Mission
Inspire, create, and educate to strengthen communities and elevate the human condition.

The School of Family and Consumer Sciences includes three master's degree programs: M.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences, M. S. in Human Nutrition, and M. S. in Merchandising and Consumer Studies.

The **Human Development and Family Sciences program** offers a flexible model of graduate experiences that allows students to develop individualized degree plans based on career goals. Faculty mentors provide students opportunities to engage in research and career-enhancing projects in support students' academic and career development. Students receive advanced education experiences in the content areas of human and family development, cultural diversity, program administration and evaluation, research methodology, statistics, theories, and current issues impacting families and children. The Child Life concentration also provides advanced educational experiences relevant to becoming a Certified Child Life Specialist.

The **Human Nutrition program** is student-centered and research focused. The program provides a challenging and current curriculum that spans from molecular to community-based nutrition. Nutrition faculty, engaged in cutting-edge research, encourage students to participate in research through a variety of avenues, ranging from volunteering on projects to completing thesis work. While addressing foundational nutrition knowledge, courses also include experiential and service learning opportunities that allow students to gain real-world and relevant nutrition and dietetics competencies. Eligible students can apply to complete their Dietetic Internship as part of the program, making this option both time and cost efficient.

**Master of Science (M.S.)**

- Major in Human Nutrition (Non-thesis Option) ([http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-nutrition-nonthesis-ms/](http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-nutrition-nonthesis-ms/))