchasing, and Management	2__
♦ PHS 1514 Personal Health	3__

Total Family and Consumer Sciences Major Credits

29 Credits

Family and Consumer Sciences Controlled Electives

Select a minimum of 15 credits from the following list.

3__ 3__ 3__ 3__ 3__

CONS 3504 Resource Management for Individuals and Families (Pre: CONS 2304 or AAEC 2104 or FIN 2114)

CONS 4404 Consumer Protection

FMD 2034 History of Costume

FMD 3224 Apparel Production (Pre: 1204)

RED 1624 Residential Design Presentation

RED 2654 Residential Environments (Pre: AHRM 1014)

RED 3644 American Housing

RED 4604 Environmental and Sustainability Issues in Housing

RED 4664 Universal Design

FST 2014 Introduction to Food Science (2 credits)

HNFE 2334 Introduction to Integrative Health

HTM 1414 Intro to Hotel, Restaurant & Institutional Management

HTM 2464 Introduction to Service

HTM 2514 Catering Management

HD 2314 Human Sexuality

HD 3234 Lifespan Community Services (Pre: HD 1004, HD 2304, HD 2004)

EDCI 3144 (HD 3144) Education of Exceptional Learners

EDEP 3154 (PSYC 3154) Psychological Foundations of Education

Total Family and Consumer Sciences Controlled Electives

15 Credits

Total Family and Consumer Sciences Credits

44 Credits

Free Electives

12 Credits

♦ Courses included in in-major GPA calculation; in-major and overall GPA of 2.0 required for graduation.

+ For satisfactory progress toward a degree, these courses must be completed by the time the student has attempted 72 hours.

Prerequisites: Some courses listed on this checksheet may have prerequisites; please consult the University Course Catalog or check with your advisor.

A sequence of 2 foreign language courses is required for graduation unless 2 high school credits of the same foreign language or 6 transfer credit hours of foreign language have been earned. These credits do not count toward graduation. See Catalog section on "Graduation Requirements".

AHRM Core Degree Requirements

AHRM 1104 Introduction to AHRM and Student Resources	1__+	
<u>Economic Well-Being</u>		
ECON 2005-2006 Principles of Economics	3__	3__
Or AAEC 1005-1006 Economics of the Food and Fiber System		
◆ AHRM 2404 Consumer Rights	3__	
<u>Product Analysis (Choose one)</u>		
◆ FMD 1204 Clothing and People (required for FCS major)	3__	
CONS 3504 Resource Management for Individuals and Families (Pre: CONS 2304 or AAEC 2104 or FIN 2114)		
RED 2644 Housing and the Consumer		
<u>Business Fundamentals</u>		
MKTG 3104 Marketing Management (Pre: Junior Standing)	3__	
<u>Action Learning (Choose one - minimum 3 credits)</u>	3__	
FCS 4964 Field Study (required for FCS major)		
FCS 4974 Independent Study		
FCS 4994 Undergraduate Research		
FMD or PM/RED 3984 Study Abroad		
FMD 4244 New York Fashion Study Tour (Pre: 12 hours Apparel areas courses; junior standing)		
(FMD Majors)		

Total AHRM Core Requirements

19 credits

Pathways to General Education –Core Learning Outcomes for students entering after Fall 2018

The Pathways curriculum includes seven core learning outcomes (visit <https://www.apps.provost.vt.edu/pathways/table.html> for a full list of approved pathway courses).

I. Discourse	3(f)___+	3(f)___+	3(a)___
ENGL 1105; 1106			
II. Critical Thinking in the Humanities	3__+	3__	
III. Reasoning in the Social Sciences	3__+	3__	
◆ HD 1004 Human Development I: Child and Adolescents			
◆ HD 2004 Human Development II: Adulthood and Aging			
IV. Reasoning in the Natural Sciences	3__+	3__	
V. Quantitative and Computational Thinking	3(f)___+	3(f)___+	3(a)___
◆ CONS 2304 Consumer and Family Finances			
VI. Critique and Practice in Design and the Arts	3__+	3__	
◆ AHRM 1014 Design and Art for Consumers			
VII. Critical Analysis of Equity and Identity in the United States	3__		

Total Curriculum for Pathways General Education Requirements

45 credits

Minimum Total Credits

120 Credits

In accordance with University guidelines, courses satisfying Degree Core Requirements may not be double counted to satisfy other areas of a degree such as in Pathways, Major Requirements, etc.