

Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

The Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling program provides students with the knowledge and skills to positively impact economic and financial decision making of individuals and families. The course work in consumer economics, personal finance, and financial counseling provides students with a broad skill-set to assist consumers in making sound financial decisions and ultimately improving overall family economic well-being and financial security.

Students will receive training that will allow for them to pursue careers in local government agencies such as the housing authority; state agencies such as health and human services; and federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration. For students who choose to pursue the AFC (Accredited Financial Counselor) certification option, careers are available as financial counselors in credit counseling agencies and non-profits. Additionally, program graduates will have a clear understanding of consumer issues and personal finance; this educational background will result in individuals capable of making healthy and informed family and personal financial decisions leading to responsible consumerism and financial independence for themselves and their families.

To earn a Bachelor of Science in Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling, the student must have:

1. a minimum of 120 credit hours that meet the requirements of the UK Core, the College, and the curriculum of the major;
2. at least a 2.0 grade-point average;
3. a grade of C or higher in the following Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling courses required to graduate: CEF 350, CEF 351, CEF 352, CEF 402, and CEF 403; and
4. a minimum of 45 credit hours from upper division courses (300 level and above).

UK Core Requirements

See the *UK Core* section of the 2021-2022 *Undergraduate Bulletin* for the complete UK Core requirements. The courses listed below are (a) recommended by the college, or (b) required courses that also fulfill UK Core areas. Students should work closely with their advisor to complete the UK Core requirements.

I. Intellectual Inquiry in Arts and Creativity

Choose one course from approved list.....3

II. Intellectual Inquiry in the Humanities

Choose one course from approved list.....3

III. Intellectual Inquiry in the Social Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

IV. Intellectual Inquiry in the Natural, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences

Choose one course from approved list.....3

V. Composition and Communication I

CIS/WRD 110 Composition and Communication I3

VI. Composition and Communication II

CIS/WRD 111 Composition and Communication II3

VII. Quantitative Foundations

Choose one course from approved list.....3

VIII. Statistical Inferential Reasoning

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:
An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning3

IX. Community, Culture and Citizenship in the USA

GEN 100 Issues in Agriculture, Food and Environment3

X. Global Dynamics

Choose one course from approved list.....3

UK Core hours 30

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement (GCCR)

CEF 390/FAM 390 Introduction to Research Methods.....3

CEF 402 Theories and Applications in Consumer Economics.....3

CEF 360/FAM 360 Introduction to Family Intervention:
Working With Families and Individuals3

Graduation Composition and Communication Requirement hours (GCCR)..... 9

Premajor Requirements

Hours

ACC 201 Financial Accounting I.....3

ECO 201 Principles of Economics I.....3

ECO 202 Principles of Economics II.....3

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology.....4

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

or

SOC 235 Inequalities in Society.....3

STA 210 Making Sense of Uncertainty:

An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning3

Premajor Requirement hours 19

Students must have a C or higher in ECO 201 to enroll in the core classes. Students must receive a grade of C or better in the following consumer economics and family financial counseling courses required to graduate: CEF 350, CEF 351, CEF 352, CEF 402, and CEF 403.

Program Core

Hours

CEF 251 Personal and Family Finance Introduction.....3

CEF 350 Consumer Economics.....3

CEF 351 Advanced Personal and Family Finance I.....3

CEF 352 Advanced Personal and Family Finance II.....3

CEF 390 Introduction to Research Methods.....3

CEF 402 Theories and Applications in Consumer Economics.....3

CEF 403 Family Financial Counseling.....3

CEF 496 Accredited Financial Counselor Review Course.....3

CEF 498 Internship in Consumer Economics and Personal Finance3

CEF 499 Advanced Internship in Consumer
Economics and Personal Finance.....6

FAM 360 Introduction to Family Intervention:

Working With Families and Individuals3

Program Core hours..... 36

Electives

In addition to the major requirements, each student will select 35 hours of electives. Electives are chosen in consultation with the academic advisor and should be chosen to support the academic content of the Consumer Economics and Family Financial Counseling major; while also keeping in mind that electives should be chosen to complete the requirement of a minimum of 45 credit hours from upper division courses (300 level and above).

Elective hours 35

TOTAL HOURS:..... 120

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