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 provide mentorship to engage in research projects and to support students’ development and career placement. The program currently offers three tracks: Research in Family and Human Development, Program Administration & Evaluation, and Child Life Specialist.

The Human Nutrition program is student-centered and research focused. The program provides a challenging and current curriculum with faculty expertise that spans molecular to community-based nutrition. Nutrition faculty are engaged in cutting-edge research and students are encouraged to participate in faculty-guided original scientific research. Courses also include experiential and service learning opportunities that allow students to gain real-world and relevant nutrition and dietetics competencies.

The Merchandising and Consumer Studies program will educate the next generation of product developers, retail and merchandising managers, as well as consumer studies professionals, who will make pivotal and transformative decisions vital to intelligent economic, social, and environmental resource management. Our goal is to prepare students with competencies that address current and future consumer-related employment needs of Texas. MCS faculty are conducting cutting-edge research on important current issues surrounding consumers and marketplaces (such as sustainable consumer lifestyle, corporate social responsibility, and consumption behavior on social media). Faculty provide strong mentorship for graduate students to engage in research and make co-authored publications in top scholarly venues through student-driven thesis projects as well as faculty-guided scientific research. Through the integration of theory and applied knowledge, graduates gain insight related to merchandising and consumer sciences to address the cultural, demographic and lifestyle changes of today’s society. Specifically, the master’s level curriculum engages students in the analysis, critical thinking, and holistic problem solving needed to respond to the complexity and growth of consumer-centric systems.

Master of Science (M.S.)

- Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Child Life Specialist Concentration Non-thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-childlifespecialist-nonthesis-ms/)
- Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Program Administration and Evaluation Concentration Non-thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-progadminandeval-nonthesis-ms/)
- Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Program Administration and Evaluation Concentration Thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-progadminandeval-thesis-ms/)
- Major in Human Development and Family Sciences (Research in Family and Human Development Concentration) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-dev-family-sciences-researchfamandhumdev-thesis-ms/)
- Major in Human Nutrition (Non-thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-nutrition-nonthesis-ms/)
- Major in Human Nutrition (Thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/human-nutrition-thesis-ms/)
- Major in Merchandising and Consumer Studies (Non-thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/merchandising-consumer-studies-ms/)
- Major in Merchandising and Consumer Studies (Thesis Option) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/applied-arts/family-consumer-sciences/merchandising-consumer-studies-thesis-ms/)